

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/13/2020	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ [HRTX]</u>	
		4. 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>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,571	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	03/17/2026	Common Stock	170,000	16.2	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	10/07/2026	Common Stock	50,000	16.83	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/21/2026	Common Stock	79,167	13	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/18/2027	Common Stock	90,000	17	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/15/2028	Common Stock	92,000	24.97	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/19/2029	Common Stock	115,000	25.02	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	10/13/2030	Common Stock	156,000	15.72	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	20,000	0.00	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The stock option is fully vested and exercisable.
- The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the date of grant.
- The restricted stock units vest in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-
in-fact for David Szekeres 10/20/2020

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby constitute and appoint 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/ David Szekeres
Print Name: David Szekeres

Date: 10/14/2020