

BROWN J. CHAD  
Form 4  
March 13, 2019

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN J. CHAD**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NanoString Technologies Inc**  
**[NSTG]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/11/2019**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**SVP, Sales & Marketing**

**SEATTLE, WA 98109**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                         |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/11/2019                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 1,666                                                                                                              | A 11                                                                 | 2,959 D                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/11/2019                              |                                                             | F                                    |                                                                         | 494 (2)                                                                                                            | D \$<br>29.74                                                        | 2,465 D                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/11/2019                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 8,588                                                                                                              | A 11                                                                 | 11,053 D                                |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/11/2019                              |                                                             | F                                    |                                                                         | 2,116<br>(2)                                                                                                       | D \$<br>29.74                                                        | 8,937 D                                 |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D) | Date Exercisable                                              | Expiration Date | Title                                                       | Amount or Number of Shares |    |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)                                                    | 03/11/2019                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 1,666                                                    |     | (4)                                                           | (4)             | Common Stock                                                | 1,666                      | \$ |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (3)                                                    | 03/11/2019                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                                         | 8,588                                                    |     | (4)                                                           | (4)             | Common Stock                                                | 8,588                      | \$ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                             | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| BROWN J. CHAD<br>530 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N<br>SEATTLE, WA 98109 | SVP, Sales & Marketing           |

## Signatures

/s/ Shannon Atchison,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/13/2019

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Restricted stock units ("RSUs") convert into Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) The reported shares were withheld to cover the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of RSUs. The shares were not issued to or sold by the reporting person.

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- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Issuer's common stock.

1/3 of the RSUs vest on the first market trading day following the first anniversary of March 10, 2018 (the "RSU Vesting Commencement

- (4) Date"), and 1/3 of the RSUs vest annually each year on the first market trading day after the second and third anniversary of the RSU Vesting Commencement Date.

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