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SECURITIES

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

 ADAMS ADRIAN

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/12/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]

> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

> > (Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 245 FIRST ST.

(Street)

X Director Officer (give title below) (specify below)

10% Owner _Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MAÂ 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

(I) (Instr. 5)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Expiration Title Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ADAMS ADRIAN

C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST ST.

CAMBRIDGE, MAÂ 02142

Signatures

/s/ Nicole R. Hadas, Attorney-in-fact for Adrian
Adams 12/13/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24- Power of Attorney

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