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(Print or Type R	esponses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BENTSUR RON (Last) (First) (Middle)			 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC [KERX] Date of Earliest Transaction 					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X_ DirectorX_ Officer (give title10% Owner below) Other (specify below)		
	K IACEUTICALS EXINGTON AV		(Month/D 01/02/20	-				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Executive Offic	er
NEW YORF	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	01/02/2013			Code V A	Amount 25,000 (1)	(D) A	Price \$ 0		D	
Common Stock	01/04/2013			S	6,010 (3)	D	\$ 2.74	497,036 <u>(4)</u>	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. Transactio 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.78	01/02/2013		А	75,000	01/02/2014 <u>(5)</u>	01/02/2023	Common Stock	75,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
				Officer	Other		
BENTSUR RON C/O KERYX BIOPHARM 750 LEXINGTON AVENU NEW YORK, NY 10022	х		Chief Executive Officer				
Signatures							
/s/ Ron Bentsur	01/04/2013						

<u>**</u>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).

The 25,000 shares are restricted common stock, with one-third of the 25,000 shares vesting on January 2, 2014, and one-twelfth vesting (1) on each of April 2, 2014, July 2, 2014, October 2, 2014, January 2, 2015, April 2, 2015, July 2, 2015, October 2, 2015, and January 2, 2016.

- (2) Of the 503,046 shares, 130,335 are shares of restricted stock.
- Sale of a total of 6,010 shares of common stock was made in order to satisfy Mr. Bentsur's income tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of 13,083 shares of restricted stock on January 2, 2013. Mr. Bentsur had no discretion with respect to such sale, which was transacted automatically in accordance with the Issuer's corporate policies regarding the vesting of restricted stock.
- (4) Of the 497,036 shares, 130,335 are shares of restricted stock.

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The options vest according to the following schedule: one-third of the 75,000 options will vest on January 2, 2014, and one-twelfth will vest on each of April 2, 2014, July 2, 2014, October 2, 2014, January 2, 2015, April 2, 2015, July 2, 2015, October 2, 2015, and January 2, 2016.

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