SEC Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* White William Richard	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [AKRO]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2023	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer

C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC.
601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350
(Street)
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO   CA   94080
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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. 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	12/08/2023		A		32,497[1]	A	$0.00	50,965	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$19.87	12/08/2023		A		146,237		[2]	12/07/2033	Common Stock	146,237	$0.00	146,237	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares are represented by restricted stock units (the "RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. The RSUs will vest in eight (8) equal semi-annual installments, commencing from December 8, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Issuer as of each such vesting date.

2. This option shall vest and become exercisable in forty-eight (48) equal monthly installments, commencing from December 8, 2023, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service with the Issuer as of each such vesting date.

/s/ Jonathan Young, Attorney-in-Fact   12/12/2023

** 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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