#### ATHERSYS, INC / NEW

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Deans Robert J Issuer Symbol ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify 3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE 09/18/2014 below) **Executive Vice President** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CLEVELAND, OH 44115 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactior Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
(Histi: 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 8)			Owned Following Reported	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/18/2014		F	15,381 (1)	D	\$ 1.44	451,730	D	
Common Stock	09/18/2014		S	2,540 (2)	D	\$ 1.402 (3)	449,190	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2014		S	2,540 (2)	D	\$ 1.4196 (4)	446,650 (5)	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)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)  (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Deans Robert J

3201 CARNEGIE AVENUE

**Executive Vice President** 

# **Signatures**

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

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

09/22/2014

\*\*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 2013 restricted stock unit award related to the minimum tax withholding obligation.
- 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 \$1.36 (3) to \$1.47, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.405 (4) to \$1.47, inclusive, in accordance with a previously established Rule 10b5-1 predefined trading plan enacted solely related to the tax obligation.
- (5) Securities beneficially owned are comprised of: (1) 116,865 shares of common stock owned, (2) unvested 286,510 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) unvested estricted stock units awarded on an annual basis amounting to 43,275 that vest quarterly over a four-year

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