FORM 3

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Williams Donald Allen	Date of Event     Requiring Statement     (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akari Therapeutics Plc [ AKTX ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AKARI THERAPEUTICS, PLC 24 WEST 40TH STREET, 8TH FLOOR  (Street) NEW YORK NY 10018  (City) (State) (Zip)	- 06/29/2016	4.	4. Relationship of Reporting Pe (Check all applicable)  X Director  Officer (give title below)	rson(s) to Issu 10% Own Other (spe below)	ecify (Mo	nth/Day/Year)  ndividual or Joir  licable Line)  Form filed b  Person	ate of Original Filed  It/Group Filing (Check  y One Reporting  y More than One  lerson	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	t (D) (Instr	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)								
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day		ite	3. Title and Amount of Secu Underlying Derivative Secu 4)		4. Conversion or	Form:	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of or	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit List - Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Robert M. Shaw, as attorney-in-fact 06/30/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Dov Elefant and Robert M. Shaw of Akari Therapeutics, Plc (the "Company"), and Jeff Schultz, Nyisha Shakur and Lauren Luptak of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., signing singly, with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute and deliver for and on behalf of the undersigned, forms and authentication documents for EDGAR Filing Access;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such forms and authentication documents;
- (3) execute and deliver for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (4) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange, self-regulatory or similar authority; and
- (5) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, (i) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or any liability for the undersigned's failure to comply with such requirements or (ii) any obligation or liability that the undersigned incurs for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney does not revoke any other power of attorney that the undersigned has previously granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

/s/ Donald Allen Williams	
Signature	
Donald Allen Williams	
Print Name	