FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KANAN MICHAEL F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC [ FLML ]								(Ch	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue heck all applicable)  Director 10% Own  X Officer (give title below) below)			wner		
(Last) (First) (Middle)  BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN  CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2019									See Remarks					
(Street)  DUBLIN L2 15  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					action	ar)	Curities Acq  2A. Deemed  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. S Transaction Code (Instr. 5)		4. Securit Disposed	d of, or Benef curities Acquired (A osed Of (D) (Instr. 3		(A) or	5. Amou Securitie Benefici	int of	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						(Monthibay/real)		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price	Reporte Transac			Jul. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
ADSs <sup>(1)</sup> 03/07/						9					18,000	000		\$ <mark>0</mark>	50,538 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>			D		
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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. Transaction Code (Instr 8)				6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		str. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	or Nun	ount nber hares						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.21								(4)		10/28/2025	ADSs	100	),000		100,000	0	D		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.4								(5)		12/14/2026	ADSs	100	),000		100,000	D	D		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.95								(6)		12/12/2027	ADSs	80	,000		80,000		D		
Stock Option (right to	\$1.85	03/07/2019			A		80,000		(7)		03/07/2029	ADSs	80	,000	\$1.85	80,000		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The issuer's "ADSs" are American Depositary Shares, with each ADS representing one ordinary share, nominal value \$0.01 per share, of the issuer; ADSs may be represented by American Depositary
- 2. Includes (a) 18,000 ADSs granted under the issuer's "Free Share" award program as restricted ADSs on 12/14/2016, all of which were issued to the reporting person on the second anniversary of the grant date; in connection with the payment of certain withholding taxes related to such issuance, the reporting person sold 8,429 ADSs on December 14, 2018; (b) 18,000 restricted shares granted under the issuer's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan on 12/12/2017, of which 12,000 ADSs will vest and be issued on the second anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 6,000 ADSs will vest and be issued on the third anniversary of the grant date (with vesting of these restricted shares subject to the reporting person remaining in continuous service until the applicable anniversary of the date of grant); (c) 3,000 ADSs acquired under the issuer's 2017 Employee Share Purchase Plan on 1/8/2019; and [continued in footnote 3 below]
- 3. (d) 18,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issuer's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan on 3/7/2019, of which 12,000 and 6,000 ADSs will vest and be issued to the reporting person on the 2nd anniversary and 3rd anniversary, respectively, of the grant date (with such vesting subject to the reporting person remaining in continuous service until the applicable anniversary).
- 4. Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 10/28/2015 grant date.
- 5. Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.
- 6. Options become exercisable as to 20,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/12/2017 grant date.
- 7. Options become exercisable as to 20,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 3/7/2019 grant date.

## Remarks:

Sr. VP. Chief Financial Officer.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as attorney-in-fact for Michael F. 03/11/2019 Kanan

Date

- \*\* Signature of Reporting Person
- Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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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