## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

# SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.)\*

## Akari Therapeutics PLC

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, par value £0.01 (represented by American Depositary Shares)

(Title of Class of Securities)

00972G108

(CUSIP Number)

September 18, 2015

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

 $\Box$  Rule 13d-1(b)

 $\boxtimes$  Rule 13d-1(c)

 $\Box$  Rule 13d-1(d)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PER	SONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
	Deerfield Mgmt, L.P.	
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEM	BER OF A GROUP* (a) $\Box$ (b) $\blacksquare$
3.	SEC USE ONLY	
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATIO	N
	Delaware	
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH		57,535,000 (1)
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		57,535,000 (1)
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OW	NED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	57,535,000 (1)	
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	4.89%	
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
	PN	

(1) Comprised of Ordinary Shares (represented by American Depositary Shares) held by Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. of which Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. is the general partner. The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF AB Deerfield Management Company, L.		
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX I	F A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) $\Box$ (b) $\boxtimes$	
3.	SEC USE ONLY		
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGA	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware		
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF		0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH		115,070,000 (2)	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		115,070,000 (2)	
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIA	ALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	115,070,000 (2)		
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*		
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTE	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	9.77%		
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*		
	PN		

(2) Comprised of Ordinary Shares (represented by American Depositary Shares) held by Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. and Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. of which Deerfield Management Company, L.P. is the investment advisor. The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE F	PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
	Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P.	
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A M	1EMBER OF A GROUP*(a) $\Box$ (b) $\boxtimes$
3.	SEC USE ONLY	
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZA	TION
	Delaware	
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH		57,535,000 (3)
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		57,535,000 (3)
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	57,535,000 (3)	
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	4.89% (3)	
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
	PN	

(3) Comprised of Ordinary Shares (represented by American Depositary Shares) held by Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. of which Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P. is the general partner. The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF AB Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L		
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX	IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) $\square$ (b) $\boxtimes$	
3.	SEC USE ONLY		
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGA	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware		
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF		0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH		57,535,000 (4)	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		57,535,000 (4)	
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICI	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	57,535,000 (4)		
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE CERTAIN SHARES*	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENT	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	4.89% (4)	4.89% (4)	
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*		
	PN		

(4) The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF AB Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.		
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX	IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*(a) $\Box$ (b) $\boxtimes$	
3.	SEC USE ONLY		
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGA	ANIZATION	
	Delaware		
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF		0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH		57,535,000 (5)	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		57,535,000 (5)	
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICE	ALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	57,535,000 (5)		
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE CERTAIN SHARES*	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTI	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	4.89% (5)		
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*		
	PN		

 $\overline{(5)}$  The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABO James E. Flynn	OVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)	
2.	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX I	F A MEMBER OF A GROUP*(a) $\Box$ (b) $\blacksquare$	
3.	SEC USE ONLY		
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGA	NIZATION	
	United States		
	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUMBER OF		0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER	
OWNED BY EACH		115,070,000 (6)	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	
	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		115,070,000 (6)	
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIA	ALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	115,070,000 (6)		
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*		
11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTE	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9	
	9.77% (6)		
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*		
	IN		

(6) Comprised of Ordinary Shares (represented by American Depositary Shares) held by Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. and Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. The Ordinary Shares reported as beneficially owned are owned through American Depositary Shares. Each American Depositary Share represents 100 Ordinary Shares.

Item 1(a).	Name of Issuer:		
	Akari Therapeutics PLC		
Item 1(b).	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:		
	The Gridiron Building One Pancras Square C/O Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz UK LLP London, N1C 4AG, United Kingdom		
Item 2(a).	Name of Person Filing:		
	James E. Flynn, Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. and Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P.		
Item 2(b).	Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:		
	James E. Flynn, Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P., and Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P., 780 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10017		
Item 2(c).	Citizenship:		
	Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. and Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P Delaware limited partnerships; James E. Flynn – United States citizen		
Item 2(d).	Title of Class of Securities:		
	Ordinary Shares, par value £0.01 (represented by American Depositary Shares)		
Item 2(e).	CUSIP Number:		
	00972G108		
Item 3.	If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:		
(a)	Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.		
(b)	$\square$ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.		
(c)	$\Box$ Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.		
(d)	□ Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.		
(e)	An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);		
(f)	An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule $13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)$ ;		

- (g)  $\Box$  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  $\Box$  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  $\Box$  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned\*\*:

Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Management Company, L.P. - 115,070,000 shares Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares James E. Flynn - 115,070,000 shares

(b) Percent of class\*\*:

Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. - 4.89% Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P. - 4.89% Deerfield Management Company, L.P. - 9.77% Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. - 4.89% Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. - 4.89% James E. Flynn - 9.77%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has\*\*:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

All Reporting Persons - 0

Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Management Company, L.P. - 115,070,000 shares Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares James E. Flynn - 115,070,000 shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

## All Reporting Persons - 0

Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Management Company, L.P. - 115,070,000 shares Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. - 57,535,000 shares James E. Flynn - 115,070,000 shares

\*\*See footnotes on cover pages which are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following  $\Box$ .

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

N/A

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

If a parent holding company or Control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(c) or ss.240.13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

#### See Exhibit B

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

Item 10. Certifications.

"By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a–11."

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P. By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P. By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MGMT III, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital III, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PRIVATE DESIGN FUND III, L.P. By: Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital III, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

JAMES E. FLYNN

<u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

Date: September 21, 2015

#### Exhibit List

Exhibit A. Joint Filing Agreement.

Exhibit B. Item 8 Statement.

Exhibit C. Power of Attorney (1).

(1) Power of Attorney previously filed as Exhibit 24 to a Form 3 with regard to Avalanche Biotechnologies, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 30, 2014 by Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P., Deerfield Special Situations Fund, L.P., Deerfield Special Situations International Master Fund, L.P., Deerfield Private Design Fund III, L.P. and James E. Flynn.

#### Exhibit A

## Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G, and all amendments thereto, relating to the Ordinary Shares, par value  $\pounds 0.01$  represented by American Depositary Shares of Akari Therapeutics PLC shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P. By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P. By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MGMT III, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital III, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND, L.P. By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PRIVATE DESIGN FUND III, L.P. By: Deerfield Mgmt III, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital III, LLC, General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

JAMES E. FLYNN

<u>/s/ Jonathan Isler</u> Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

Date: September 21, 2015

## Exhibit B

Due to the relationships between them, the reporting persons hereunder may be deemed to constitute a "group" with one another for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.