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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bolte Axel</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O IVERIC BIO, INC.</u> <u>8 SYLVAN WAY</u>  (Street) <u>PARSIPPANY NJ 07054</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IVERIC bio, Inc. [ ISEE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/17/2023</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			

**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 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
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/17/2023		A		7,500		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7,500	\$0	7,500	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the unit.
- Subject to the Reporting Person providing continued services to the Registrant and other terms and conditions under the Registrant's 2023 Stock Incentive Plan, the award of restricted stock units will vest in full on the earlier of one business day prior to the Registrant's 2024 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 2023 Stock Incentive Plan). For purposes of this report on Form 4, a change in control event includes the closing of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated April 28, 2023, between the Registrant, Astellas US Holding, Inc., Berry Merger Sub, Inc. and solely as provided by Section 8.10(b) of such agreement, Astellas Pharma Inc.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Todd D.C. Anderman, as  
Attorney-in-Fact for Axel Bolte      05/19/2023

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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