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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address Quart Barry D (Last)	s of Reporting Person [*]	, (Middle)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/</u> [HRTX]		ionship of Reporting Person(all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	
4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT SUITE 200		(made)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2018		Chief Executive Officer		
(Street) SAN DIEGO (City)	CA (State)	92121 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line) X	dual or Joint/Group Filing (C Form filed by One Reportir Form filed by More than Or Person	ng 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)			4. Securities A Disposed Of (I			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/14/2018		M ⁽¹⁾		100,000	A	\$7.2	167,993	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		S ⁽¹⁾		100,000	D	\$24.75	67,993	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. Transa Code (8)		Derivative		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/\	ate	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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Employee Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$7.2	03/14/2018		M ⁽¹⁾			100,000	(2)	05/01/2023	Common Stock	100,000	\$0.00	830,276	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option exercise and sale of common stock reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan executed in December 2017.

2. At the date of filing, 642,776 shares of the options granted pursuant to the underlying awards were fully vested and exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa R. Peraza Attorney-infact for Barry D. Quart

Date

03/16/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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