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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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Van Bokkelen Gil			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		Earliest Tra	ansaction				ck all applicable			
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE			(Month/Day/Year) 03/17/2018				X Director X Officer (give below)		Owner er (specify			
CLEVELA	(Street) ND, OH 44115	5-2634		ndment, Da th/Day/Year)	Č			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by N Person		rson		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Executi any	emed ion Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/17/2018			F	11,983 (1)	D D	\$ 1.86	1,221,219 (2)	D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
rioporting o where realized	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Van Bokkelen Gil								
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE	X		Chairman and CEO					
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634								

Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Gil Van
Bokkelen
03/19/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 878,173 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 343,046 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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