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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Duncan Gregory Scott | | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Virios Therapeutics, Inc. [VIRI] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ationship of R all applicab Director Officer (g | , | | (s) to Issuer 10% Ow Other (s | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VIRIOS THERAPEUTICS, INC. | | | | | 12/12/2022 | | | | | | | | below) CHIEF EXECUTIVE | | | below) E OFFICE | R | |
| 44 MILTON AVENUE | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (Street) ALPHARETTA GA 30009 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | • | • | ng Person Ine Reportin | g Person | |
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| Date | | | | 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | 2A. Deem Execution if any (Month/D | n Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | rities Acquired (A) or ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) t (A) or (D) Price | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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 | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisabl | | piration te | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | .511(5) | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$0.2789 | 12/12/2022 | | A | A 480,000 | | (1) | 12/ | /12/2032 | Common Stock | 480,000 | \$0 | 480,000 | | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option vests one-third on December 12, 2023 and 1/24th monthly thereafter.

/s/ Greg Duncan

12/14/2022

** 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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