

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KANAN MICHAEL F</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O FLAMEL TECHNOLOGIES S.A.</u> <u>33 AVENUE DU DR. GEORGES LEVY</u>  (Street) <u>VENISSIEUX 10 69200</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC [ FLML ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) See Remarks
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/12/2017</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>	12/12/2017		A		18,000	A	\$0	36,000 <sup>(2)</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. 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					
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$16.21							(3)	10/28/2025	ADSs 100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.4							(4)	12/14/2026	ADSs 100,000		100,000	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.95	12/12/2017		A		80,000		(5)	12/12/2027	ADSs 80,000	\$8.95	80,000	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.
- Includes (a) 18,000 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; (b) 18,000 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) 18,000 restricted shares granted under the issuer's Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan on 12/12/2017, under 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).
- Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 10/28/2015 grant date.
- Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.
- Options become exercisable as to 20,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/12/2017 grant date.

**Remarks:**

Sr. VP, Chief Financial Officer.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as attorney-in-fact for Michael F. Kanan 12/14/2017

\*\* 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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