

# **AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

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**HADAS NICOLE R.**

## **FORM 4**

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<b>Hadas Nicole R.</b>			<b>Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKBA ]</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>SVP, General Counsel, Sec.</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
<b>C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 245 FIRST STREET</b>			<b>10/2/2017</b>					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142</b>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)			(State)			(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)			
Common Stock	10/2/2017		S		1553.00 (1)	D	\$19.64	108054.00	D
Common Stock	10/2/2017		S		6250.00 (2)	D	\$19.95	101804.00	D

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares sold by Reporting Person pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan to pay taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock pursuant to the December 23, 2013 restricted stock award.
- (2) Shares sold by Reporting Person pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on June 15, 2017.

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Hadas Nicole R. C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142</b>			<b>SVP, General Counsel, Sec.</b>	

### Signatures

**John P. Butler, Attorney-in-Fact for Nicole R. Hadas**

**10/4/2017**

\*\*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).

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