BAUPOST GROUP LLC/MA

Form 4

December 13, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BAUPOST GROUP LLC/MA**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

KERYX

BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC

[KERX]

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

> (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2018

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X__ 10% Owner _ Other (specify

10 ST. JAMES AVENUE, SUITE

(State)

(Zip)

1700

(Last)

(City)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

Issuer

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

BOSTON, MA 02116

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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 A poor Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and	(D)	d (A)	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	12/11/2018		A	35,582,335		\$ 4.63	61,374,013	I	See footnote 1 and 2 (1) (2)
Common Stock	12/11/2018		A	4,000,000	A	(3)	65,374,013	I	See footnote 1 and 2 (1) (2)
Common Stock	12/12/2018		D	65,374,013	D	<u>(4)</u>	0	I	See footnote

1 and 2 $\frac{(1)}{(2)}$

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)

D S	Title of Perivative ecurity nstr. 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
S	Coupon enior Convertible Totes due	\$ 4.63	12/11/2018		M	\$ 164,746,000	05/09/2018	10/15/2021	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

2021

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Funite / Futuress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BAUPOST GROUP LLC/MA 10 ST. JAMES AVENUE SUITE 1700 BOSTON, MA 02116	X	X					
Baupost Group GP, L.L.C. 10 ST. JAMES AVENUE SUITE 1700 BOSTON, MA 02116		X					
KLARMAN SETH A 10 ST. JAMES AVENUE SUITE 1700 BOSTON, MA 02116		X					

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Signatures

Seth A. Klarman 12/13/2018

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Seth A. Klarman 12/13/2018

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Seth A. Klarman 12/13/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

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This statement on Form 4 is being jointly filed by The Baupost Group, L.L.C. ("Baupost"), Baupost Group GP, LLC ("Baupost GP") and Seth A. Klarman ("Mr. Klarman") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). Baupost is a registered investment adviser. The principal business of Baupost is to act as an investment adviser to various private investment limited partnerships. Baupost GP, as the manager of

- (1) Baupost, and Mr. Klarman, as the sole managing member of Baupost GP and a controlling person of Baupost, may be deemed to have beneficial ownership under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), of the securities beneficially owned by Baupost. Securities reported on this Form 4 as being beneficially owned by Baupost were purchased on behalf of certain of such partnerships.
- (Continued from footnote 1) The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities indicated except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, and the reporting herein of such securities shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners thereof for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or for any other purpose.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Notes Conversion Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2018, by and among Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.,

 Baupost Group Securities, L.L.C. and, with respect to certain sections only, Akebia Therapeutics, Inc., Baupost Group Securities, L.L.C. agreed to convert its Zero Coupon Senior Convertible Notes due 2021 pursuant to the terms of the governing indenture in exchange for, among other things, the receipt of 4,000,000 share of Common Stock.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, dated as of June 28, 2018, by and among Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., Akebia
 Therapeutics, Inc. and Alpha Therapeutics Merger Sub Inc., upon the closing of the Merger specified therein, all shares of Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons (including all shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the terms of the Notes Conversion Agreement) converted into common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share, of Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

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