

BENTSUR RON
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BENTSUR RON

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O KERYX
BIOPHARMACEUTICALS,
INC., 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
KERYX
BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC
[KERX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	01/02/2012		A	(A) or (D) 33,000 (1)	\$ 0 392,281 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2012		S	3,305 (3)	\$ 2.625 388,976 (4)	D	

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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)	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.53	01/02/2012		A	67,000	01/02/2013 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/02/2022	Common Stock	67,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTSUR RON C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Ron Bentsur 01/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- The 33,000 shares are restricted common stock, with one-third of the 33,000 shares vesting on January 2, 2013, and one-twelfth vesting on each of April 2, 2013, July 2, 2013, October 2, 2013, January 2, 2014, April 2, 2014, July 2, 2014, October 2, 2014, and January 2, 2015.
- (1) on each of April 2, 2013, July 2, 2013, October 2, 2013, January 2, 2014, April 2, 2014, July 2, 2014, October 2, 2014, and January 2, 2015.
 - (2) Of the 392,281 shares, 216,334 are shares of restricted stock.
 - (3) Sale of a total of 3,305 shares of common stock was made in order to satisfy Mr. Bentsur's income tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of 8,333 shares of restricted stock on January 2, 2012. Mr. Bentsur had no discretion with respect to such sale, which was transacted automatically in accordance with the Issuer's corporate policies regarding the vesting of restricted stock.
 - (4) Of the 388,976 shares, 216,334 are shares of restricted stock.
 - (5)

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The options will vest according to the following schedule: one-third of the 67,000 options will vest on January 2, 2013, and one-twelfth will vest on each of April 2, 2013, July 2, 2013, October 2, 2013, January 2, 2014, April 2, 2014, July 2, 2014, October 2, 2014, and January 2, 2015.

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