FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Elrod Marcus W	2. Date of Event Requiring Stateme (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC [ AVDL ]							
(Last) (First) (Middle) BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN			Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     Director	10% Owne	er (M	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN			X Officer (give title below)  VP, Sales	Other (spe	Ap	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City) (State) (Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
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 (Inst		4. Conversion or Exercise	ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson as attorney in fact for Marcus W. 01/03/2017 Elrod

\*\* 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 5 (b)(v).
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## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Phillandas T. Thompson, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Avadel Pharmaceuticals plc, an Irish public limited company (the "Company"), with full power of substitution and re-substitution, to act as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain and/or regenerate codes, passwords, and passphrases enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any related rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director and/or executive officer, as applicable, of the Company, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms and amendments with the SEC and any securities exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and re-substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorney-in-fact.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this First day of January 2017.

/s/ Marcus W. Elrod Marcus W. Elrod