FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hinshaw William</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Axcella Health Inc. [ AXLA ]							Relationship eck all applic X Directo	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Issu 10% Ow	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AXCELLA HEALTH INC. 840 MEMORIAL DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2019								X Officer (give title Other (specibelow)  President and CEO				pecify
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139  (City) (State) (Zip)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  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																	
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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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	C	ransad ode (I		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 Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Cc	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$13.83	05/22/2019			A		60,803		(1)	03/22/2029	Common Stock	60,803	\$0.00	60,803	3	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option was granted on March 22, 2019. Following the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering on May 13, 2019, the vesting period for the stock option commenced subject to approval of performance criteria by the Board of Directors on May 22, 2019. 25% of this option shall vest and become exercisable on March 1, 2020, with the remainder vesting in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter.

By: /s/ Thomas Leggett, as Attorney-in-Fact

05/24/2019

\*\* 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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