FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685

IL

(State)

60606

(Zip)

(Street)

(City)

CHICAGO

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					or	Section	30(h)	of the	Invest	tment	Company Act	of 1940							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Discovery Group I, LLC</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2011									Offic below	er (give title w)	e	Othe below	r (specify w)
(Street) CHICAGO IL 60606				4.1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)												reis				
		Tabl	e I - I	Non-Deriv	ative	e Sec	uritie	s Ad	cquir	ed, C	Disposed o	of, or E	3enefi	cially	y Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		:e,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		Benefic		es ially Following	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		Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(111501. 4)
Common	Stock			03/14/20)11				P		100(1)	A	\$9.	55	1,57	74,992		I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
Common	Stock			03/15/20)11				P		6,065(1)	A	\$9.68	68 ⁽³⁾	1,58	31,057		I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
Common	Stock			03/15/20)11				P		987 ⁽²⁾	A	\$9.68	68 ⁽³⁾	36	7,768		I	By Pleiades Investment Partners - D, L.P ⁽²⁾
Common	Stock			03/16/20)10				P		4,942 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$9.73	06(4)	1,58	35,999		I	By Discovery Equity Partners, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
		Та	ıble I								sposed of, , convertib				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or S		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)							
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	cisabl	Expiration e Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	r					
	d Address of ery Group	Reporting Person*																	
(Last)		(First)	(1	Middle)		-													

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Murphy Michael R									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)							
C/O DISCOVER	C/O DISCOVERY GROUP I, LLC								
191 N. WACKER DRIVE SUITE 1685									
(Street)									
CHICAGO	IL	60606							
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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Donoghue Daniel J									
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Discovery Group I, LLC is the General Partner of Discovery Equity Partners, L.P., which is a discretionary client of the reporting person, that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 2. Discovery Group I, LLC is an investment manager for Pleiades Investment Partners D, L.P., which is a discretionary client of the reporting person, that owns the reported securities. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.50 to \$9.75. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected
- 4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.69 to \$9.80. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected

Remarks:

Michael R. Murphy and Daniel J. Donoghue are managing members of Discovery Group I, LLC, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Michael R. Murphy, Managing 03/16/2011

Director

 Daniel J. Donoghue
 03/16/2011

 Michael R. Murphy
 03/16/2011

 ** Signature of Reporting Person
 Date

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

- * 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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