

SHEFFERY MICHAEL B
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHEFFERY MICHAEL B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

767 THIRD AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/28/2009

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)

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)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2009		J ⁽¹⁾		1,800,153	D	\$ 0	1,810,047	I	By Partnerships ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	12/28/2009		J ⁽³⁾		3,406	A	\$ 0	3,406	D	
Common Stock	01/07/2010		J ⁽⁴⁾		4,947	D	\$ 0	1,805,100	I	By Partnerships ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	01/07/2010		J ⁽⁵⁾		466	A	\$ 0	3,872	D	

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The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is a beneficial owner for the purpose of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

- (3) Of the in-kind distribution of the Common Stock made to investors in Caduceus, as described in the note 1, 3,406 were allocated to the Reporting Person. These are the only shares of Common stock held directly by the Reporting Person.

On January 7, 2010 Advisors distributed 4,947 shares of Common Stock to its partners, including a distribution of 466 shares to the Reporting Person. Following this transaction, Caduceus and Associates, hold 1,788,100 and 17,000 shares, respectively. Advisors,

- (4) pursuant to its authority as general partner of Associates, may be considered to hold indirectly 17,000 shares of Common Stock and Capital, pursuant to its authority as general partner of Caduceus, may be considered to hold indirectly 1,788,100 shares of Common Stock.
- (5) Following the in-kind distribution made to the Reporting Person, directly holds 3,872 shares of Common Stock.

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