

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rosen Robert</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>123 SAGINAW DRIVE</u> _____ (Street) <u>REDWOOD CITY CA 94063</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [HRTX]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">President</p>		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>04/19/2016</u>					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/19/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		176,328	A	\$7.2	178,968	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		60,925	D	\$22.4964 ⁽²⁾	118,043	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		76,949	D	\$23.4695 ⁽³⁾	41,094	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		32,224	D	\$24.486 ⁽⁴⁾	8,870	D	
Common Stock	04/19/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		6,230	D	\$25.1104 ⁽⁵⁾	2,640	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		4,010	A	\$7.2	6,650	D	
Common Stock	04/20/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		4,010	D	\$22.1864 ⁽⁶⁾	2,640	D	
Common Stock	04/21/2016		M ⁽¹⁾		19,662	A	\$7.2	22,302	D	
Common Stock	04/21/2016		S ⁽¹⁾		19,662	D	\$22.1459 ⁽⁷⁾	2,640	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.2	04/19/2016		M ⁽¹⁾			176,328	(8)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	176,328	\$0.00	948,672	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.2	04/20/2016		M ⁽¹⁾			4,010	(8)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	4,010	\$0.00	944,662	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.2	04/21/2016		M ⁽¹⁾			19,662	(8)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	19,662	\$0.00	925,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock option exercise and sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan dated as of August 20, 2015.
- The range of sales prices received was \$22.00 to \$23.00. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The range of sales prices received was \$23.01 to \$24.00. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The range of sales prices received was \$24.02 to \$25.00. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The range of sales prices received was \$25.01 to \$25.30. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The range of sales prices received was \$22.00 to \$22.53. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.
- The range of sales prices received was \$22.00 to \$22.32. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, full information will be provided regarding the number of shares purchased or sold at each separate price.

8. At the date of filing, 410,157 shares of the options granted pursuant to the underlying awards were fully vested and exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ Brian Drazba Attorney-in-
fact for Robert Rosen

04/21/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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