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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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			16(a) of the Securities Exchange A f the Investment Company Act of 19								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Redmile Group, LLC	2. Date of Eve Requiring Stat (Month/Day/Ye 06/19/2019	ement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [AKRO]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE LETTERMAN DRIVE BUILDING D, SUITE D3-300	N DRIVE		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner				5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street)			Officer (give title below)	Other (spe- below)	cify	6. 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)											
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securitic Underlying Derivative Security			rsion rcise	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	743,802(1)	(1))	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Redmile Group, LLC (Last) (First) (Middle ONE LETTERMAN DRIVE BUILDING D, SUITE D3-300	e)	-									
(Street)		- 1									

SAN FRANCISCO CA 94129 (City) (State) (Zip) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* **Green Jeremy** (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O REDMILE GROUP, LLC ONE LETTERMAN DR, BUILDING D STE D3-300 (Street) SAN FRANCISCO CA 94129 (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into shares of the Issuer's common stock at any time, at the holder's election, on a 1-for-0.32529 basis and has no expiration date.
- 2. These securities are directly owned by certain private investment vehicles managed by Redmile Group, LLC ("Redmile") and may be deemed beneficially owned by Redmile as investment manager of such private investment vehicles. The reported securities may also be deemed beneficially owned by Jeremy Green as the principal of Redmile. The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

/s/ Jeremy Green, Managing

Member of Redmile Group,

LLC

06/19/2019 /s/ Jeremy Green

06/19/2019

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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 5 (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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