

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

Form 4

December 19, 2016

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 *
Lehmann William JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2016

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)

President and COO

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	12/17/2016		F	(A) or (D) 5,358 (1)	\$ 1.59 395,101	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2016		S	3,000 (2)	\$ 1.6005 392,101 (4)	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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
Lehmann William JR 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634			President and COO	

Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for William O.
Lehmann

12/19/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.

(2) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 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 \$1.59 to \$1.61, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

(4) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 203,755 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 188,346 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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