

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4

December 29, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Nash Duane

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

12/23/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	12/23/2014		A	Amount <u>23,762</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	(A) or (D) A \$ 11.54 <sup>(2)</sup>	23,762	D
Common Stock	12/24/2014		S	Amount <u>6,764</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	D \$ 11.2639	16,998	D
Common Stock	12/26/2014		S	Amount <u>5,169</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	D \$ 11.1909 <sup>(4)</sup>	11,829	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	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  
12/29/2014

\_\_\_\_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) 27,157 shares of restricted stock (as adjusted from 47,525 shares for the 1.75-for-1 stock split effected on March 6, 2014) was awarded on December 23, 2013. Fifty percent of the shares vested on December 23, 2014. The remaining fifty percent vest ratably on the 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.
- (2) Price represents the selling price of the Issuer's common stock on December 23, 2014.
- (3) 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 December 23, 2013 award described in footnote 1.
- (4) The price reported in this Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.96 to \$11.28, 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

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set forth in this footnote.

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