Instruction 1(b)

FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Flynn Sean C.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Vericel Corp [ VCEL ]					(Ch	eck all applic Directo • Officer	cable) or (give title		owner (specify	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VERICEL CORPORATION 64 SIDNEY STREET				(	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2021						VP, General Counsel				
(Street) CAMBR (City)			02139 (Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned															
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				ate	Execution Date,		Code (Ins				Beneficia	es F ally ( Following (	orm: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)		(111341.4)
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. Trar Cod	saction e (Instr.	5. Number of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
				Cod	e V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$51.4	02/19/2021		A		3,890		(1)	02/19/2031	Common Stock	3,890	\$0	3,890	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	02/19/2021		A		7,000		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	7,000	\$0	7,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$51.4	02/19/2021		A		56,110		(1)	02/19/2031	Common Stock	56,110	\$0	56,110	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. These options shall begin vesting on February 19, 2021 and shall vest and become exercisable in equal quarterly installments over the course of the following four (4) year period.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Vericel Corporation.
- 3. These RSUs vest in four annual installments with the initial vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on February 19, 2022. The remaining RSUs will vest in annual installments on February 19, 2023, February 19, 2024, and February 19, 2025, respectively.
- 4. No expiration date for this type of award.

## Remarks:

/s/ Sean Flynn

02/22/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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