

THERASENSE INC  
Form SC 13G  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_) \*

THERASENSE, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

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(Title of Class of Securities)

883381105

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2001

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 883381105

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1.  
Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
E. HELLER & CO.  
74-2612486

2.  
Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See  
Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3.  
SEC Use Only

4.  
Citizenship or Place of Organization  
TEXAS

5. Sole Voting Power  
3,129,375

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

6. Shared Voting Power  
0

7. Sole Dispositive Power  
3,129,375

8. Shared Dispositive Power  
0

9.  
Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
3,129,375

10.  
Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

11.  
Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
7.9%

12.  
Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
CO

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULE 13G

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Item 1.

(a)  
Name of Issuer  
THERASENSE, INC.

(b)  
Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
1360 South Loop Road  
Alameda, CA 94502

Item 2.

(a)  
Name of Person Filing  
E. HELLER & COMPANY

(b)  
Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
6114 LaSalle Avenue #427  
Oakland, CA 94611

(c)  
Citizenship  
TEXAS

(d)  
Title of Class of Securities  
COMMON STOCK

(e)  
CUSIP Number  
883381105

Item 3.

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 4.  
Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a)  
Amount beneficially owned:  
SEE ITEM 9 OF THE COVER PAGE.

(b)  
Percent of class:  
SEE ITEM 11 OF COVER PAGE.

(c)

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Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (i)  
Sole power to vote or to direct the vote
- (ii)  
Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
- (iii)  
Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- (iv)  
Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

SEE ITEMS 5, 6, 7 AND 8 OF THE COVER PAGE.

Item 5.  
Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 6.  
Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 7.  
Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding  
Company

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 8.  
Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 9.  
Notice of dissolution of Group

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 10.  
Certification

NOT APPLICABLE

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify  
that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2002  
Date

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/s/ EPHRAIM HELLER  
Signature

EPHRAIM HELLER, PRESIDENT  
Name/Title