Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nash Duane

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

04/01/2015

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title

10% Owner

Other (specify

C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS. INC., 245 FIRST STREET, SUITE 1100

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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4. Securities Acquired 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) \$ 9.51 Common 1.980 04/01/2015 A A 13,012 D Stock (1) (1) (2)

\$ Common 04/02/2015 S 996 (3) D 9.0881 D 12,016 Stock (4)

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

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

X

Signatures

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

04/06/2015

**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).
- 47,525 shares of restricted stock (as adjusted from 27,157 shares prior to the 1.75-for-1 stock split effected on March 6, 2014) were awarded on December 23, 2013. Fifty percent of the shares vested on December 23, 2014. The remaining fifty percent vest ratably on the **(1)** first day of each calendar quarter over three years from the first anniversary of the grant date until fully vested, assuming continued service through the applicable vesting date.
- Price represents the selling price of the Issuer's common stock on April 1, 2015.
- Shares sold by reporting person pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan to pay taxes in connection with the vesting of restricted stock pursuant to the (3)December 23, 2013 award described in footnote 1.
- The price reported in this Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.90 to \$9.31, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer, or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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