FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b)

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Young Jonathan						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]											5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
Toung Jonathan																	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/28/2024											Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Operating Officer						
601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)							
(Street) SOUTH SAN																	Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
FRANCISCO CA 94941				Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication																			
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)				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.															d to			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yd				Exectar) if any		A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		Cod	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			A) or , 4 and 5)	Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
									Cod	de	v	Amo	ount	(A) or (D)	Pr	rice	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s)	,		`		
Common Stock 06/28/2024									A		V	1,	064(1)	A	\$	19.941 <sup>(2)</sup>	251,	854	I	)			
Common Stock 07/01/2024								<b>S</b> (4	S <sup>(4)</sup>		5	,000	D	D \$23.40		246,854		D					
Common Stock																20,000		I		By EA Irrevocable Trust <sup>(3)</sup>			
Common Stock																	20,000		I		By CM Irrevocable Trust <sup>(3)</sup>		
Common Stock																20,000			I		By JL Irrevocable Trust <sup>(3)</sup>		
		Та	ble	II - Derivati (e.g., pu													/ Owned	d					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	rative   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   if any					4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiration (Month/Day					7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		s. 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)		1. Nature f Indirect feneficial bwnership nstr. 4)	
					Cod	le V	,	(A)	(D)		Date Exercisable		Expiratio Date	n Titl		Amount or Number of Shares							

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Dr. Young is voluntarily reporting the acquisition of these shares on June 28, 2024 pursuant to the Akero Therapeutics, Inc. 2019 Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction that was exempt under both Rule 16b-3(c) and Rule 16b-3(d).
- 2. In accordance with the provisions of the Akero Therapeutics, Inc. 2019 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, these shares were purchased at 85% of the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on June
- 3. 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.
- 4. The reported transactions were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated December 27, 2023, previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- 5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.185 to \$23.680, 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 this footnote 5.

/s/ Jonathan Young

07/02/2024

\*\* 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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