

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>THOMPSON PHILLANDAS T.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>BLOCK 10-1, BLANCHARDSTOWN CORPORATE PARK, BALLYCOOLIN</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>DUBLIN L2 15</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>AVADEL PHARMACEUTICALS PLC [ AVDL ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>See Remarks           |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>09/13/2017</u>                     |  |
|  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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 <sup>(1)</sup>             | 09/13/2017                           |  | P                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$9.36 <sup>(2)</sup> | 63,000 <sup>(3)</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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$7.36   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | (4)  | 12/12/2023      | ADSs 100,000  |  | 100,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$16.3   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | (5)  | 12/11/2024      | ADSs 95,000   |  | 95,000   | D   |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$14.35  |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | (6)  | 12/10/2025      | ADSs 100,000  |  | 100,000  | D   |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$10.4   |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | (7)  | 12/14/2026      | ADSs 100,000  |  | 100,000  | 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..
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.34 to \$9.38, 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).
- 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; (b) 20,000 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) 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.
- Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/12/2013 grant date.
- Options become exercisable as to 23,750 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/11/2014 grant date.
- Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/10/2015 grant date.
- Options become exercisable as to 25,000 ADSs on each of the first four anniversaries after the 12/14/2016 grant date.

**Remarks:**

Sr. VP, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

/s/ Phillandas T. Thompson 09/14/2017

\*\* 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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