FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Thompson Peter A.</u>  |  |                 |                |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Silverback Therapeutics, Inc. [ SBTX ] |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        |                                   | c all applic<br>Directo  | able)<br>r               | g Pers   | _  | vner  |   |  |  |  |
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| (Last)   | `  | rst) THERAPEUTI | (Middle)       |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2021                        |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        |                                   |  | Officer<br>below)        | (give title  |  | Other (sp<br>below)   | pecify  |  |  |  |
| 500 FAIRVIEW AVENUE N, SUITE 600   |  |                 |                |  | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        | - 6                               | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| (Street) SEATTL (City)   |  |                 | 98109<br>(Zip) |  |  |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        | ine)<br>X                         | ´  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                                 |  |                 |                |  |  |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        |                                   |  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Date   |  |                 |                | . Transactio<br>ate<br>Month/Day/Y   | Execution Date,  |  |      | Code (Ir            | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Code (Instr. 5)                                     |                    |                        |                                   | 4 and Securitie<br>Beneficia   |                          | s<br>ally<br>ollowing  | Form<br>(D) o  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>D) or Indirect<br>I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |  |
|  |  |                 |                |  |  |  | Code | v                   | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)      |                        | е                                 | Transact   | saction(s)<br>: 3 and 4) |  |  | (111511.4)  |   |  |  |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                 |                |  |  |  |      |                     |  |                    |                        |                                   |  |                          |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Derivative   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   T<br>  Security   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any   C |  |                 | Code           | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      |                     | 7. Title and Amour<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | Derivative<br>Security |                                   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |                          | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |   |  |  |  |
|  |  |                 |                | Code   | v  | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable |  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                  | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er   |                          |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)   | \$28.83  | 06/04/2021      |                | A  |  | 15,000   |      | (1)                 | C  | 06/03/2031         | Common<br>Stock        | 15,00                             | 00   | \$0.00                   | 15,000   | 0  | D <sup>(2)</sup>  |   |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares subject to the option vest on the earlier of June 4, 2022 or the date of the 2022 annual meeting of the Issuer's stockholders which date has not been set by the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- 2. The Reporting Person is the designated representative of OrbiMed Advisors LLC ("OrbiMed Advisors") on the Issuer's Board of Directors. The reportable securities are owned indirectly by OrbiMed Private Investments VI, LP ("OPI VI"). OrbiMed Capital GP VI LLC ("GP VI") is the general partner of OPI VI and OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of GP VI. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein for the purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if

## Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey C. Pepe, Attorney-in-09/21/2021 **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 4 (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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