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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

C/O KERYX

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carberry Christine A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

KERYX

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC

10% Owner Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

[KERX]

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

below) Chief Operating Officer

12/11/2018

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ONE MARINA PARK DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Repeticially Owned

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/11/2018		S	10,469	D	\$ 3.22	100,646	D	
Common Stock	12/12/2018		D	100,646 (1) (2)	D	(1) (2)	0	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	<u>(3)</u>	12/12/2018		D		422,500	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	422,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carberry Christine A. C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE MARINA PARK DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02210

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Daniel Kajunski, Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2018

**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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated June 28, 2018, by and between Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

 ("Keryx"), Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. ("Akebia") and Alpha Therapeutics Merger Sub Inc., as amended on October 1, 2018 (the "Merger Agreement"), whereby each share of common stock of Keryx was canceled and automatically converted into 0.37433 shares of common stock of Akebia (the "Exchange Ratio"), with fractional shares being paid in cash as provided in the Merger Agreement.
- (Continued from footnote 1) The market value of each share of Akebia common stock received is \$8.94, based on the closing trading price of Akebia common stock on December 12, 2018. Includes 41,250 shares of restricted stock, the vesting of which was accelerated as a result of a termination of the reporting person's employment in connection with the Merger, and each share of restricted stock was cancelled and converted into the right to receive 0.37433 shares of Akebia common stock, with fractional shares being paid in cash. The market value of each share of Akebia common stock received pursuant to the Merger Agreement is \$8.94, based on the closing trading price of Akebia common stock on December 12, 2018.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, this stock option was cancelled and converted into an option to acquire Akebia common (3) stock, with the number of shares and exercise price adjusted for the Exchange Ratio in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement.

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