

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Deans Robert J

(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)  
06/24/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 06/24/2015                           |                                                    | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>Amount<br>44,624<br>(1)                             | \$ 0 426,639 (2)                                                                              | 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)**

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| 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) |              |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|                                                     |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee incentive stock option (right to purchase) | \$ 1.28                                                | 06/24/2015                           |                                                    | A                              | 100,384                                                                                 | <u>(3)</u>                                               | 06/24/2025                                                    | Common Stock | 100,384              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| Deans Robert J<br>3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44115 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Robert J. Deans 06/25/2015

\*\*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 annual restricted stock units, each of which represents a contingent right to receive one share of Athersys, Inc. common stock after vesting. The restricted stock units vest ratably on a quarterly basis over a four-year period.
- (2) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 183,675 shares of common stock owned, (2) 163,720 restricted stock units 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, and (3) restricted stock units awarded on an annual basis amounting to 79,244 that vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.
- (3) Award of an annual incentive stock option. The option vests ratably on a quarterly basis over a four-year period.

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