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

December 2017

Commission file number: 001-36288

<u>Akari Therapeutics, Plc</u> (Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

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On December 4, 2017, Akari Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") terminated Robert Shaw's employment by the Company as Chief Legal & Compliance Officer and Company Secretary without cause. Mr. Shaw will remain employed by the Company until January 3, 2018.

The information contained in this report (including the exhibit hereto) is hereby incorporated by reference into all effective registration statements filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933.

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/ David Horn Solomon Name: David Horn Solomon Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 8, 2017