

SHEFFERY MICHAEL B

Form 4

March 18, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHEFFERY MICHAEL B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

767 THIRD AVENUE, 30TH
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW [ATHX]

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

03/16/2009

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)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 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	By Partnerships (1) (2)
Common Stock	03/17/2009		P		110,000	A \$ 0.84	3,610,200	I	By Partnerships (1) (2)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SHEFFERY MICHAEL B 767 THIRD AVENUE 30TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	X

Signatures

/s/ Michael B.
Sheffery

03/18/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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The Reporting Person is a partner of OrbiMed Advisors LLC ("Advisors") and OrbiMed Capital GP III LLC ("Capital"). The amount shown represents (i) 3,576,200 shares of Common Stock held directly by Caduceus Private Investments III, LP ("Caduceus") and (ii) (1) 34,000 shares of Common Stock held directly by OrbiMed Associates III, LP ("Associates"). Advisors, pursuant to its authority under its investment advisory contract with Associates, may be considered to hold indirectly 34,000 shares of Common Stock and Capital, pursuant to its authority as general partner of Caduceus, may be considered to hold indirectly 3,576,200 shares of Common Stock.

The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest. This report shall not be deemed an (2) admission that the Reporting Person is a beneficial owner for the purpose of Section 16 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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