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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NOVARTIS PHARMA AG</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) LICHTSTRASSE 35 <hr/> (Street) BASEL V8 4056 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2022	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PRECISION BIOSCIENCES INC [DTL]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 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) Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)
Common Stock	12,407,440	D ⁽¹⁾	

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			

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Explanation of Responses:

1. Novartis Pharma AG is the record holder of the securities reported herein. As the parent of Novartis Pharma AG, Novartis AG is the beneficial ownership of these securities.

Novartis Pharma AG /s/ 06/27/2022
Christian Rehm,
Authorized Signatory /s/

[Lukas Foertsch,](#)
[Authorized Signatory.](#)
[Novartis AG /s/ Christian](#)
[Rehm, Authorized](#)
[Signatory /s/ Daniel Weiss,](#) 06/27/2022
[Authorized Signatory.](#)

** 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).

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