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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Johnson Craig A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT SUITE 200 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121 (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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2021	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	12/21/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		250	D	\$9.7277 ⁽²⁾	2,840	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2021		A		10,452 ⁽³⁾	A	\$0.00	13,292	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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.81	12/22/2021		A		20,903		(4)	12/22/2031	Common Stock	20,903	\$0.00	20,903	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan dated as of March 3, 2021. The shares were sold by Mr. Johnson to cover his estimated tax liability associated with the vesting of 750 restricted stock units (RSUs) on December 21, 2021.
- The range of sales prices received was \$9.625 to \$9.845. 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 shares were granted as restricted stock units which vest in full on December 22, 2022.
- The stock options vest and become exercisable in 12 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact 12/23/2021
for Craig A. Johnson

** 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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