

ATHEROGENICS INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
COLONNESE MARK P

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY  
(Street)

ALPHARETTA, GA 30004

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATHEROGENICS INC [AGIX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/27/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP Finance & Admin & CFO

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	12/27/2005		M		50,600 A \$ 0.3	50,600	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S		50,600 D \$ 21.35	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005		M		20,000 A \$ 0.31	20,000	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005		S		20,000 D \$ 21.35	0	D
Common Stock	12/27/2005		M		29,400 A \$ 0.38	29,400	D

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Common Stock      12/27/2005      S      29,400      D      \$ 21.35      0      D

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 0.3	12/27/2005		M	50,600	<u>(1)</u> 02/23/2009	Common Stock	50,600
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.31	12/27/2005		M	20,000	<u>(2)</u> 12/08/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.38	12/27/2005		M	29,400	<u>(3)</u> 01/28/2010	Common Stock	29,400

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLONNESE MARK P 8995 WESTSIDE PARKWAY ALPHARETTA, GA 30004			Sr VP Finance & Admin & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/CHARLES A. DEIGNAN,  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT      12/29/2005

\_\_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 vested at a rate of 2%-3% per month, ending on 1/31/03.
  - (2) 25% of these options vested on 8/31/00, the first anniversary of the date of grant. Following that date, the remaining options vest at a rate of 2%-3% per month over the next 36 months.
  - (3) 25% of these options vested on 12/31/00, the first anniversary of the date of grant. Following that date, the remaining options vest at a rate of 2%-3% per month over the next 36 months.

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