FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Christian Waage | | | | <u>H</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/ HRTX] | | | | | | | (Ch | | cable) or (give title | g Pers | 10% Ov | vner | |
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| (Street) SAN DIII (City) | | | 92121 (Zip) | | _ 4. l ⁻ | 4. If Amendment, Date of | | | | of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D. | | | saction | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transa Code (| ction | 4. Securi | ties Acquire d Of (D) (Ins | ed (A) or | 5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F | nt of es ally Following | Form (D) o | m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 | ction(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock 12/21/ | | | | 1/202 | 2020 | | A | | 3,000 | (1) A | \$0.0 | 4,400 | | | D | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date | | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | ansaction of ode (Instr. Derivative | | 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) | e S Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal: | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$19.46 | 12/21/2020 | | | A | | 18,000 | | (2) | 1 | 12/21/2030 | Common Stock | 18,000 | \$0.00 | 18,00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The shares were granted as restricted stock units which vest in four equal quarterly installments beginning three months after the date of grant.
- 2. The stock options vest and become exercisable in 12 equal monthly installments beginning one month after the date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Lisa Peraza Attorney-in-fact for Christian Waage

12/23/2020

** 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 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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