Enyedy Mark J Form 4 December 13, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Enyedy Mark J

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

Stock

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director

Officer (give title

10% Owner

Other (specify

C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS. INC., 245 FIRST ST.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/12/2018

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

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

(A) or

A

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount Common 12/12/2018 Α 3,743

(Month/Day/Year)

(D) Price 3,743

(1)

D

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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 19.56	12/12/2018		A	18,716	<u>(2)</u>	09/11/2027	Common Stock	18,716
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 10.05	12/12/2018		A	11,229	<u>(2)</u>	06/30/2028	Common Stock	11,229
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 8.94	12/12/2018		A	25,000	<u>(4)</u>	12/12/2028	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Enyedy Mark J C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	X				

Signatures

/s/ Nicole R. Hadas, Attorney-in-fact for Mark J.
Enyedy

**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).

Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 28, 2018 (as amended, the "Merger Agreement"), each share of common stock of Keryx Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Keryx") owned by the Reporting Person at the effective time of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement (the "Effective Time") was automatically converted into 0.37433 shares of the Issuer's common stock (the "Exchange Multiplier").

(2) The option is fully vested and currently exercisable.

(3)

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Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, each option to purchase Keryx common stock (a "Keryx Option"), whether vested or unvested, that was outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, was converted into an option to acquire the number of shares of common stock of the Issuer (an "Issuer Option") equal to the product of (i) the number of shares subject to such Keryx Option as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, multiplied by (ii) the Exchange Multiplier, rounded down to the nearest whole number of shares of the Issuer's common stock, at an exercise price per share equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the per share exercise price of the Keryx Option by the Exchange Multiplier, rounded up to the nearest whole cent.

(4) 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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