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FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 2. Date of Event 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [HRTX] Velan Capital Investment 01/30/2023 Management LP 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Issuer Filed (Month/Day/Year) (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner 1055B POWERS PLACE 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Officer (give Other (specify (Check Applicable Line) title below) below) Form filed by One Reporting See Footnote 2 Person (Street) Form filed by More than One ALPHARETTA GA 30009 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) 2 Amount of Securities 3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (Instr. Ownership (Instr. 5) (D) or Indirect (l) (Instr. 5) By Velan Capital Master Fund Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ 4,500,000 T LP(3) **Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conversion **Expiration Date** Ownership (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Form: Direct (D) Price of Amount Derivative or Indirect Security (I) (Instr. 5) Number Date Expiration of Exercisable Date Title **Shares** 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Velan Capital Investment Management LP (Last) (First) (Middle) 1055B POWERS PLACE (Street) 30009 ALPHARETTA GA (City) (State) (Zip) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Velan Capital Master Fund LP (Last) (First) (Middle) 89 NEXUS WAY (Street) **CAMANA** BAY, GRAND E9 KY1-9009 **CAYMAN**

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Velan Capital Holdings LLC</u> | | |
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| (Last) 1055B POWERS | | (Middle) |
| (Street) ALPHARETTA | GA | 30009 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Velan Capital Management LLC</u> | | |
| (Last) 1055B POWERS | (First) S PLACE | (Middle) |
| (Street) ALPHARETTA | GA | 30009 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* VENKATARAMAN BALAJI | | |
| (Last) 1055B POWERS | (First) S PLACE | (Middle) |
| (Street) ALPHARETTA | GA | 30009 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Morgan Adam | | |
| (Last) 1055B POWERS | (First) S PLACE | (Middle) |
| (Street) ALPHARETTA | GA | 30009 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This Form 3 is filed jointly by Velan Capital Master Fund LP ("Velan Master"), Velan Capital Holdings LLC ("Velan GP"), Velan Capital Investment Management LP ("Velan Capital"), Velan Capital Management LLC ("Velan IM GP"), Balaji Venkataraman and Adam Morgan (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").
- 2. Each Reporting Person may be deemed to be a member of a Section 13(d) group that may be deemed to collectively beneficially own more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer owned directly by the other members of the Section 13(d) group and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose. Further, each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Securities beneficially owned directly by Velan Master. As the general partner of Velan Master, Velan GP may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly by Velan Master. As the investment manager of Velan Master, Velan Capital may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly by Velan Master. As the managing members of Velan GP and Velan IM GP, Messrs. Venkataraman and Morgan may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly by Velan Master.

Velan Capital Master Fund
LP, By: Velan Capital
Holdings LLC, its general
partner, By: /s/ Adam
Morgan, managing
member

Velan Capital Holdings
LLC, By: /s/ Adam
Morgan, managing
member

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LLC, By: /s/ Adam
Morgan, managing
member

Velan Capital Investment

02/08/2023

Management LP, By: Velan Capital Management LLC, its general partner, By: /s/ Adam Morgan, managing member

Velan Capital Management

LLC, By: /s/ Adam Morgan, managing

02/08/2023

member

 /s/ Balaji Venkataraman
 02/08/2023

 /s/ Adam Morgan
 02/08/2023

** 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 5 (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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