

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

Form 4

March 19, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Deans Robert J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/17/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 | 03/17/2015 | | F | (A) or (D) 1,084 (1) | \$ 3.07 424,021 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2015 | | F | (A) or (D) 15,381 (2) | \$ 3.09 408,640 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2015 | | S | (A) or (D) 2,540 (3) | \$ 3.0739 406,100 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2015 | | S | (A) or (D) 2,540 (3) | \$ 3.1262 403,560 (6) (5) | D | |

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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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 10) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Deans Robert J
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OH 44115

Executive Vice President

Signatures

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

03/19/2015

__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 a June 2014 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (3) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan solely related to the tax obligation on the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award.

- (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.02 to \$3.14, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.06 to \$3.20, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

- (6) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 161,405 shares of common stock owned, (2) unvested 204,650 restricted stock units awarded in June 2013 related to the termination of 2005 incentive agreements that will vest ratably on a quarterly basis through June 18, 2016, and (3) unvested restricted stock units awarded on an annual basis amounting to 37,505 that vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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