UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

	SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*
	MERUS N.V. (Name of Issuer)
	Common Shares (Title of Class of Securities)
	N5749R 100 (CUSIP Number)
	May 24, 2016 (Date of Event which Requires filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rul	e pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
□ Rule 13d-1(b)	
⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)	

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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in 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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ITEM 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Merus N.V. (the "Issuer")

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Padualaan 8 (postvak 133), 3584 CH Utrecht, the Netherlands

ITEM 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

Each of the following is hereinafter individually referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons." This statement is filed on behalf of:

Novartis Bioventures Ltd.

Novartis AG

(b) Address or Principal Business Office:

The address of the principal business office of Novartis Bioventures Ltd. is 131 Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda HM12.

The address of the principal business office of Novartis AG is Lichtstrasse 35, 4056 Basel, Switzerland.

(c) Citizenship of each Reporting Person is:

Novartis Bioventures Ltd. is organized under the laws of Bermuda. Novartis AG is organized under the laws of Switzerland.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Shares with a nominal value of €0.09 ("Common Shares").

(e) CUSIP Number:

N5749R 100

ITEM 3.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Ownership

Ownership (a-c)

The ownership information presented below represents beneficial ownership of Common Shares of the Issuer as of the date of this filing, based upon 16,080,356 Common Shares outstanding as of May 26, 2016.

Reporting Person	Amount beneficially owned	Percent of class:	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
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Novartis Bioventures Ltd.	2,181,320	13.6%	0	2,181,320	0	2,181,320
Novartis AG	2.181.320	13.6%	0	2,181,320	0	2,181,320

Novartis Bioventures Ltd. is the record owner of 2,181,320 shares of Common Shares of the Issuer. As the indirect parent of Novartis Bioventures, Ltd., Novartis AG may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of these securities.

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
24	Power of Attorney
99	Joint Filing Agreement

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SIGNATURE

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: June 3, 2016

Novartis Bioventures Ltd.

/s/ Simon Zivi

Name: Simon Zivi Title: Chairman

/s/ Laurieann Chaikowsky

Name: Laurieann Chaikowsky Title: Authorized Signatory

Novartis AG

/s/ Simon Zivi

Name: Simon Zivi

Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Laurieann Chaikowsky

Name: Laurieann Chaikowsky Title: Authorized Signatory

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned, under the authority granted to each of us to sign jointly on behalf of Novartis AG, hereby grant powers to Simon Zivi, Laurieann Chaikowsky, Michael Jones, David Middleton, Florent Gros, Bartosz Dzikowski and Reinhard Ambros and constitute and appoint any two of them jointly as our true and lawful attorneys and representatives and to act on our behalf and to sign filings to be made with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") relating to the shares of Merus B.V. (or, following its conversion to a public company with limited liability (naamloze vennootschap), Merus N.V.) held by Novartis Bioventures, Ltd, an indirect subsidiary of Novartis AG, as required by the SEC (the "SEC Filings"), and to undertake and carry out all tasks and formalities on our behalf which may be required in connection with giving effect to the SEC Filings.

We, the undersigned, undertake to ratify and confirm whatever our true and lawful attorneys do or purport to do in good faith in the exercise of any power conferred by this Power of Attorney.

We, the undersigned, declare that a person who deals with our true and lawful attorneys in good faith may accept a written statement signed by such attorneys to the effect that this Power of Attorney has not been revoked as conclusive evidence of that fact.

The authority granted by this Power of Attorney shall expire immediately after the SEC Filings are no longer required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney is duly signed on this 3rd day of May 2016.

Novartis AG

/s/ K. Roth Pellanda

Name: Katja Roth Pellanda Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Felix Eichhorn

Name: Felix Eichhorn Title: Authorized Signatory

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with each other on behalf of each of them of such a statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Common Shares beneficially owned by each of them of Merus N.V. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an Exhibit to such Schedule 13G.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Joint Filing Agreement as of the 3rd day of June, 2016.

Novartis Bioventures Ltd.

/s/ Simon Zivi

Name: Simon Zivi Title: Chairman

/s/ Laurieann Chaikowsky

Name: Laurieann Chaikowsky Title: Authorized Signatory

Novartis AG

/s/ Simon Zivi

Name: Simon Zivi

Title: Authorized Signatory

/s/ Laurieann Chaikowsky

Name: Laurieann Chaikowsky Title: Authorized Signatory