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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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>Young Jonathan</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350</u> (Street) <u>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080</u> (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 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/07/2021</u>	
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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/07/2021		M		7,500	A	\$0.615	189,285	D	
Common Stock	01/08/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		10,000	D	\$28.12 ⁽²⁾	179,285	D	
Common Stock								20,000	I	By EA Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾
Common Stock								20,000	I	By CM Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾
Common Stock								20,000	I	By JL Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾

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						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$0.615	01/07/2021		M			7,500	(4)	07/29/2028	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	35,296	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reported transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.00 to \$28.31, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes 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 sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- 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.
- 25% of this option vested on August 1, 2018 and the remainder of the shares vest in equal monthly installments for a period of 36 months thereafter.

/s/ Jonathan Young 01/11/2021
 ** 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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