### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### SCHEDULE 13D Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 15)

# Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

63937X202 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 29, 2023 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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- (1) Includes 15,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Issuer ("Common Stock") issuable to the Reporting Person upon conversion of 2,400 shares of Series I Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Issuer ("Series I Preferred Stock") and 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock issued to the Reporting Person upon exchange of \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note, held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Includes 19,555,832 shares of Common Stock directly held by the Reporting Person and 32,483 shares of Common Stock issuable under the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2014 Stock Incentive Plan in partial payment of monthly non-employee director fees, issuance of which has been deferred at the request of the Reporting Person.
- (3) Includes 2,639 shares of Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person's spouse and 7,500 shares of Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person may be deemed to have shared voting and/or dispositive power with respect to such shares.
- (4) Includes 5,332,800 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of Warrants to Purchase Common Stock held directly by the Reporting Person.
- (5) Based on 69,471,230 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer, which consists of (i) 35,064,475 shares of Common Stock outstanding as ofMay 9, 2023, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 11, 2023, plus (ii) 32,483 shares of Common Stock issuable but deferred at the request of the Reporting Person, plus (iii) 5,332,800 shares of Common Stock issuable to the Reporting Person upon conversion of shares of Series I Preferred Stock held directly by the Reporting Person, plus (iv) 11,508,672 shares of Common Stock issued to the Reporting Person upon conversion of shares of Series J Preferred Stock held directly by the Reporting Person on June 5, 2023, plus (v) 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock issued to the Reporting Person upon exchange of \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note, plus (vi) 5,332,800 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of Warrants to Purchase Common Stock held directly by the Reporting Person.

#### **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 15 hereby amends the Schedule 13D first filed by John K. Scott, Jr., a natural person (the "Reporting Person"), on June 24, 2019, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed on December 12, 2019, Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed on February 26, 2020, Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D filed on September 2, 2020, Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13D filed on December 29, 2020, Amendment No. 5 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 5, 2021, Amendment No. 6 to the Schedule 13D filed on March 11, 2021, Amendment No. 7 to the Schedule 13D filed on April 5, 2021, Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D filed on June 15, 2021, Amendment No. 9 to the Schedule 13D filed on July 8, 2021, Amendment No. 10 to the Schedule 13D filed on April 22, 2022, Amendment No. 11 to the Schedule 13D filed on September 9, 2022, Amendment No. 12 to the Schedule 13D filed on September 14, 2022, Amendment No. 13 to the Schedule 13D filed on September 22, 2022 and Amendment No. 14 to the Schedule 13D filed on June 16, 2022 (as amended, the "Schedule 13D"). This Amendment No. 15 is being filed in connection with the entry by the Reporting Person into a letter agreement with Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer") on June 29, 2023 and the exchange, pursuant thereto, of \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note for 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issue. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Item of the Schedule 13D remains unchanged. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined in this Amendment No. 15 shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Schedule 13D.

## Item 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

Item 1 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

The name of the Issuer is Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The address of the Issuer's principal executive offices is 4995 Bradenton Avenue, Suite 240, Dublin, Ohio 43017-3552. This statement constitutes Amendment No. 15 to the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Person, a natural person, relating to the Issuer's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"). This Amendment No. 15 is being filed in connection with the entry by the Reporting Person into a letter agreement with the Issuer on June 29, 2023, pursuant to which the Reporting Person exchanged \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note for 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

## Item 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

On June 29, 2023, the Reporting Person entered into a letteragreement with the Issuer pursuant to which the Reporting Person exchanged \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note for 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

The Term Note reflecting the principal amount exchanged pursuant to the letter agreement was acquired by the Reporting Person from the Issuer in a private placement pursuant to a Securities Exchange and Loan Agreement, dated April 10, 2022, by and between the Issuer and the Reporting Person reported in a prior amendment to this Schedule 13D.

### Item 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

On June 29, 2023, the Reporting Person entered into a letter agreement with the Issuer pursuant to which the Reporting Person exchanged \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note for 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

The Reporting Person continues to evaluate his investment in the Issuer, including seeking advice frominvestment advisors, and, while he has no present plan or proposal to do so, he reserves the right and is considering whether to propose other transactions that relate to or would result in one or more of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Person retains the right to, from time to time, acquire additional shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer, or sell or otherwise dispose of (or enter into plans or arrangements to sell or otherwise dispose of), all or part of the shares of Common Stock, Series I Preferred Stock, Series J Preferred Stock or other securities of the Issuer, if any, beneficially owned by him, in any manner permitted by law.

#### Item 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) - (b)

The aggregate number and percentage of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person are as follows:

Aggregate amount beneficially owned:	52,131,254(1) (2) (3) (4)				
Percent of class:	75.04%(5)				
Number of shares as to which the Reporting Person has:					
Sole power to vote or direct the vote:	52,121,115(1) (2) (4)				
Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	10,139(3)				
Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	52,121,115(1) (2) (4)				
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- (c) Except as set forth herein, the Reporting Person has not acquired or disposed of any other securities of the Issuer since the most recent filing of this Schedule 13D.
- (d) Except as set forth herein, no other person is known by the Reporting Person to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person.
- (e) Not applicable.

## Item 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented to include the following:

On June 29, 2023, the Issuer entered into a letter agreement with the Reporting Person, who is the current Vice Chairman of the Board, pursuant to which the Reporting Person pursuant to which the Reporting Person exchanged \$1,073,600 in principal amount under a Term Note for 12,200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

In addition, pursuant to the letter agreement the Reporting Person acknowledged and agreed that the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that the Issuer may issue in connection with the exchange of the converted principal amount of the Term Note may not exceed that number of shares which would result in the Reporting Person holding more than 33.33% of the Issuer's then outstanding shares of Common Stock ("Share Cap"), as determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, unless Issuer stockholder approval is obtained to issue more than the Share Cap in accordance with the rules of the principal market on which Issuer's Common Stock is listed.

The foregoing descriptions of the terms of the letter agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the contents of the letter agreement a copy of which is incorporated by reference as an Exhibit, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Except as described in this Item 6 of the Schedule 13D (as amended to date), there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) between the Reporting Person and any other person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Exhibit A: Letter Agreement between Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. and John K. Scott Jr. dated June 29, 2023.

## **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 3, 2023

/s/ John K. Scott, Jr.
John K. Scott, Jr.

June 29, 2023

John K. Scott, Jr. 4995 Bradenton Ave. Dublin, OH 43017

Re: Term Note dated April 10, 2022

Dear Kim,

Reference is made to that certain Term Note issued to you on April 10, 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of \$2.5 million. This letter agreement confirms that on the date hereof, we will repay \$1,073,600 principal amount of the Term Note by issuing to you 12,200,000 shares of our common stock, based on the closing stock price of \$0.088 per share on June 28, 2023. Upon such issuance, \$1,073,600 principal amount of the Term Note shall be cancelled and you will own less than 33.33% of our outstanding common stock. We agree to deliver to you a certificate evidencing such shares.

You hereby acknowledge and agree that the aggregate number of shares of common stock and voting power that you may own in the Company may not exceed 33.33% of the Company's then outstanding shares of common stock and voting power ("Share Cap"), as determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, unless Company stockholder approval is obtained to issue more than the Share Cap in accordance with the rules of the NYSEA.

In addition, you hereby acknowledge and agree that (i) the shares of common stock being acquired have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the certificate evidencing the shares will contain a restrictive legend, and (ii) you are acquiring the shares of common stock for your own account for investment only and with no present intention of distributing any of such shares or that you have no arrangement or understanding with any other persons regarding the distribution of such shares.

If the foregoing is acceptable to you, please sign this letter in the space provided below and return it to me.

Sincerely,

Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Joseph W. Meyer

Joseph W. Meyer Director, Finance and Accounting (Principal Financial Officer)

Acknowledged and agreed to:

By: /s/ John K. Scott, Jr.
John K. Scott, Jr.