

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>Bender Jeremy</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MERO BIOPHARMA GROUP PLC 4TH FLOOR, ONE CAVENDISH PLACE  (Street) LONDON X0 W1G 0QF  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Mereo BioPharma Group plc [ MREO ]</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>02/26/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	Amount or Number of Shares				
Share Options (Right to buy)	\$0.39	02/26/2026		A		66,000		(1)	02/26/2036	American Depository Shares <sup>(2)</sup>	66,000	\$0	66,000	D	
Deferred Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/26/2026		A		117,533		(3)	(3)	American Depository Shares <sup>(2)</sup>	117,533	(3)	117,533	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Vests in substantially equal monthly installments over a one year period from the February 26, 2026 grant date.
- Each American Depository Share ("ADS") represents five ordinary shares, nominal value GBP 0.003 per ordinary share, of the Issuer.
- Deferred restricted stock units ("DRSU") are granted to non-executive directors who elected to receive DRSUs in the form of ADSs in lieu of annual cash compensation. DRSUs vest in substantially equal monthly installments over the plan year following the grant date. Payment of DRSUs in ADSs will generally be made 180 days following separation of service.

/s/ Christine Fox, by power of attorney 02/27/2026

\*\* 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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