

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NELSEN ROBERT</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 8755 W. HIGGINS ROAD, SUITE 1025 (Street) CHICAGO IL 60631 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2020	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Beam Therapeutics Inc. [BEAM]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Series A-1 Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,338,000	(2)	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
Series A-1 Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,338,000	(2)	I	See footnote ⁽³⁾
Series A-2 Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,750,336	(2)	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
Series A-2 Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	2,750,335	(2)	I	See footnote ⁽³⁾
Series B Preferred Stock	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	33,184	(2)	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾
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Explanation of Responses:

- The shares are held by ARCH Venture Fund IX, L.P. ("ARCH IX"). The Reporting Person is a managing director of ARCH Venture Partners IX, LLC, the sole general partner of ARCH Venture Partners IX, L.P., which is the sole general partner of ARCH IX, and shares voting and investment control with respect to shares held by ARCH IX. The Reporting Person may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by ARCH IX, and the Reporting Person disclaims ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Each share of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A-2 Convertible Preferred Stock and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Preferred Stock") is convertible into shares of common stock at any time at the holder's election and automatically upon the consummation of a qualified public offering of the registrant, for no additional consideration. There is no expiration date for the Preferred Stock.
- The shares are directly held by ARCH Venture Fund IX Overage, L.P. ("ARCH Overage"). The Reporting Person is a managing director of ARCH Venture Partners IX, LLC, the sole general partner of ARCH Venture Partners IX Overage, L.P. ("Overage GPLP"), which is the sole general partner of ARCH Overage, and shares voting and investment control with respect to shares held by ARCH Overage. The Reporting Person disclaims ownership of such shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

By: /s/ Christine Bellon, 02/05/2020
Attorney-in-Fact
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints John Evans and Christine Bellon, and each of them individually, with full power of substitution, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as officer and/or director of Beam Therapeutics Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, 5 and any Schedules 13D or 13G in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 or Schedule 13D or 13G, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of each 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 each 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 each such attorney-in-fact may approve in each such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such 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 each such attorney-in-fact, or each 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. The undersigned acknowledges that each foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5, and any Schedules 13D or 13G with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each foregoing attorney-in-fact.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of October, 2019.

/s/ Robert Nelsen

Name: Robert Nelsen