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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC [KERX] Butler John P. (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O KERYX (Check all applicable) BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ONE MARINA PARK 10% Owner _X_ Director DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02210 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â $10,000 \frac{(1)}{}$ Common Stock (Restricted) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative 3. Title and Amount of 2. Date Exercisable and Beneficial Security **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 4) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of Ownership

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	12/09/2016(2)	12/09/2025	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 4.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
18	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Butler John P. C/O KERYX BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC. ONE MARINA PARK DRIVE, 12TH FLOOR	ÂΧ	Â	Â	Â	
BOSTON, MA 02210					

Signatures

/s/ Brian Adams, Attorney-in-Fact

12/10/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The shares of restricted stock vest as follows: 1/3 of each on December 9, 2016, December 9, 2017, and December 9, 2018.
- (2) The options vest as follows: 16,667 on December 9, 2016; 16,667 on December 9, 2017; and 16,666 on December 9, 2018.

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