

Blackstone Holdings II L.P.

Form 3

January 15, 2019

**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Blackstone Holdings II L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE  
GROUP L.P.,Â 345 PARK  
AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2019

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NanoString Technologies Inc [NSTG]4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☒ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)☐ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person☒ 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

4,036,025

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See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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currently valid OMB control number.****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  
Derivative5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blackstone Holdings II L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^
Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^
Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^
Blackstone Group L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^
Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^
SCHWARZMAN STEPHEN A C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. 345 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10154	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

BLACKSTONE CLARUS II L.L.C., By: Blackstone Holdings II L.P., its managing member,  
By: Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer 01/10/2019

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS II L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc., its general partner,  
By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer 01/10/2019

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS I/II GP INC., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley,  
Title: Chief Legal Officer 01/10/2019

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

01/10/2019

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THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its general partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer

01/10/2019

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman

01/10/2019

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
  - (1) These securities are held directly by Clarus Lifesciences II, L.P. ("Clarus II"). Clarus Ventures II GP, L.P. ("Clarus II GP") is the sole general partner of Clarus II. Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. is the sole general partner of Clarus GP. The sole member of Blackstone Clarus II L.L.C. is Blackstone Holdings II L.P. The sole general partner of Blackstone Holdings II L.P. is Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc. The controlling shareholder of Blackstone Holdings I/II GP Inc. is The Blackstone Group L.P. The sole general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. is Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman.
  - (2) Information with respect to each of the Reporting Persons is given solely by such Reporting Person, and no Reporting Person has responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information supplied by another Reporting Person.
  - (3) Each of such Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own the shares beneficially owned by Clarus II, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.

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### Remarks:

This Form 3 is being filed in connection with the acquisition by The Blackstone Group L.P. and

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