ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

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)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	11		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE			12/18/2014	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chmn & Chief Executive Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND, OH 44115				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/18/2014		F	12,367 (1)	D	\$ 1.29	905,128	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2014		S	4,750 (2)	D	\$ 1.3003 (3)	900,378	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2014		S	4,750 (2)	D	\$ 1.2767	895,628 (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. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount	of	Derivative	Deriv
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips						
	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
12/19/2014

**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 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) 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.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.16 (3) to \$1.41, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.24 (4) to \$1.33, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

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Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 467,328 shares of common stock owned, (2) unvested 347,520 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 80,780 that vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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