FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

obligati Instruct	ons may contir tion 1(b).	nue. See		Fil				Section 16(a) 30(h) of the I						4		hours	per resp	onse:	0.5
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  venBio Global Strategic Fund II L.P.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]							5. Re (Chec	5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable) Director		eporting Person e) X		uer wner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 OWENS STREET, SUITE 595						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2019								Officer (g below)	jive title		Other ( below)	specify	
(Street) SAN FRANCISCO CA 94158					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     Form filed by One Reporting Person     X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	?)	State)	(Zip)																
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[			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)	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 a			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow Reported		6. Own Form: (D) or I (I) (Inst	Direct ndirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an				(msu. 4)
Common Stock				06/24	06/24/2019				P		250,00	0(1)	A	\$16	250,000		1 1		See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock				06/24	6/24/2019				С	С 3,469,7		59 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	(4)	3,719,	759			See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock				06/24	06/24/2019				c 235,09		<b>9</b> <sup>(5)</sup>	A	(4)	3,954,858				See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>	
			Table II -					ities Acqu warrants,	,			,		•	wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Y	Cod	Transaction Code (Instr.		Derivative		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		e Sec ear) Der		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numl derivati Securiti Benefic Owned Followi Reporte	ve Owner es Form ally Direc or Inc ng (I) (In	10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownershi t (Instr. 4)
				Cod	de V		(A)		Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title		mount or umber of hares		(Instr. 4			
Series A Preferred Stock	(4)	06/24/2019		C				10,666,667	(4)		(4)	Comi		,469,759	\$0	(	)	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Series B Preferred Stock	(4)	06/24/2019		C				722,737	(4)		(4)	(4) Common Stock		235,099	\$0 0		) I		See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
		Reporting Person*	l II L.P.	,	,			,				,	•		•	,			,

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(Street)			
SAN FRANCISCO	CA	94158	
1. Name and Address of	-	(Zip)	
	Reporting Person*		
Name and Address of venBio Global S	Reporting Person* trategic GP II, L  (First)	<u>.P.</u>	
Name and Address of venBio Global S  (Last)  1700 OWENS STRE  (Street)	Reporting Person* trategic GP II, L  (First) EET, SUITE 595	P. (Middle)	
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Adelman Robert J									
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  GOODMAN COREY S									
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#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. On June 24, 2019, venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P. purchased 250,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer at a price of \$16.00 per share in the Issuer's initial public offering.
- 2. These shares are held by venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P. venBio Global Strategic GP II, LP is the sole general partner of venBio Global Strategic Fund II, LP and venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd. is the sole general partner of venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P. Robert Adelman and Corey Goodman are directors of venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd. Each of venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P., venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd., Mr. Adelman and Mr. Goodman disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of his/its indirect pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Represents the total number of shares of common stock received by venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P. upon the conversion of the Issuer's Series A Preferred Stock in connection with the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- 4. All series of preferred stock automatically converted into the Issuer's common stock on a 3.07418-for-one basis upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering on June 24, 2019 and had no expiration date.

  5. Represents the total number of shares of common stock received by venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P. upon the conversion of the Issuer's Series B Preferred Stock in connection with the closing of the Issuer's

#### Remarks:

initial public offering.

venBio Global Strategic Fund II, L.P., by: venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P., its general partner, by: venBio Global Strategic GP 06/25/2019 II, Ltd., its general partner, by: /s/ David Pezeshki, Attorney-in-**Fact** venBio Global Strategic GP II, L.P., by: venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd., its general partner, 06/25/2019 by: /s/ David Pezeshki, Attorney-in-Fact venBio Global Strategic GP II, Ltd., by: /s/ David Pezeshki, 06/25/2019 Attorney-in-Fact Robert Adelman, by: /s/ David 06/25/2019 Pezeshki, Attorney-in-Fact Corey Goodman, by: /s/ David 06/25/2019 Pezeshki, 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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