

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>BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN</u> <u>CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN</u> (Street) <u>DUBLIN L2 15</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>04/04/2017</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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) | 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 ⁽¹⁾ | 04/04/2017 | | A | | 15,000 | A | \$9.5762 ⁽²⁾ | 507,678 | D | |
| ADSs ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | 40,000 | I | By Spouse ⁽³⁾ |
| ADSs ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | | | | 16,200 | I | By Trust ⁽³⁾ |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Warrants (right to buy) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$14.54 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | | | 06/24/2015 ⁽⁴⁾ | 06/24/2018 | ADSs ⁽¹⁾ | 100,000 | 100,000 | D | |
| Warrants (right to buy) ⁽⁵⁾ | \$21.67 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | 06/26/2016 ⁽⁵⁾ | 06/26/2019 | ADSs ⁽¹⁾ | 117,449 | 117,449 | D | |
| Warrants (right to buy) ⁽⁶⁾ | \$13.59 ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | | | 08/10/2017 ⁽⁶⁾ | 08/10/2020 | ADSs ⁽¹⁾ | 117,449 | 117,449 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.54 to \$9.69, 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).
- 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 as to all 100,000 ADSs vested on 06/26/2015.
- Warrants were granted 06/26/2015 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 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 vested on 06/26/2016.
- Warrants were granted 08/10/2016 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) 12.16 per ADS. Warrants as to all 117,449 ADSs vest on 08/10/2017.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as attorney-in-fact for Craig R. Stapleton 04/05/2017

** 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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