FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Young Jonathan | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [AKRO] | | | | | | (Che | Officer (give title | | | 10% | o Issue Owne | er | | | | |
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| | ERO THE | rst) (r RAPEUTICS, IN DULEVARD, SU | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2021 | | | <u> </u> | X Office (give title Officer (specify below) Chief Operating Officer | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH FRANCE | () | A 9 | 4080 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check App Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | erson | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (Z | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | zA. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Trans Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | | 15) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amou | unt | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | | |
| Common | Stock | | 04/01/2021 | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,0 |)55 | D | \$28.74 | 88(2) | 170, | 120 | I |) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | I | | By EA Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 20,000 | | I | | By CM Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾ | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 20 | | 20,0 | ,000, | | I | By JL Irrevocable Trust ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 (Instr. 3) 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 5. Nun of Deriva Securi Acquii (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5) | | vative urities uired or oosed o) | Expirat | ion Da | xercisable and 7 A A Pay/Year) S U D S | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) | | B. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | Form: | | 1. Nature f Indirect eneficial bwnership nstr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | (A) | Date (D) Exercisal | | | Expiration 0 | | Amo or Num of itle Shar | ber | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated September 28, 2020 as amended on November 23, 2020, previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$28.41 to \$29.35, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.
- 3. These shares are held in irrevocable trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's children. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trusts. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

/s/ Jonathan Young

04/05/2021

** 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 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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