FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     D'SILVA DHIREN						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017									see K	emarks	•			
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transactio Code (Insti 8)				6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		De Se (In	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A) (D) Exercisable Expiration Date Expiration Date Title Shares		er											
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.53	01/03/2017			A <sup>(2)</sup>		50,000		(5)		09/15/2025	ADSs	50,00	00	\$0 <sup>(4)</sup>	50,000		D		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.4	01/03/2017			A <sup>(2)</sup>		80,000		(6)		12/14/2026	ADSs	80,00	00	\$0 <sup>(4)</sup>	80,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The issuer's "ADSs" are American Depositary Shares, with each ADS representing one ordinary share, nominal value 0.122 Euros per share, of the issuer; ADSs are represented by American Depositary Receipts.
- 2. On 12/31/16, Flamel Technologies S.A. ("Flamel") merged with and into Avadel Pharmaceuticals plc ("Avadel"). As a result of the Merger, Flamel's outstanding ordinary shares were cancelled and exchanged on a 1-for-1 basis for newly issued ordinary shares of Avadel, and all outstanding American Depositary Shares (ADSs) representing Flamel ordinary shares were cancelled and exchanged on a 1-for-1 basis for ADSs representing Avadel ordinary shares. The reporting person filed a Form 4 solely to report dispositions of Flamel securities as a result of the Merger, and filed a Form 3 to reflect the reporting person's new status as a director and/or executive officer of Avadel. This Form 4 reports the reporting person's acquisition of the same number and type of securities of Avadel in the Merger. The reporting person made no market sales or purchases in connection with the dispositions reported in the Form 4 referenced above or the acquisitions reported in this Form 4.
- 3. Represents 15,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issuer's "Free Share" award program on 12/14/2016, all of which will be issued to the reporting person on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- 4. Flamel Ordinary Shares and Flamel ADSs were exchanged in the Merger for an equal number of Avadel Ordinary Shares and Avadel ADSs (as applicable), respectively.
- 5. Options become exercisable as to 12,500 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 09/15/2015 grant date.
- 6. Options become exercisable as to 20,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.

## Remarks:

VP, Irish and European Operations

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as 01/03/2017 attorney-in-fact for Dhiren D'Silva

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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