## FORM 4

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Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Christian Waage (Last) (First) (Middle) 4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT SUITE 200		(Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/</u> [ HRTX ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/21/2021	5. Relationship of (Check all applica X Director Officer (g below)	ble)	10% Owner				
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable						
(Street) SAN DIEGO (City)	CA (State)	92121 (Zip)			,	porting Person an One Reporting				
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 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or 3. 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Transaction Code (Instr. Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) 8) Owned Following Reported (A) or (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code v Amount 09/21/2021 **S**<sup>(1)</sup> 300 \$12.3065<sup>(2)</sup> Common Stock D 3,500 D

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
Derivative Conversion D		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				

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan dated as of March 15, 2021. The shares were sold by Mr. Waage to cover his estimated tax liability associated with the vesting of 750 restricted stock units on September 21, 2021.

2. The range of sales prices received was \$12.15 to \$12.40. 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.

## **Remarks:**

<u>/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-</u> fact for Christian Waage

09/23/2021

\*\* 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).

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