

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Niihara Yutaka  (Last) (First) (Middle) 21250 HAWTHORNE BLVD., SUITE 800  (Street) TORRANCE, CA 90503  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/17/2019	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Emmaus Life Sciences, Inc. [EMMA]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" 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	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2019
		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	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock, \$0.001 par value	10,163,793	D (1)	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value	10,501	I	By Soomi Niihara
Common stock, \$0.001 par value	92,794	I	By Hope International Hospice, Inc. (2)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock option	04/02/2012	04/02/2022	Common stock	262,536	\$ 3.4281	D	
Stock option	02/28/2013	02/28/2023	Common stock	525,072	\$ 3.4281	D	
Stock option	05/10/2016	05/10/2026	Common stock	315,043	\$ 4.7613	D	
Common stock purchase warrant	09/30/2016	05/09/2021	Common stock	1,365,189	\$ 4.7612	D	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Yutaka Niihara, M.D., M.P.H.	09/09/2019
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes shares owned jointly with Soomi Niihara, Dr. Niihara's wife.
- (2) 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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