

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>STAPLETON CRAIG R</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>33, AVENUE DU DOCTEUR GEORGES LEVY</u>  (Street) <u>VENISSIEUX IO 69693</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC [ AVDL ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2016</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
ADSs <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>		492,678	D	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	
ADSs <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>		40,000	D	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	I	By Spouse <sup>(4)</sup>
ADSs <sup>(1)</sup>	12/31/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>		16,200	D	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	I	By Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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					
Warrants (right to buy) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$14.54 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/31/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>			100,000	06/24/2015 <sup>(5)</sup>	06/24/2018	ADSs 100,000	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	
Warrants (right to buy) <sup>(6)</sup>	\$14.54 <sup>(6)</sup>	12/31/2016		D <sup>(2)</sup>			117,449	06/24/2016 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/24/2018	ADSs 117,449	\$0 <sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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.
- 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 is filing this Form 4 solely to report dispositions of Flamel securities as a result of the Merger. The reporting person will also file a Form 3 to reflect his or her new status as a director and/or executive officer of Avadel, and a new Form 4 evidencing his or her 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 this Form 4 or the acquisitions to be reported in the new Form 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.
- The filing of this statement shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of these securities.
- Warrants were granted 06/24/2014 but were not exercisable until the first anniversary of the date of grant; on such first anniversary the warrants became exercisable for a 3-year period as to all 100,000 ADSs. The warrant exercise price per ADS may be paid in U.S. Dollars as shown in Item 4 of Table II or in Euros based on the exchange rate prevailing on the date of grant, or (euro)10.94 per ADS.
- Warrants were granted 06/26/2015 but are not exercisable until the first anniversary of the date of grant; on such first anniversary the warrants will become exercisable for a 3-year period as to all 117,449 ADSs. The warrant exercise price per ADS may be paid in U.S. Dollars as shown in Item 4 of Table II or in Euros based on the exchange rate prevailing on the date of grant, or (euro)19.34 per ADS. Warrants as to all 117,449 ADSs vest on 06/26/2016.

**Remarks:**

The reporting person is submitting this Form 4 with respect to the disposition of securities in Flamel Technologies S.A. As described in Footnote 2 above, on December 31, 2016 Avadel Pharmaceuticals plc became the successor by merger to Flamel. In connection with such merger, the company information on the SEC's EDGAR system for CIK # 0001012477 (which number was formerly associated with Flamel) has been changed to reflect Avadel as the SEC filing company. Therefore, all Form 4s submitted via EDGAR after December 31, 2016 with respect to Flamel or Avadel will reflect Avadel's name, address, and ticker symbol.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as attorney-in-fact for Craig R. Stapleton 12/31/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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