

NanoString Technologies Inc  
Form SC 13D/A  
July 25, 2018

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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SCHEDULE 13D

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 5)\*

NanoString Technologies, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

63009R109

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(CUSIP Number)

Robert Liptak  
Clarus Ventures, LLC  
101 Main Street, Suite 1210,  
Cambridge, MA 02142  
(617) 949-2200

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 20, 2018

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Clarus Lifesciences II, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

4,121,848 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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Clarus Ventures II GP, L.P.

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(b)

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AF

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,121,848 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Clarus Ventures II, LLC

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Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,121,848 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Robert Liptak

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(b)

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AF

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,121,848 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Nicholas Simon

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(b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

AF

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

4,121,848 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Nicholas Galakatos

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

43,933 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,121,848 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

43,933 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,165,781 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

14.03%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Dennis Henner

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

4,121,848 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Kurt Wheeler

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

0 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

4,121,848 shares

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0 shares

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,121,848 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.88%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Finny Kuruvilla

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(D) OR 2(E)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

14,615 shares

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

4,121,848 shares

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

14,615 shares

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

4,121,848 shares

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

4,136,463 shares

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

13.93%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Schedule 13D

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Amendment No. 5 (the "Amendment No. 5") to Schedule 13D supplements and amends the statement on Schedule 13D of Clarus Lifesciences II, L.P., Clarus Ventures II GP, L.P., Clarus Ventures II, LLC, Robert Liptak, Nicholas Simon, Nicholas Galakatos, Dennis Henner, Kurt Wheeler, Michael Steinmetz and Finny Kuruvilla originally filed on July 11, 2013 (the "Schedule 13D"), Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on February 13, 2014 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on February 16, 2016 ("Amendment No. 2"), Amendment No. 3 thereto filed on February 13, 2017 ("Amendment No. 3") and Amendment No. 4 thereto filed on June 7, 2017 ("Amendment No. 4") relating to the shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share (the "Shares"), of NanoString Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), having its principal executive offices located at 530 Fairview Avenue N, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98109.

Certain terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 5 have the meanings assigned thereto in the Schedule 13D (including Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3 and Amendment No. 4 thereto). Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment No. 5 does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule 13D (including Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3 and Amendment No. 4 thereto).

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) Clarus II is the record owner of 3,959,440 Shares and 162,408 warrants to purchase Shares (collectively, the "Clarus II Shares"), which would represent approximately 13.88% of the Issuer's total issued and outstanding Common Stock. Such percentage is calculated based on 29,696,255 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of July 20, 2018, as reported in the Issuer's prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 18, 2018 (the "Prospectus") and information subsequently received from the Issuer reflecting the closing of the offering of Common Stock described in the Prospectus. As the sole general partner of Clarus II GPLP, Clarus II GPLLC may be deemed to own beneficially the Clarus II Shares. As individual managing directors of Clarus II GPLLC, each of the Managers may be deemed to own beneficially the Clarus II Shares. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock other than those shares which such person owns of record.

As of July 20, 2018, Galakatos is the record owner of options to purchase 43,933 shares of Common Stock (the "Galakatos Options"). The Galakatos Options may be exercised as of the date hereof and/or within 60 days of the date hereof. Accordingly, Galakatos may be deemed to own beneficially the Galakatos Options and Clarus II Shares. As of July 20, 2018, Kuruvilla is the record owner of options to purchase 14,615 shares of Common Stock (the "Kuruvilla Options"). Accordingly, Kuruvilla may be deemed to own beneficially the Kuruvilla Options and Clarus II Shares.

(b) Regarding the number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See line 7 of cover sheets

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See line 8 of cover sheets

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: See line 9 of cover sheets.

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: See line 10 of cover sheets

(c) Except as set forth in Item 3 above, none of the Reporting Persons has effected any transaction in the Common Stock during the last 60 days.

(d) No other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or any proceeds from the sale of, securities beneficially owned by any of the Reporting Persons.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 – Agreement regarding filing of joint Schedule 13D.

Exhibit 99.2 – Power of Attorney regarding filings under the Act.

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\*By: /s/ Robert Liptak  
Robert Liptak, as Attorney-in-Fact

This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D was executed by Robert Liptak on behalf of the individuals listed above pursuant to a Power of Attorney a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

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Kurt Wheeler

/s/ Finny Kuruvilla

Finny Kuruvilla

\*By: /s/ Robert Liptak

Robert Liptak, as Attorney-in-Fact

This Agreement was executed by Robert Liptak on behalf of the individuals listed above pursuant to a Power of Attorney a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

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EXHIBIT 99.2

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Robert Liptak with full power to act singly, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, to: (i) sign any and all instruments, certificates and documents that may be necessary, desirable or appropriate to be executed on behalf of himself as an individual or in his capacity as a general partner of any partnership or limited liability company, pursuant to Section 13 or 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and any and all regulations promulgated thereunder, (ii) file the same (including any amendments thereto), with all exhibits thereto, and any other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any stock exchange or similar authority and (iii) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this power of attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attorney in fact's discretion, granting unto said attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary, desirable or appropriate.

Each of the undersigned hereby grant to the attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

This power of attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been signed as of the 9th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Nicholas Galakatos  
Nicholas Galakatos

/s/ Dennis Henner  
Dennis Henner

/s/ Nicholas Simon  
Nicholas Simon

/s/ Scott Requadt  
Scott Requadt

/s/ Kurt Wheeler

Kurt Wheeler