

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

Form 4

December 20, 2013

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Van Bokkelen Gil

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chmn & Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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	12/18/2013		F	Amount 19,027 (1)	D \$ 2.06 896,472	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2013		S	Amount 9,500 (2)	D \$ 2.0339 886,972 (4) (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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Van Bokkelen Gil 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115	X		Chmn & Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Gil Van  
Bokkelen

12/20/2013

\_\_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 to satisfy the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan solely to satisfy the tax obligation on the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.02 to \$2.08, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely to satisfy the tax obligation.

- Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 307,772 shares of common stock owned and (2) 579,200 restricted stock units
- (4) awarded on June 20, 2013 related to the termination of 2005 incentive agreements that will vest ratably on a quarterly basis through June 18, 2016.

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