

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
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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)  
12/17/2014

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)  
Executive Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2014		F		1,084 (1)	D	\$ 1.23 445,566
Common Stock	12/18/2014		F		15,381 (2)	D	\$ 1.29 430,185
Common Stock	12/18/2014		S		2,540 (3)	D	\$ 1.2874 427,645 (4)
Common Stock	12/19/2014		S		2,540 (3)	D	\$ 1.2769 425,105 (5) (6)

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
				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
Deans Robert J 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44115			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Laura K. Campbell, as attorney-in-fact for Robert J. Deans  
 12/19/2014  
 \*\*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 2014 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
  - (2) Shares withheld from the quarterly vesting of a June 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
  - (3) Shares sold pursuant to a predefined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan solely related to 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 \$1.16 to \$1.38, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.
- (4)
  - (5)

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.245 to \$1.33, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.

- (6) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 139,135 shares of common stock owned, (2) unvested 245,580 restricted stock units awarded in June 2013 related to the termination of 2005 incentive agreements that will vest ratably on a quarterly basis through June 18, 2016, and (3) unvested restricted stock units awarded on an annual basis amounting to 40,390 that vest quarterly over a four-year period from grant date.

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