ATHEROGENICS INC

Form 4 May 23, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BARKER SAM L

(First)

8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY

(Middle)

Symbol

ATHEROGENICS INC [AGIX]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2008

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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Person

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

ALPHARETTA, GA 30004

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

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

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

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

Reported Transaction(s) (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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	Security			(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-qualified stock option	\$ 0.59	05/22/2008	A		20,000		<u>(1)</u>	05/22/2018	Common stock	20,0

or Disposed of

Reporting Owners

Derivative

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner rune, rune,	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
BARKER SAM L 8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30004	X							

Signatures

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

**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) These options have an effective vesting commencement date of May 22, 2008 and vest monthly over 12 months.

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