ATHEROGENICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad SCOTT ROB	•	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ATHEROGENICS INC [AGIX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY			(Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2005	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr VP Clinical Dev & RA			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ALPHARET	ΓA, GA 300	04	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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	12/28/2005		M	16,100	A	\$ 7.04	20,000	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2005		S	16,100	D	\$ 20.0066	3,900	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2005		S	3,900	D	\$ 20.0066	0	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.04	12/28/2005		M	16,100	<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2012	Common Stock	16,100

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SCOTT ROBERT A 8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30004

Sr VP Clinical Dev & RA

Signatures

/s/CHARLES A. DEIGNAN, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

12/29/2005

**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).
- (1) 25% of these options vested on 8/30/03, the first anniversary of the date of grant. Following that date, the remaining options vest at a rate of 2%-3% per month over the next 36 months.

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