FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  CROSS HERB  (Last) (First) (Middle)					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Apexigen, Inc. [ APGN ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     08/23/2023						(Che	5. Relationship of Reporti (Check all applicable) X Director Officer (give title below)			10% Ov Other (s below)	vner	
C/O APEXIGEN, INC.				F													
900 INDUSTRIAL ROAD, SUITE C					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
								X Form filed by One Reporting Person									
(Street) SAN CARLOS CA 94070				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person										ting			
					Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication												
(City) (State) (Zip)			Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.														
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex Da	piration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)			
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.94	08/23/2023		D			34,084	(1)	11/	/08/2029	Common Stock	34,084	(1)	0		D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	on \$2.65 08/23/2023		D			100,000	(2)	09/	/29/2032	Common Stock	100,000	(2)	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares subject to the option vest in 48 equal monthly installments beginning on November 3, 2019. Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 23, 2023 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, Pyxis Oncology, Inc. ("Pyxis"), and Ascent Merger Sub Corp., at the effective time of the merger (the "Effective Time"), the option was assumed by Pyxis and converted into an option to purchase 5,879 shares of Pyxis common stock at an exercise price of \$40.24 per share. In accordance with the reporting person's equity award agreement, vesting of the unvested shares underlying the option accelerated in
- 2. The shares subject to the option vest in three equal annual installments beginning on July 29, 2023. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time, the option was assumed by Pyxis and converted into an option to purchase 17,250 shares of Pyxis common stock at an exercise price of \$15.37 per share. In accordance with the reporting person's equity award agreement, vesting of the unvested shares underlying the option accelerated in full at the Effective Time.

## Remarks:

/s/ Francis Sarena, by power of <u>attorney</u>

08/2<u>5/2023</u>

\*\* 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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