Harrington John J Form 4 December 17, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Harrington John J

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director \_X\_\_ Officer (give title . \_ Other (specify below)

12/13/2018

Exec Vice Pres and CSO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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	12/13/2018		S	7,500 (1)	D	\$ 2.0023 (2)	660,270	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2018		S	7,500 (1)	D	\$ 1.8617 (3)	652,770	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2018		F	9,052 (4)	D	\$ 1.72	643,718 (5)	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
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					of (D)						(Instr
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Harrington John J			Exec				
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE	X		Vice Pres				
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634			and CSO				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for John J.

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\*\*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 sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan for tax and planning purposes.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.955 (2) to \$2.03, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted for tax and planning purposes.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.81 (3) to \$1.95, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted for tax and planning
- (4) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (5) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 409,036 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 234,682 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.

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