

KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Butler John P.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O KERYX                  BIOPHARMACEUTICALS,                  INC.,Â ONE MARINA PARK                  DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02210</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/09/2015</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC [KERX]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock (Restricted)	10,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/09/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/09/2025	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 4.5	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Butler John P. C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE MARINA PARK DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02210	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Adams,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The shares of restricted stock vest as follows: 1/3 of each on December 9, 2016, December 9, 2017, and December 9, 2018.
- (2) The options vest as follows: 16,667 on December 9, 2016; 16,667 on December 9, 2017; and 16,666 on December 9, 2018.

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