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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Van Bokke	Address of Reporting I len Gil	Symbol	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) (M	Middle) 3. Date of	3. Date of Earliest Transaction							
3201 CARN	NEGIE AVENUE	`	(Month/Day/Year) 08/12/2011			_X_ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chmn & Chief Executive Officer				
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
CLEVELA	ND, OH 44115	Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting Pe More than One Re		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Security on (A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	spose	d of	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)	
Stock	08/12/2011		P	4,254	A	φ 2.03	217,486	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title at Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(monda, Day, Teal)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a	ng s	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Van Bokkelen Gil 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115	X		Chmn & Chief Executive Officer			

Signatures

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

08/16/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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