FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	S IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Xu Yuan				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]						(Ch	Relationship leck all applic	cable) or	10%	Issuer Owner r (specify			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC., 601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/22/2021								below)	(give title	belo				
(Street) SOUTH FRANCI (City)	ISCO C		94080 (Zip)	4.   	If Ame	ndme	nt, Date	of Original I	Filed	(Month/Da	uy/Year)	Lin	X Form f	iled by One I	Reporting Pe	rson	
		Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivativ	e Se	curit	ties Ac	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or Be	neficial	ly Owned				
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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)	Derivative Conversion Date Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			ansaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		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)	Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir (I) (Inst	hip of Indirec Beneficia Ownershi ect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$28.79	04/22/2021		A			26,000	(1)	C	04/22/2031	Common Stock	26,000	\$0	26,000	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1. \ This \ option \ shall \ vest \ and \ become \ exercisable \ in \ 36 \ equal \ monthly \ installments, \ commencing \ on \ April \ 22, \ 2021.$ 

/s/ Jonathan Young, attorney-in-04/26/2021

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\*\* 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).
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