# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13D/A**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)\*

# Athira Pharma, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

04746L 104 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 27, 2023 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.  $\Box$ 

**Note**: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Section 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

#### CUSIP No. 04746L 104

| 1.  | Names of Reporting Persons.  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|     |  | Perceptive Advisors LLC |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.  | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  (a) □ (b) ⊠     |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  | SEC Use Only   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  | Source of Funds (See Instructions)   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | AF   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  | Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     |  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.  | . Citizenship or Place of Organization   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | Delaware   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     |  | 7.                      | Sole Voting Power        |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | imber of   |                         | 0                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | Shares<br>neficially   | 8.                      | Shared Voting Power      |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | wned by<br>Each  |                         | 5,402,964                |  |  |  |  |  |
| Re  | eporting   | 9.                      | Sole Dispositive Power   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ]   | Person<br>With   |                         | 0                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| .,  |  | 10.                     | Shared Dispositive Power |  |  |  |  |  |
|     |  |                         | 5,402,964                |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person                         |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | 5,402,964  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12. | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     |  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)                                   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | 14.2%  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|     | IA   |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |  |

### CUSIP No. 04746L 104

| 1.      | Names of Reporting Persons.  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|---------|--|--------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|         | Joseph Edelman   |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 2.      | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  (a) □ (b) ⊠ |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 3.      | SEC Use Only   |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 4.      | Source of Funds (See Instructions)   |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         | AF   |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 5.      |  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         |  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 6.      | 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         | United S   | States | of America               |  |  |  |  |
|         |  | 7.     | Sole Voting Power        |  |  |  |  |
|         | imber of   |        | 0                        |  |  |  |  |
|         | Shares<br>neficially   | 8.     | Shared Voting Power      |  |  |  |  |
| Ov      | wned by<br>Each  |        | 5,458,448                |  |  |  |  |
| Re      | eporting   | 9.     | Sole Dispositive Power   |  |  |  |  |
|         | Person<br>With   |        | 0                        |  |  |  |  |
| VV ILII |  | 10.    | Shared Dispositive Power |  |  |  |  |
|         |  |        | 5,458,448                |  |  |  |  |
| 11.     | Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person                     |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         | 5,458,448  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 12.     |  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         |  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 13.     | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)                               |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         | 14.3%  |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
| 14.     | Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)                                      |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
|         | IN   |        |                          |  |  |  |  |
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### CUSIP No. 04746L 104

| 1.                                      | Names of Reporting Persons.  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--------|---|--|--|--|--|
|   | Perceptive Life Sciences Master Fund, Ltd.   |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2.                                      | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  (a) □ (b) ⊠       |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3.                                      | SEC Us   | e Only | y   |  |  |  |  |
| 4.                                      | Source of Funds (See Instructions)   |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|   | WC   |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 5.                                      |  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 6.                                      | 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Cayman   | Islan  | ds  |  |  |  |  |
|   |  | 7.     | Sole Voting Power                                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | mber of  |        | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| Shares<br>Beneficially                  |  | 8.     | Shared Voting Power                               |  |  |  |  |
|   | vned by<br>Each  |        | 5,402,964   |  |  |  |  |
| Re                                      | porting  | 9.     | Sole Dispositive Power                            |  |  |  |  |
| Person<br>With                          |  |        | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| *************************************** |  | 10.    | Shared Dispositive Power                          |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |        | 5,402,964   |  |  |  |  |
| 11.                                     | Aggrega  | ite An | nount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person |  |  |  |  |
|   | 5,402,964  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 12.                                     | . Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) |        |   |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 13.                                     | Percent  | of Cla | ass Represented by Amount in Row (11)             |  |  |  |  |
|   | 14.2%  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
| 14.                                     | . Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  |        |   |  |  |  |  |
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|   |  |        |   |  |  |  |  |

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is amended and supplemented as follows:

The Reporting Persons acquired beneficial ownership of the shares of the Common Stock in the transactions and at the prices described in Item 5(c). The source of the funds for acquiring these shares was the working capital of the Master Fund.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is amended and supplemented as follows:

- (a) The information set forth in rows 11 and 13 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D is incorporated by reference. The percentage set forth in row 13 is based on 38,054,583 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 6, 2023, as reported by the Issuer in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2023.
- (b) The information set forth in rows 7 through 10 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13D is incorporated by reference. Mr. Edelman's cover page includes 55,484 shares of Common Stock that may be acquired upon the exercise of vested options awarded to Mr. Edelman in connection with his role as a director of the Issuer. Mr. Edelman currently holds stock options to acquire, once vested, an aggregate of 76,384 shares of Common Stock.
- (c) The Master Fund made the following purchases within the past 60 days:

| <u>Date</u>       | Shares  | Price        |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| December 27, 2023 | 32,134  | \$2.28(1)(2) |
| December 28, 2023 | 409,598 | \$2.44(1)(3) |
| December 29, 2023 | 163,954 | \$2.38(1)(4) |

- 1. The reported price is a weighted average price. The reporting persons undertake to provide the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within such range.
- 2. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.195 to \$2.31, inclusive...
- 3. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.265 to \$2.50, inclusive.
- 4. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$2.295 to \$2.44, inclusive.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 29, 2023

PERCEPTIVE ADVISORS LLC

By: /s/ Joseph Edelman

Name: Joseph Edelman Title: Managing Member

/s/ Joseph Edelman

JOSEPH EDELMAN

PERCEPTIVE LIFE SCIENCES MASTER FUND, LTD.

By: Perceptive Advisors LLC

By: /s/ Joseph Edelman

Name: Joseph Edelman Title: Managing Member