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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BENTSUR RON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

KERYX

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC

[KERX]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

Chief Executive Officer

C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS,

INC., 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

D

NEW YORK, NY 10022

Common

Stock

(City) (State) (Zip)

01/02/2011

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

V Code Amount (D) Price

25,000 A (1)

A \$0 380,572 (2)

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 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.58	01/02/2011		A	75,000	01/02/2012(3)	01/02/2021	Common Stock	75,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

BENTSUR RON C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 750 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

X Chief Executive Officer

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Signatures

/s/ Ron Bentsur 01/03/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 25,000 shares are restricted common stock, with one-third of the 25,000 shares vesting on January 2, 2012, and one-twelfth vesting on each of April 2, 2012, July 2, 2012, October 2, 2012, January 2, 2013, April 2, 2013, July 2, 2013, October 2, 2013, and January 2, 2014
- (2) Of the 380,572 shares, 275,000 are shares of restricted stock.
- The options will vest according to the following schedule: one-third of the 75,000 shares will vest on January 2, 2012, and one-twelfth (3) will vest on each of April 2, 2012, July 2, 2012, October 2, 2012, January 2, 2013, April 2, 2013, July 2, 2013, October 2, 2013, and January 2, 2014.

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