Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cheng Andrew</u>					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]										ationship k all app Direc	,			
(Last)	(Fir	st) (M	Middle)			ate of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 3/2023							X	Office below	er (give title v) Presiden		Other (s below)	specify	
601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350					4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Line)								p Filin	g (Check A	pplicable			
(Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080				X Form filed by One Reporting Persor  Form filed by More than One Repor  Person									- 1						
(City)	(Sta	ate) (Z	Zip)		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.														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day				Execu y/Year) if any		Deemed cution Date, y nth/Day/Year)				es Acquired (A Of (D) (Instr. 3,		4 and Secu Bene Owne		cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) c (D)	Pric			action(s) 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 09/13/2					2023			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,682	D	\$5	).34 46		60,998		D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Expiration (Month/Day Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ion Da	te	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)		Dei Sed (Ins	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents the number of shares required to be sold by the reporting person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units. The Issuer has adopted a "sell-to-cover" policy to satisfy the tax withholding obligations of the reporting person. The sales reported on this Form 4 represent the number of shares required to be sold by the reporting person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted share units. Such sales were automatic and intended to qualify under Rule 10b5-1.

/s/ Jonathan Young, Attorney-

in-Fact

\*\* 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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