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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(City)

(State)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Campbell Laura K Issuer Symbol

> ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX] (Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE 12/17/2018 below) Senior Vice Pres Finance

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634 Person

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

4,964 Common 554,428 (2) 12/17/2018 F D D (1) Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Campbell Laura K 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634

Senior Vice Pres Finance

Signatures

/s/ Laura K. 12/18/2018 Campbell

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- (1) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 430,178 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 124,250 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.

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