

Van Bokkelen Gil
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Van Bokkelen Gil

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/15/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

(Street)
 CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/15/2018		F		11,983 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2018		A		147,600 (2)	A	
					\$ 2.32		
					\$ 0		
					1,209,236	D	
					1,356,836	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 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 2.31	06/18/2018		A	350,400	⁽⁴⁾ 06/18/2028	Common Stock 350,400

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Gil Van Bokkelen 06/19/2018

__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) Award of annual restricted stock units, each of which represents a contingent right to receive one share of Athersys, Inc. common stock after vesting. The restricted stock units vest ratably on a quarterly basis over a three-year period.
- (3) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 905,664 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 451,172 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.
- (4) Award of an annual stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a three-year period.

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