FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ANDERSON MICHAEL S | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC AVDL] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2017 | | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) DUBLIN (City) | | | 15 (Zip) | | - 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (9) | (- | | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | /ative | Se | curitie | es A | cauired. | Dis | posed o | of. or | Ben | eficia | ıllv Ow | ned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans | | | | action Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transa Code (| 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Ins. 5) | | (A) or | 5. A Sec Ber Ow Rep | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | Ownership rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | | | Code | V | Amount | | (A) or (D) Price | | (Ins | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | | |
| ADSs ⁽¹⁾ 05/19/ | | | | | | | /2017 | | | | 2,500 | (2) | A | A \$10 ⁽³⁾ | | 225,750 | | D | | | |
| | | Ta | able II - I) | | | | | | uired, Di s, option | | | | | | / Owne | ed | | | | | |
| 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) | | n of E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | tr. 3 | 8. Price Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | , | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | Date Expiration Num | Num | ber | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$6.93 | | | | | | | | (4) | † | 3/08/2022 | ADSs | | ,000 | | 275,000 | | D | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.07 | | | | | | | | (5) | 0: | 2/01/2023 | ADSs | 80, | 500 | | 80,500 | | D | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$16.3 | | | | | | | | (6) | 1 | 2/11/2024 | ADSs | 200 | ,000, | | 200,000 | | D | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$14.35 | | | | | | | | (7) | 1 | 2/10/2025 | ADSs | 200 | ,000 | | 200,000 | | D | | | |
| Stock Option (right to | \$10.4 | | | | | | | | (8) | 1 | 2/14/2026 | 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. 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.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$10.01, 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 (3).
- $4. \ Options \ became \ exercisable \ in four \ equal \ amounts \ over \ the \ first \ four \ anniversaries \ after \ the \ 03/08/2012 \ grant \ date.$
- 5. Options become exercisable as to 20,125 ADSs on each of 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.
- $8. \ Options \ become \ exercisable \ as \ to \ 50,000 \ ADSs \ on \ each \ of \ the \ first \ four \ anniversaries \ after \ the \ 12/14/2016 \ grant \ date.$

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson, as attorney-in-fact for Michael S. 05/22/2017 Anderson

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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