BENTSUR RON Form 4

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BENTSUR RON			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC [KERX]	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
(Last) 750 LEXING	(First) TON AVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/20/2009	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YORK, NY 10022				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

Table I - Non-Derivative	Committee A commed	Diamond of or	Donoficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	05/22/2009		P	17,300	A	\$ 0.365	223,961	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2009		P	20,000	A	\$ 0.37	243,961	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2009		P	20,000	A	\$ 0.372	263,961	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2009		P	2,700	A	\$ 0.375	266,661	D		
Common Stock	05/22/2009		P	20,000	A	\$ 0.38	286,661	D		

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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)		Securities (1) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares			
Employee Stock													
Option (right to	\$ 0.35	05/20/2009		A	600,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/20/2019	Common Stock	600,00			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BENTSUR RON

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750 LEXINGTON AVE Chief Executive Officer NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

/s/ Ron Bentsur 05/22/2009

**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 option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 20, 2010.

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