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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ANDERSON MICHAEL S		<u>L S</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC</u> [ AVDL]		ationship of Reporting Po ( all applicable) Director Officer (give title below)	erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)
(Last) (First) (Middle) BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/12/2017		Chief Executiv	,
(Street) DUBLIN (City)	L2 (State)	15 (Zip)	<ul> <li>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</li> </ul>	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	eporting Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Disposed Of			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
ADSs <sup>(1)</sup>	09/12/2017		Р		4,000	Α	<b>\$9.795</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	229,750 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		n of		Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.93							(4)	03/08/2022	ADSs	275,000		275,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.07							(5)	02/01/2023	ADSs	80,500		80,500	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.3							(6)	12/11/2024	ADSs	200,000		200,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.35							(7)	12/10/2025	ADSs	200,000		200,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.4							(8)	12/14/2026	ADSs	200,000		200,000	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The issuer's "ADSs" are American Depositary Shares, with each ADS representing one ordinary share, nominal value \$0.01 per share, of the issuer; ADSs may be represented by American Depositary Receipts.

2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.78 to \$9.80, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Avadel Pharmaceuticals plc, any security holder of Avadel Pharmaceuticals plc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (2).

3. Includes (a) 50,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issuer's "Free Share" award program on 12/11/2014, all of which will be issued to the reporting person on the fourth anniversary of the grant date; (b) 50,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issuer's "Free Share" award program on 8/10/2016, all of which will be issued to the reporting person on the second anniversary of the grant date; and (c) 30,000 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; and (c) 30,000 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. Options became exercisable in four equal amounts over the first four anniversaries after the 03/08/2012 grant date.

5. Options became exercisable in four equal amounts over the first four anniversaries after the 02/01/2013 grant date.

6. Options become exercisable as to 50,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/11/2014 grant date.

7. Options become exercisable as to 50,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/10/2015 grant date.

8. Options become exercisable as to 50,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.

<u>(s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as</u> <u>attorney-in-fact for Michael S.</u> <u>Anderson</u> \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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