

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Niihara Yutaka | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc. [EMMA] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2020 | | | | | |
| 21250 HAWTHORNE BLVD., SUITE 800 | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| TORRANCE, CA 90503 | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | 03/16/2020 | | P | | 1,500 | A | \$ 1.58 <u>(1)</u> | 10,488,243 | D <u>(2)</u> | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | 03/17/2020 | | P | | 2,700 | A | \$ 1.61 <u>(3)</u> | 10,490,943 | D <u>(2)</u> | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | 03/18/2020 | | P | | 3,000 | A | \$ 1.46 <u>(4)</u> | 10,493,943 | D <u>(2)</u> | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | | | | | | | | 92,794 | I | By Hope International Hospice, Inc. <u>(5)</u> |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value | | | | | | | | 63,000 | I | By Soomi Niihara |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1474 (9-02)

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
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Reporting Owners

| Relationships |
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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
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| Niihara Yutaka 21250 HAWTHORNE BLVD. SUITE 800 TORRANCE, CA 90503 | X | X | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

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| Yutaka Niihara, M.D., M.P.H. | | 03/18/2020 |
|  | | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

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

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The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.56 to \$1.62, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc., any security holder of Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc., and the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (1) and in footnotes (3) and (4) to this Form 4.

- (1) The shares shown include shares owned jointly with Soomi Niihara, the reporting person's wife.
- (2) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.53 to \$1.64, inclusive.
- (3) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.33 to \$1.65, inclusive.
- (4) Hope International Hospice, Inc, is a California corporation of which Dr. Niihara and his wife are the sole shareholders and directors.

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