FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Smither John W					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc. [ EFTR ]						(Ch	eck all applic	cable)	Person(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s	ner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EFFECTOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/09/2022							below)		below)	pechy	
142 NORTH CEDROS AVENUE, SUITE B				-	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						0.15	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
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(City)	(St	tate)	(Zip)													
		Tab	le I - Non-De	rivativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, Di	isposed o	f, or Be	neficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				•	Execution Date		Code (Instr. 5)			5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	es Form ally (D) of following (I) (II	orm: Direct ) or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code V	Amount	nt (A) or P		Transact		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
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)	Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Code	ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.65	06/09/2022		A		20,000		(1)	06/08/2032	Common Stock	20,000	\$0.00	20,000	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Compensation Program. The option shall vest in full on the earlier to occur of (A) the first anniversary of the date of grant or (B) the next occurring annual meeting of the Issuer's stockholders, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service on the board of directors of the Issuer through such vesting date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Michael Byrnes, Attorneyin-Fact for John W. Smither

06/13/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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).

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