

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2016

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**January 6, 2016**

**AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-36352**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-8756903**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**245 First Street, Suite 1100, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 871-2098**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On January 6, 2016, Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company ) entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement ) with Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and UBS Securities LLC as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule II thereto (the Underwriters ), related to a public offering (the Offering ) of 7,250,000 shares of the Company s common stock, \$0.00001 par value per share, (the Common Stock ) at a price to the public of \$9.00 per share pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-203206) and a related prospectus supplement. In addition, the Company granted the Underwriters an option to purchase, at the public offering price less any underwriting discounts and commissions, an additional 1,087,500 shares of Common Stock exercisable for 30 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement. Subject to customary closing conditions, the Offering is expected to close on January 12, 2016.

The above description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

An opinion dated January 12, 2016 regarding the legality of the issuance and sale of the Common Stock in the Offering is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) **Exhibits.**

**Exhibit  
No.**

**Description**

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| 5.1  | Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP.   |
| 23.1 | Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above).   |

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

/s/ John P. Butler

Name: John P. Butler

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 12, 2016

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