FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Overt Plants D.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
<u>Quart Barry D</u>					HRTX ]								X Director		or	10% Owner		wner			
(Last)	(1	First)	(Middle)											X	Officer below)	(give title		Other (s	specify		
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Common Stock 04/30/2				2021	)21		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	1,529	A	\$13.8	975	75 96,721			D					
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r							
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	07/13/2021			М			3,645	(4)		(4)	Common Stock	3,645		\$0.00	47,396	5	D			

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares acquired under the Heron Therapeutics, Inc. 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on April 30, 2021.
- 2. Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 3. Represents the withholding by the Company of certain of the vested shares of restricted stock to satisfy the minimum statutory tax obligations applicable to such transactions.
- 4. The restricted stock units vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date of grant (<math>10/13/2020).

## Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact for Barry D. Quart 07/15/2021

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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