Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Monnet Dominique     |  |         |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [ PDLI ] |  |           |  |               |        |               |                            |  |   | heck all  | l appli<br>Directo   | ,      | ng Pei  | rson(s) to Is<br>10% O<br>Other ( | wner |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 932 SOUTHWOOD BLVD.                    |  |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2020 |  |  |  |           |  |               |        |               |                            |  | below)  President a   |   | t and  | below) | Specify |                                   |      |
| (Street) INCLIN  | N V  | 7 8     | 9451  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2020                        |           |  |               |        |               |                            |  |   | i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |        |         | on                                |      |
| (City)   | (Sta   | ate) (Z | Zip)  |  |  |  |           |  |               |        |               |                            |  |   |   |  |        |         |                                   |      |
|  |  | Table   | I - No  | on-Deriva  | tive S   | Secui  | rities    | Acc  | uired         | l, Dis | posed of      | , or                       | Bene   | efici   | ally O  | wne  | ed     |         |                                   |      |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) |  |         | Execution Date,   |  | ,  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) 4. Securities Acquired<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr.  |           |  |               |        | 15) Si<br>Bi  | Securities<br>Beneficially |  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |        |         |                                   |      |
|  |  |         |   |  |  | Code   | v         | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D) |        | Price         | ,  т                       | ansac  | action(s)<br>. 3 and 4)   |   |  | ,      |         |                                   |      |
| Common stock 01/08/20  |  |         | 020   |  | A  |  | 1,233,766 | 766 <sup>(1)</sup> A   |               | \$     | \$0 1,907,426 |                            | 07,426   |   | D   |  |        |         |                                   |      |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |         |   |  |  |  |           |  |               |        |               |                            |  |   |   |  |        |         |                                   |      |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)            | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any  |         |   | saction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date |           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Ins<br>3 and 4) |               | ount   | 1             |                            | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | y   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |        |         |                                   |      |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The restricted stock units will vest as follows: (a) 40% of the shares subject to the award shall vest on the one year anniversary of the grant date and (b) 2.5% of the shares subject to the award shall vest monthly thereafter; provided that recipient's continuous service has not terminated prior to the applicable vesting date, subject to earlier vesting upon a change in control.

## Remarks:

/s/ Nathan Kryszak, Attorney-01/31/2020 in-Fact for Dominique Monnet

\*\* 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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