FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Young Jonathan | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [AKRO] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2023 | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Operating Officer | | | | |
| 601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350 | | | | | | Line) | | | | | | | | | | nt/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | _ F] | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Та | ble I - No | n-Dei | rivati | ve S | ecuritie | s Ac | quired | , Di | sposed o | of, or Bo | eneficiall | y Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of | Security (Ins | tr. 3) | | 2. Trans Date (Month | | ay/Year) 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disp | | 4. Securition Disposed | | d (A) or r. 3, 4 and 5) | Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | nstr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/0 | 8/202 | 3 | | | A | | 32,497 | 1) A | \$0 | 185,6 | 74 | Ι |) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20,00 | 20,000 | | I By EA Irrevocable Trust ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | 1 | I Iı | By CM Irrevocable Trust ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | 1 | I Iı | y JL revocable rust ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Conversion Date Oberivative Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 4. Transa | 5. Numb Derivativ Securitie Acquired or Dispo of (D) (In 3, 4 and | | er of re es d (A) sed estr. | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | | sable and | 7. Title a of Secur Underlyi | nd Amount ties ng e Security | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) Be Ow Foo | | owing (I) (Inst orted saction(s) | | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | or Date Expiration Numb | | | | | (Instr. | | •) | | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) Stock 12/08/2023 | | | A | | 146,237 | | (3) | | 12/07/2033 | Common Stock | 146,237 | \$0 | 146 | ,237 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares are represented by restricted stock units (the "RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. The RSUs will vest in eight (8) equal semi-annual installments, commencing from December 8, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Issuer as of each such vesting date.
- 2. These shares are held in irrevocable trusts for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person's spouse is trustee of the trusts. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 3. This option shall vest and become exercisable in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments, commencing from December 8, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Issuer as of each such vesting date.

/s/ Jonathan Young

12/12/2023

** 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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