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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Szekeres David Leslie</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT SUITE 200  (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [ HRTX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/13/2021</u>	

**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/13/2021		M		1,250	A	(1)	4,414	D	
Common Stock	10/13/2021		F		433	D(2)	\$10.55	3,981	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/13/2021		M			1,250	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,250	\$0.00	15,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.55	10/13/2021		A			92,200	(4)	10/13/2031	Common Stock	92,200	\$0.00	92,200	D	
Restricted Stock Units	\$0.00	10/13/2021		A			55,320	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	55,320	\$0.00	55,320	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 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.
- The restricted stock units vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning one quarter after the date of grant (10/13/2020).
- The stock option vests and becomes exercisable monthly with 33% of the shares vesting during the first year, 33% of the shares vesting during the second year, 22% of the shares vesting during the third year and the remaining 12% of the shares vesting during the fourth year, such that the stock option will be fully vested on the four year anniversary of the date of grant.
- The restricted stock units vest quarterly with 33% of the shares vesting during the first year, 33% of the shares vesting during the second year, 22% of the shares vesting during the third year and the remaining 12% of the shares vesting during the fourth year, such that all shares will be fully vested on the four year anniversary of the date of grant.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact 10/15/2021  
for David Szekeres

\*\* 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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