FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS	HIP
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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Morgan Adam				<u>H</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [ HRTX ]								(Che	$ \begin{array}{lll} \text{5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer} \\ \text{(Check all applicable)} \\ & \textbf{X} & \text{Director} & 10\% \text{ Owner} \\ & & \text{Officer (give title} & \textbf{X} & \text{Other (specify)} \\ \end{array} $					
(Last) 4242 CA	`	irst) INT COURT, SU	(Middle) JITE 200			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2023								below)	See No		below)		
(Street) SAN DII	EGO C	A	92121		4.									Line)	X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											ung		
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Trans Date (Month/k				2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	Transaction Disp		Securities Acquired (A) or sposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	1)	A) or ))	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)			(IIISti. 4)
Common Stock			02/2	2/202	2/2023		A		37,879	37,879 <sup>(1)</sup> A		\$0.00	37,	37,879		D			
Common Stock														4,500,000(2)			I	By Velan Capital Master Fund LP <sup>(3)</sup>	
	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)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/\)	Date, Transaction Code (Instr.			n Derivative		6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	n Dat			curity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Or No	mount r umber f Shares		(Instr. 4)			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$2.7	02/22/2023			A		227,272		(4)		02/22/2033	Comm Stock		27,272	\$0.00	227,27	72	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares were granted as restricted stock units which vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date of grant (02/22/2023).
- 2. Mr. Morgan disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed to be an admission that Mr. Morgan is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 3. Securities owned directly by Velan Capital Master Fund LP ("Velan Master"). Mr. Morgan, as a managing member of each of Velan Capital Holdings LLC, the general partner of Velan Master, and Velan Capital Management LLC, the general partner of the investment manager of Velan Master, may be deemed to beneficially own the securities owned directly by Velan Master.
- 4. The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the date of grant (02/22/2023).

## Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact 02/24/2023 for Adam Morgan

\*\* 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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- I hereby constitute and appoint David Szekeres and Lisa Peraza as my true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:
- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, is intended to benefit, is in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any act requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all the acts such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that each foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date set forth below.

By: /s/ Adam Morgan Print Name: Adam Morgan Date: February 24, 2023