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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 *
ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
767 3RD AVENUE, 30TH FLOOR

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/16/2009		P		52,200	A	\$ 0.65	3,500,200	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	03/17/2009		P		110,000	A	\$ 0.84	3,610,200	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Caduceus. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities purchased by Associates and Caduceus. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a director of the issuer by virtue of having nominated a representative, now Michael B. Sheffery, to serve on the Issuer's board of directors.

- The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest. This report shall not be deemed an
- (3) admission that the Reporting Persons are beneficial owners for the purpose of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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