

BEARMAN DAVID  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BEARMAN DAVID

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY

(Street)

ALPHARETTA, GA 30004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATHEROGENICS INC [AGIX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/27/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock	04/27/2006		M		16,000	A	\$ 11.16
Common stock	04/27/2006		M		9,600	A	\$ 6.55
Common stock	04/27/2006		M		20,000	A	\$ 6.55
					16,000		
					25,600		
					45,600		

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 Derivative 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11.16	04/27/2006		M	16,000	<u>(1)</u> 04/27/2015	Common stock	16,000
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 6.55	04/27/2006		M	9,600	<u>(2)</u> 11/08/2012	Common stock	9,600
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 6.55	04/27/2006		M	20,000	<u>(3)</u> 11/08/2012	Common stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEARMAN DAVID 8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30004			X	

## Signatures

/s/DAVID  
BEARMAN 05/01/2006  
\*\*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) These options had an effective vesting commencement date of April 27, 2005 and vested monthly over 12 months.
- (2) These options had an effective vesting commencement date of November 8, 2002. One-third of these options vested immediately upon grant, two-thirds vested on May 8, 2003.
- (3) These options had an effective vesting commencement date of November 8, 2002. One-third of these options vested immediately upon grant, one-third vested on November 8, 2003 and one-third vested on November 8, 2004.

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