GILMAN STEVEN C

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

GILMAN STEVEN C

Symbol **KERYX**

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC

[KERX]

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

12/12/2018

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2018

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

Other (specify

C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ONE MARINA PARK

DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City)

Common

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

(1)(2)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(2)

Code V Amount (D) Price 27,333

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Stock

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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. Transactic 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 II S
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	<u>(3)</u>	12/12/2018		D		140,000	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	140,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GILMAN STEVEN C C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE MARINA PARK DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02210



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 pursuant to the Merger Agreement is \$8.94, based on the closing trading price of Akebia common stock on December 12, 2018. Includes 19,999 shares of restricted stock, the
- (2) vesting of which was accelerated as a result of 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 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 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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