ATHEROGENICS INC

Form 4 April 27, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PAPPAS ARTHUR M

(First)

8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ATHEROGENICS INC [AGIX]

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

04/26/2006

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ALPHARETTA, 2Q 30004

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amoun 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securiti Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V Expiration Title (A) (D) Date

Exercisable Date

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Non-qualified

Common stock option \$ 14.09 04/26/2006 16,000 (1) 04/26/2016 16,0 A stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PAPPAS ARTHUR M 8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY X ALPHARETTA, 2Q 30004

Signatures

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

04/27/2006

**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).
- These options have an effective vesting commencement date of April 26, 2006 and vest monthly over 12 months. **(1)**

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