Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA] A Dahan Michel (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, (Check all applicable) INC., Â 245 FIRST STREET, **SUITE 1100** 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP, Chief Business Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person CAMBRIDGE, MAÂ 02142 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 27,261 D Â Common Stock 20,500 (1) D $28,596^{(2)}$ Â Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exer Expiration I (Month/Day/Year) | Date | 3. Title and A Securities Ur Derivative So (Instr. 4) | nderlying | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (3) | 02/22/2026 | Common Stock | 30,950 | \$ 7.7 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (4) | 09/30/2025 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 9.66 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (5) | 03/06/2025 | Common Stock | 30,000 | \$ 11.15 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (6) | 05/14/2024 | Common Stock | 6,667 | \$ 22.8 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Dahan Michel C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST STREET, SUITE 1100 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 | Â | Â | SVP, Chief Business Officer | Â | | |

Signatures

/s/ Nicole R. Hadas, attorney-in-fact for Michel
Dahan
03/18/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The restricted stock units were granted by the Issuer on February 22, 2016 pursuant to its 2014 Incentive Plan. One hundred percent of the restricted stock units will vest on the third anniversary of the Grant Date.

Date

- These shares are restricted stock issued pursuant to the December 23, 2013 restricted stock agreement. The shares will vest as follows: 25% vested on December 2, 2014, and the remaining shares will vest in equal quarterly installments over the following three years through December 2, 2017.
- (3) This option was granted February 22, 2016. 25% of the shares underlying this option will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining 75% vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter.
- (4) This option was granted September 30, 2015. 25% of this option will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining 75% vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter.
- (5) This option was granted March 6, 2015. 25% of this option vested on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 75% will vest in equal quarterly installments thereafter.
- (6) This option was granted May 14, 2014. 25% of this option vested on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 75% will vest in equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 - Limited Power of Attorney

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