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| FORM 4 UNITE | | | | D STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 | | | | | | | | | | | OMB APPROVAL | | |
| Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See | | | | | | NT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS d pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | OMB Number: 3235-0287 Estimated average burden hours per response: 0.5 | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Blumenkranz Mark S. | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IVERIC bio, Inc.</u> [ISEE] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O IVERIC BIO, INC. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2021 | | | | | | | | (give title | ive title Other (spe below) | | becify |
| FIVE PENN PLAZA, SUITE 2372 | | | | | 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10001 | | | | | - | | | | | | | Line | X Form f | led by Mor | • | ting Person One Report | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | | ear) I | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | Beneficia Owned F | s ally ollowing | Form: | Direct o Indirect E tr. 4) C | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | ion(s) | | | nstr. 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) | ive Conversion Date y or Exercise (Month/Day/Year | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 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) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$6.82 | 05/19/2021 | | | A | | 15,500 | | (1) | 05/18/2031 | Common Stock | 15,500 | \$0 | 15,500 | 0 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 05/19/2021 | | | A | | 7,500 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 7,500 | \$0 | 7,500 | , | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Subject to the Reporting Person providing continued services to the Registrant and other terms and conditions under the Registrant's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, the stock option award will vest monthly with respect to 1/12 of the shares underlying such stock option award until the earlier of the business day immediately prior to the Registrant's 2022 annual meeting of stockholders or the first anniversary of the grant date. Any unvested shares subject to the stock option award will be accelerated in full upon the occurrence of a change in control event (as defined in the Registrant's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan). 2. Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the units.

3. Subject to the Reporting Person providing continued services to the Registrant and other terms and conditions under the Registrant's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, the award of restricted stock units will vest in bill on the earlier of one business day prior to the Registrant's 2022 annual meeting of stockholders or the first anniversary of the grant date. Any unvested shares subject to the award of restricted stock units will be accelerated in full upon the occurrence of a change in control event (as defined in the Registrant's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan).

/s/ Todd D.C. Anderman, as Attorney-in-Fact for Mark S. 05/20/2021 **Blumenkranz**

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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

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