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| June 19, 201 | | | | | | | | | PPROVAL | _ | |
| UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | | | | N OMB Number: | 3235-0 | 287 | | |
| if no lon subject t Section Form 4 c | ger o STATEN 16. or | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES | | | | | | | Expires:January 3 200Estimated average burden hours per response0 | | |
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| (Print or Type) | Kesponses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Name and A Babiss Lee | Address of Reporting | Person [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| | | A. 111 \ | ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX] | | | | (Che | eck all applicabl | k all applicable) | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/18/2018 | | | | X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below) | | | | |
| (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| | ND, OH 44115-2 | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | cquired, Disposed | | lly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da | Date, if | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V | Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or | Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Reminder: Rep | port on a separate line | e for each cla | ass of sec | urities bene | ficially ow | ned 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | Derivative | Expiration Date | Underlying Securitie |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) | | |

| | Derivative Security | | | | or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------|------|---|---|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| NonQualified Stock Option (right to purchase) | \$ 2.31 | 06/18/2018 | А | | 50,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 06/18/2028 | Common Stock | 50,0 |
| Reportin | g Own | ers | | | | | | | | |

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships Director 10% Owner Officer Other Babiss Lee 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE X X X CLEVELAND, OH 44115-2634 X X X Signatures /s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Lee E. Oc(10)

Babiss <u>**</u>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) Award of a nonqualified stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a one-year period.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.