## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 OMB Number: 3235-0287 Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*   DAVIS STEPHEN			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC. /DE/</u> [ HRTX ]		ationship of Reporting Pe < all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 123 SAGINAW DRIVE		(Midule)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/26/2014		201011)	2000)
(Street) REDWOOD CITY	СА	94063	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	porting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

### 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)		Ansaction de (Instr. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	09/26/2014		М		120,313	A	\$7.2	122,710	D	
Common Stock	09/26/2014		<b>F</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		102,634	D	\$8.44	20,076	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)		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)	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		(Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.2	09/26/2014		М			120,313	(2)	09/30/2014	Common Stock	120,313	\$0.00	0	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents shares that were withheld by the Issuer to satisfy the exercise price (based on the closing stock price on September 26, 2014) associated with the 120,313 shares exercised on September 26, 2014.

2. Options vested and became exercisable with respect to 103,125 shares on May 1, 2014, the first anniversary after the date of grant and then, with respect to 8,594 shares monthly thereafter over the next two months.

#### **Remarks:**

<u>/s/ Brian G. Drazba Attorney-in-</u> <u>fact for Stephen R. Davis</u> 09/30/2014

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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 each of Brian Drazba and Ryan Murr 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 AP Pharma, Inc/DE (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 of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, 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 in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever 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/ Stephen Davis Print Name: Stephen Davis

Date: 1/7/2014