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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>venBio Global Strategic Fund II L.P.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 OWENS STREET, SUITE 595  (Street) SAN FRANCISCO CA 94158  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2020	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	01/06/2020		S		42,221	D	\$19.6438 <sup>(1)</sup>	3,862,815	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	01/07/2020		S		31,000	D	\$20.1661 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,831,815	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		
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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.2025 to \$19.92, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

2. These shares are held by venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P. venBio Global Strategic GP II, LP is the sole general partner of venBio Global Strategic Fund II, LP and venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd. is the sole general partner of venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P. Robert Adelman and Corey Goodman are directors of venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd. Each of venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P., venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd., Mr. Adelman and Mr. Goodman disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein.

3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.75 to \$20.9, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.

**Remarks:**

[venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P., by: venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P., its general partner, by: venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd., its general partner, by: /s/ David Pezeshki, as attorney-in-fact](#) 01/08/2020

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L.P., by: venBio Global  
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partner, by: /s/ David Pezeshki  
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Ltd., by: /s/ David Pezeshki, as  
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[Robert Adelman, by: /s/ David  
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[Corey Goodman, by: /s/ David  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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