Van Bokkelen Gil Form 4 June 19, 2018

## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Adda Van Bokkelen	*	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE			(Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2018	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman and CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative Se	ecuriti	es Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securitie			5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	any	xecution Date, if Transaction(A) or Dis code (Instr. 3, 4			` ′	Securities Beneficially	Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect Beneficial
(		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(======================================			Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/15/2018		F	11,983 (1)	D	\$ 2.32	1,209,236	D	
Common Stock	06/18/2018		A	147,600 (2)	A	\$0	1,356,836 (3)	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)	orDerivative		vative Expiration Date rities (Month/Day/Year) rired (A) or osed of (D)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to	\$ 2.31	06/18/2018		A	350,400		<u>(4)</u>	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	X		Chairman and CEO					
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634								

# **Signatures**

purchase)

/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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