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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

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 03/17/2019 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

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

4,817 Common 03/17/2019 F D 549,611 (2) D (1) Stock 1.51

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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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. 03/18/2019 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) 441,712 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 107,899 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a three or four-year period from grant date.

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