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Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

WEISS MICHAEL S

KERYX

Symbol

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC

[KERX]

_X__ Director

10% Owner

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

X_ Officer (give title) below)

Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Chairman and CEO

02/21/2006

(Middle)

C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 750 LEXINGTON AVE

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/21/2006		M	40,000	A	\$ 1.3	55,000	D	

Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,300	D	16.31	52,700	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,300	D	\$ 16.35	50,400	D

Common $S^{(1)}$ 02/21/2006 \$ 16.4 48,400 D 2,000 D Stock

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Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	2,500	D	\$ 16.42	45,900	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 16.44	44,400	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,700	D	\$ 16.45	41,700	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	5,000	D	\$ 16.5	36,700	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	143	D	\$ 16.53	36,557	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 16.62	35,057	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 16.68	33,057	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S(1)	16,500	D	\$ 16.86	16,557	D
Common Stock	02/21/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,557	D	\$ 17.05	15,000	D

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 $\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.3	02/21/2006		M		40,000	12/23/2003(3)	12/24/2012	Common Stock	40,000

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WEISS MICHAEL S C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 750 LEXINGTON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10022

X Chairman and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Michael S.

Weiss 02/23/2006

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) The shares of common stock were sold pursuant to Mr. Weiss' Rule 10b5-1 trading plan with a brokerage firm dated December 30, 2005.
- (2) The options were exercised pursuant to Mr. Weiss' Rule 10b5-1 trading plan with a brokerage firm dated December 30, 2005.
- (3) 2,700,000 of the options have vested; an additional 1,350,000 will vest upon the achievment of corporate milestones.

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