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(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Form file Person	d by More than Or	ne Reporting	
(Street) SAN DIEGO	CA	92121	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joi Line) X Form file	int/Group Filing (C d by One Reportin		
4242 CAMPUS SUITE 200	S POINT COU	IRT	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2021	Chi	ief Executive Officer		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Quart Barry D (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/</u> [HRTX]	5. Relationship of (Check all applica X Director X Officer (below)	ble)	(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)	
 obligations may Instruction 1(b) 			Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 19 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	hours per respon	nse: 0.5		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (8)					Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	01/13/2021		М		3,646	A	(1)	92,872	D	
Common Stock	01/13/2021		F		963	D ⁽²⁾	\$18.16	91,909	D	

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 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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	01/13/2021		М			3,646	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,646	\$0.00	54,687	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

2. 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.

3. The restricted stock units vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date of grant (10/13/2020).

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact 01/15/2021

for Barry D. Quart

** 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).

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