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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT C	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>
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		or Section So(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940						
1. Name and Address of Reporting		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VENTRUS BIOSCIENCES INC</u> [VTUS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Rowland Thomas Andrew		[ / ]	X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) 787 7TH AVENUE 48TH FLOOR	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/25/2011	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)					
		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) NEW YORK NY	US 10019		X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State)	(Zip)							

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock								18,387	D	

## 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)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and Amount 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)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6.42	01/25/2011		A		250,000		(1)	01/25/2021	Common Stock	250,000	\$0	250,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$6							(2)	11/10/2020	Common Stock	35,000		35,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vested 1/3 on 1/25/2011, and the remaining 2/3 will vest in equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries after 1/25/2011.

2. The options vested 1/3 on 3/1/2009, and the remaining 2/3 will vest in equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries after 3/1/2009.

## Thomas Andrew Rowland

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/27/2011

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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