Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

August 05, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1100

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Shalwitz Robert

(First) (Middle) (Last)

C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS.

INC., 245 FIRST STREET, SUITE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2014

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chief Medical Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(State)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Securities Owned Following

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

5. Amount of Beneficially Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acqui or Dis (D)		equired (A) Disposed of o) nstr. 3, 4,		Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code \	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 22.8	05/14/2014		A	21,667		<u>(1)</u>	05/14/2024	Common Stock	21,667	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shalwitz Robert C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST STREET, SUITE 1100 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Nicole R. Hadas, attorney-in-fact 08/05/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 25% of this option will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date with the remaining 75% vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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