

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

**Akero Therapeutics, Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**00973Y108**

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(CUSIP Number)

**David Pezeshki  
venBio Partners, LLC  
1700 Owens Street, Suite 595, San Francisco, CA 94158  
(415) 800-0800**

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**September 4, 2020**

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. [ ]

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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<b>3</b>	<b>SEC USE ONLY</b>	
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**Item 1. Security and Issuer**

*Item 1 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:*

This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D ("Amendment No. 3") relates to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock") of Akero Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Issuer"). This Amendment No. 3 amends and supplements the initial statement on Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on June 26, 2019, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on January 15, 2020 and as amended by Amendment No. 2 filed on July 8, 2020 (together with this Amendment No. 3, the "Schedule 13D"). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the initial Schedule 13D. Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment No. 3 does not modify any of the previous information reported in the initial Schedule 13D.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

*Item 5(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:*

(a)-(b) The information set forth in rows 7 through 13 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D is incorporated by reference. The percentage set forth in row 13 is based on 34,700,769 outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer as of August 7, 2020, according to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed on August 12, 2020.

The Fund directly holds 2,668,717 shares of Common Stock. As the sole general partner of the Fund, the General Partner may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by the Fund and as the sole general partner of the General Partner, the GP Ltd. may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by the Fund. As directors of the GP Ltd., each of the Directors may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by the Fund.

(c) Except for the transactions listed in Schedule C to this Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D, all of which were effected in the open market through a broker, there have been no transactions in the Common Stock by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

*Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:*

Schedule C – Schedule of Transactions, in response to Item 5(c) (filed herewith).

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**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

September 9, 2020

VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC FUND II, L.P.

By: VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC GP II, L.P.  
General Partner

By: VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC GP II, LTD.  
General Partner

By: \*  
Title: Director

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Title: Director

VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC GP II, L.P.

By: VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC GP II, LTD.  
General Partner

By: \*  
Title: Director

VENBIO GLOBAL STRATEGIC GP II, LTD.

By: \*  
Title: Director

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Robert Adelman

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Corey Goodman

\*By: /s/ David Pezeshki  
David Pezeshki  
As attorney-in-fact

This Schedule 13D was executed by David Pezeshki on behalf of the individuals listed above pursuant to a Power of Attorney, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4 to the Schedule 13D.



### Schedule C

The following table sets forth all transactions with respect to the shares of Common Stock effected during the past sixty days prior to the filing of this Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D by any Reporting Person.

Name	Date of Transaction	Transaction	Amount of Securities	Price
Fund	07/13/2020	Sell	2,002	\$39.0832 (1)
Fund	07/17/2020	Sell	1,945	\$37.3038 (2)
Fund	07/20/2020	Sell	45,443	\$37.8643 (3)
Fund	07/20/2020	Sell	16,215	\$38.2330 (4)
Fund	07/21/2020	Sell	1,700	\$37.1653 (5)
Fund	07/21/2020	Sell	300	\$38.4733 (6)
Fund	07/22/2020	Sell	18,797	\$36.7449 (7)
Fund	07/27/2020	Sell	8,200	\$37.2658 (8)
Fund	07/27/2020	Sell	300	\$38.05
Fund	09/02/2020	Sell	2,310	\$33.4008 (9)
Fund	09/03/2020	Sell	10,920	\$32.9696 (10)
Fund	09/04/2020	Sell	6,900	\$32.8302 (11)
Fund	09/04/2020	Sell	721	\$33.1828 (12)
Fund	09/08/2020	Sell	10,415	\$32.8758 (13)

- (1) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.00 to \$39.14, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
  - (2) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.25 to \$37.46, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
  - (3) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.00 to \$38.00, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
  - (4) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.01 to \$38.49, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
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- (5) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.01 to \$37.53, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (6) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$38.21 to \$39.00, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (7) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$36.50 to \$37.15, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (8) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.00 to \$38.00, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (9) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.00 to \$33.59, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (10) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$32.70 to \$33.29, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (11) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$32.16 to \$33.09, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (12) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.18 to \$33.20, inclusive. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.
- (13) The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging between \$32.57 to \$33.27. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth herein.