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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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may continue. See Instruction Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

02/15/2018

Stock

Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nash Duane			ssuer Name and bol	Ticker or T	rading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
		Ake	Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]						
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. Da	ddle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction						
		(Moi	nth/Day/Year)			Director		Owner	
C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 245 FIRST STREET			5/2018			Officer (give below)	e title Other (specify below)		
(Street)			Amendment, Da	te Original		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed	(Month/Day/Year)		Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
CAMBRID	OGE, MA 02142					Person	Tore than One Re	porung	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securition	es Acquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security (Month/Day/Year) Executive		Execution Date	, if Transaction	on(A) or Disp	posed of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Y	ear) (Instr. 8)			Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)	Reported			
					or	Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common	02/15/2010		c (1)	1 000	\$	21 400	Ъ		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
	Derivative Security				Securities Acquired			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed						Repo Trans
					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nash Duane C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Signatures

Nicole R. Hadas, Attorney-in-Fact for Duane Nash

02/16/2018

**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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 20, 2017.

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