ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Harrington John J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE		JЕ	(Month/Day/Year) 06/17/2016	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Exec Vice Pres and CSO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4	osed o	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/17/2016		F	15,619 (1)	D	\$ 2.16	479,927	D	
Common Stock	06/17/2016		F	2,180 (2)	D	\$ 2.16	477,747	D	
Common Stock	06/20/2016		A	149,392	A	\$ 0	627,139 (3)	D	

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

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# 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative		ivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uritied (A) or posed of (D)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to purchase)	\$ 2.19	06/20/2016		A	348,608		<u>(4)</u>	06/20/2026	Common Stock	348,60

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Harrington John J 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634	X		Exec Vice Pres and CSO					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for John J. Harrington

06/21/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a annual restricted stock unit awards related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (3) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 411,579 shares of common stock owned and (2) unvested restricted stock units aggregating 215,560 related to annual awards, which vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.
- (4) Award of an annual stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a four-year period.

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