FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person' (Check all applicable) HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ **HOFFMAN ROBERT** Director HRTX] Officer (give title Other (specify X below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) CFO & SVP, Finance **4242 CAMPUS POINT COURT** 12/19/2019 **SUITE 200** 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) X Form filed by One Reporting Person **SAN DIEGO** CA 92121 Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Qip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, 5. Amount of Securities 7. Nature of 6. Ownership 3. Transaction Form: Direct Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Beneficial 8) Owned Following Ownership Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (A) or (D) Price Code Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 8. Price of Derivative Security 1. Title of 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature Ownership Form: Derivative Security Execution Date, if any Conversion Transaction Code (Instr. of Securities Underlying Derivative Expiration Date derivative of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Securities Securities Beneficial Price of Derivative 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Direct (D) Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Number Expiration Date Code ν (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares

(1)

Explanation of Responses:

\$25.02

1. The stock option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the date of grant.

Remarks:

Employee Stock

Option (Right to

Buy)

/s/ Robert E. Hoffman

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Stock

12/19/2029

12/23/2019

100,000

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** Signature of Reporting Person

100,000

\$0.00

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).

12/19/2019

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