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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> THOMPSON PHILLANDAS T. |                        |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC</u> [<br>AVDL ] |   | ionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below) |               |  |  |
|---|------------------------|----------|--|---|--|---------------|--|--|
| (Last)  | (First)<br>LANCHARDSTO | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)   |   | See Remar  | ks            |  |  |
| <b>BLUCK 10-1, B</b>  | LANCHARDSIO            | VV IN    | 01/03/2017   |   |  |               |  |  |
| CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN   |                        | OLIN     |  |   |  |               |  |  |
|   |                        |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |               |  |  |
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## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  |   | 4. Securities A<br>Disposed Of (I<br>5) |               |                           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------|---|---|---------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code             | v | Amount                                  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (1130.4)  |
| ADSs <sup>(1)</sup>             | 01/03/2017                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup> |   | 58,000 <sup>(3)</sup>                   | A             | <b>\$0</b> <sup>(4)</sup> | 58,000  | D   |   |

### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>Derivativ<br>Securitie<br>Acquired<br>or Dispo-<br>of (D) (In<br>3, 4 and 5 | e Expiration Date<br>s (Month/Day/Year)<br>(A)<br>sed<br>str. |                     |                    | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>ying               | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |   | (Instr. 4)   |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$7.36  | 01/03/2017                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>             |   | 100,000  |   | (5)                 | 12/12/2023         | ADSs  | 100,000                             | \$0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | 100,000  | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$16.3  | 01/03/2017                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>             |   | 95,000   |   | (6)                 | 12/11/2024         | ADSs  | 95,000                              | \$0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | 95,000   | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$14.35   | 01/03/2017                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>             |   | 100,000  |   | (7)                 | 12/10/2025         | ADSs  | 100,000                             | \$0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | 100,000  | D  |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$10.4  | 01/03/2017                                 |   | A <sup>(2)</sup>             |   | 100,000  |   | (8)                 | 12/14/2026         | ADSs  | 100,000                             | \$0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                  | 100,000  | D  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. 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

2. 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 filed a Form 4 solely to report dispositions of Flamel securities as a result of the Merger, and filed a Form 3 to reflect the reporting person's new status as a director and/or executive officer of Avadel. This Form 4 reports the reporting person's 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 the Form 4 referenced above or the acquisitions reported in this Form 4.

3. Includes (a) 10,000 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, 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) 18,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issues' "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) 18,000 restricted ADSs granted under the issues' "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.

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.

5. Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/12/2013 grant date.

6. Options become exercisable as to 23,750 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/11/2014 grant date.

7. Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/10/2015 grant date.

8. Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.

# Remarks:

Sr. VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/03/2017

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).

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