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

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

September 2017

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 $\frac{Akari\ The rapeutics,\ Plc}{(\text{Translation of registrant's name into English)}}$ 

24 West  $40^{th}$  Street,  $8^{th}$  Floor New York, NY 10018 (Address of principal executive offices)

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On September 1, 2017, Akari Therapeutics, Plc granted stock options to purchase ordinary shares under the Company's Amended and Restated 2014 Equity Incentive Plan to the following officers and directors of the Company in the following amounts: David Horn Solomon, 26,000,000 Ordinary Shares (equivalent to 260,000 ADSs); Clive Richardson, 4,500,000 Ordinary Shares (equivalent to 45,000 ADSs); Robert M. Shaw, 1,800,000 Ordinary Shares (equivalent to 18,000 ADSs); and Dov Elefant, 500,000 Ordinary Shares (equivalent to 5,000 ADSs). The options have terms of ten years with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the grant date and will vest ratably on an annual basis over four years, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

## **SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

> Akari Therapeutics, Plc (Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert M. Shaw
Name: Robert M. Shaw General Counsel & Secretary

Date: September 6, 2017