Instruction 1(b).

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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POYHONEI			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/</u> [ HRTX ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer ( all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specifi below) below)		
(Last) 4242 CAMPUS SUITE 200	(First) 5 POINT COURT	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2021		President & CCO		
(Street) SAN DIEGO (City)	CA (State)	92121 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

## 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. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Disposed Of 5)				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			
Common Stock	10/29/2021		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	v	817	Α	\$9.3585	23,836	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. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		d 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				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares acquired under the Heron Therapeutics, Inc. 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on October 29, 2021.

## **Remarks:**

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-infact for John Poyhonen

12/23/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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