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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>White William Richard</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC.<br>601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350<br><br>(Street)<br>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>Chief Financial Officer</b> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/01/2021                          |   |
| 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                    | 04/01/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 50,000  | A          | \$7.01                   | 52,270  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2021                           |  | s <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 48,851  | D          | \$28.6281 <sup>(2)</sup> | 3,419   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2021                           |  | s <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,149   | D          | \$29.2908 <sup>(3)</sup> | 2,270   | D  |   |

**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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$7.01   | 04/01/2021                           |  | M                              |   | 50,000   | (4)  | 04/04/2029      | Common Stock  | 50,000                                     | \$0  | 364,029   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated October 5, 2020, as amended on November 18, 2020 previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions in prices ranging from \$28.25 to \$29.18, inclusive.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions in prices ranging from \$29.25 to \$29.35, inclusive.
- 25% of this option vested on April 1, 2020, and the remaining 75% of this option shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

/s/ Jonathan Young, Attorney-in-fact 04/05/2021

\*\* 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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