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

SCHEDULE 13D/A Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 4)\*

# **Akari Therapeutics, Plc**

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, \$0.0001 par value (Title of Class of Securities)

00972G108 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 29, 2021 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of  $\S240.13d-1(e)$ , 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.  $\square$ 

The information required on 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 ("Act") 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.	Names of R	Names of Reporting Persons.  Ray Prudo, M.D.			
	Ray Prudo,				
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			(a) □ (b) ⊠	
3.	SEC Use Only				
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO				
5.	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)				
6.	Citizenship Canada	Citizenship or Place of Organization  Canada			
	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:	<ul><li>7.</li><li>8.</li><li>9.</li><li>10.</li></ul>	Sole Voting Power 62,959,500 Shared Voting Power 934,146,200 Sole Dispositive Power 62,959,500 Shared Dispositive Power 934,146,200		
11.	934,146,200	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  934,146,200  Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)			
13.	Percent of C	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)			
14.		18% Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN			

1.	Names of Re	Names of Reporting Persons.			
	RPC Pharma	RPC Pharma Limited			
2.	Check the A	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
3.	SEC Use Or	SEC Use Only			
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions)				
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5.	Check if Dis	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)			
6.	Citizenship (	Citizenship or Place of Organization			
	Malta	Malta			
Number of Shares Beneficially		7.	Sole Voting Power		
			0		
	Owned by Each		Shared Voting Power		
	Reporting		871,186,700		
	Person With:	9.	Sole Dispositive Power		
			0		
		10.	Shared Dispositive Power		
			871,186,700		
11.	Aggregate A	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person			
	871,186,700	871,186,700			
12.	Check if the	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)			
13.	Percent of C	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)			
	16.8%	16.8%			
14.	Type of Rep	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)			
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1.	Names of R	Names of Reporting Persons.					
	Praxis Trust	Praxis Trustees Limited As trustee of The Sonic Healthcare Holding Company					
2.	Check the A	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  (a) (b)					
3.	SEC Use Or	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Fi	Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)						
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Guernsey							
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With:		7. 8. 9.	0 8. Shared Voting Power 871,186,700 9. Sole Dispositive Power 0				
11.	871,186,700	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  871,186,700					
12.		eck if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)					
13.	Percent of C	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  16.8%					
14.	Type of Rep	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)					

#### Introduction

This Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment No. 4") amends and supplements where indicated the Statement on Schedule 13D originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 2015 and amended on October 26, 2017, March 30, 2020 and October 18, 2021, respectively (collectively, the "Prior Schedule 13D") by and on behalf of RPC Pharma Limited, a Maltese corporation ("RPC"), Ray Prudo, M.D., a citizen of Canada ("Dr. Prudo") and Praxis Trustees Limited As trustee of The Sonic Healthcare Holding Company ("Praxis," and together with RPC, and Dr. Prudo, the "Prior Reporting Persons"), and relates to the ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 ("Ordinary Shares") of Akari Therapeutics, Plc, a public limited company formed under the laws of England and Wales (the "Issuer").

Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prior Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 4 amends and supplements the Prior Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein. Except as set forth below, all previous Items in the Prior Schedule 13D remain unchanged.

This Amendment No. 4 is being filed to amend Items 3, 4 and 5 as set forth below and to update the number of shares of Ordinary Shares beneficially held by the Reporting Persons as a result of the transaction described below.

## Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Prior Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented by adding the following paragraph:

On July 3, 2019, pursuant to a registered direct offering (the "2019 Registered Direct Offering") of 2,368,392 of the Issuer's American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each representing 100 Ordinary Shares, RPC purchased 184,210 ADSs at a price of \$1.90 per ADS. The funds used by RPC to acquire the ADSs were from its working capital. In connection with the sale of the ADSs in the 2019 Registered Direct Offering, RPC was also issued unregistered warrants to purchase an aggregate of 92,105 ADSs at a price of \$3.00 per ADS in a private placement. The warrants were immediately exercisable.

On February 19, 2020, pursuant to a private placement (the "2020 Private Offering") of 3,667,360 of the Issuer's ADSs, each representing 100 Ordinary Shares, Dr. Prudo purchased 150,000 ADSs at a price of \$1.70 per ADS. The funds used by Dr. Prudo to acquire the ADSs were from his personal funds. In connection with the sale of the ADSs in the 2020 Private Offering, Dr. Prudo was also issued unregistered warrants to purchase an aggregate of 75,000 ADSs at a price of \$2.20 per ADS in a private placement. The warrants were immediately exercisable.

On July 7, 2021, pursuant to a private placement (the "2021 Private Offering") of 7,947,540 of the Issuer's ADSs, Praxis purchased 387,096 ADSs at a price of \$1.55 per ADS. The funds used by Praxis to acquire the ADSs came from Dr. Prudo's personal funds held by Praxis on his behalf.

On December 29, 2021, pursuant to a registered direct offering (the "Registered Direct Offering") of 4,311,019 of the Issuer's ADSs, each representing 100 Ordinary Shares, Dr. Prudo purchased 404,595 ADSs at a price of \$1.40 per ADS. The funds used by Dr. Prudo to acquire the ADSs were from his personal funds. In connection with the sale of the ADSs in the Registered Direct Offering, Dr. Prudo was also issued registered warrants to purchase an aggregate of 202,297 ADSs at a price of \$1.65 per ADS in a registered direct offering. The warrants were immediately exercisable.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Prior Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented by adding the following paragraph:

On July 3, 2019, RPC purchased 184,210 ADSs and was issued 92,105 warrant ADSs in the 2019 Registered Direct Offering described above. On February 19, 2020, Dr. Prudo purchased 150,000 ADSs and was issued 75,000 warrant ADSs in the 2020 Private Offering described above. On July 7, 2021, Praxis purchased 387,096 ADS in the 2021 Private Offering described above. On December 29, 2021, Dr. Prudo purchased 404,595 ADSs and was issued 202,297 warrant ADSs in the Registered Direct Offering described above.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) In his individual capacity, Dr. Prudo beneficially owns the 934,146,200 Ordinary Shares reported on the first cover page, which represents approximately 18% of the Issuer's Ordinary Shares. RPC beneficially owns the 871,186,700 Ordinary Shares reported on the second cover page, which represents approximately 16.8% of the Issuer's Ordinary Shares. Voting and investment decisions with respect to such shares are controlled by Dr. Prudo. Praxis beneficially owns the 871,186,700 Ordinary Shares reported on the third cover page, which represents approximately 16.8% of the Issuer's Ordinary Shares. Voting and investment decisions with respect to such shares are controlled by Dr. Prudo. The percentage of beneficial ownership reported on the Reporting Persons' cover pages to this Amendment No. 4 is based on 5,190,833,823 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of January 4, 2022 (as reported in the Company's Prospectus Supplement Form 424B5 filed on January 4, 2022).

(b)

Reporting Person	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive	Shared Dispositive
			Power	Power
Ray Prudo, M.D.	62,959,500	934,146,200	62,959,500	934,146,200
RPC Pharma Limited	0	871,186,700	0	871,186,700
Praxis	0	871,186,700	0	871,186,700

(c) On July 3, 2019, RPC purchased 184,210 ADSs at a price of \$1.90 per ADS pursuant to 2019 Registered Direct Offering as described in Item 3. In connection with the sale of the ADSs in the 2019 Registered Direct Offering, RPC was also issued unregistered warrants to purchase an aggregate of 92,105 ADSs at a price of \$3.00 per ADS in a private placement. On February 19, 2020, Dr. Prudo purchased 150,000 ADSs at a price of \$1.70 per ADS pursuant to the 2020 Private Offering as described in Item 3. In connection with the sale of the ADSs in the Private Offering, Dr. Prudo was also issued unregistered warrants to purchase an aggregate of 75,000 ADSs at a price of \$2.20 per ADS in a private placement. On July 7, 2021, praxis purchased 387,096 ADSs at a price of \$1.55 per ADS pursuant to the 2021 Private Offering as described in Item 3. On December 29, 2021, Dr. Prudo purchased 404,595 ADSs and was issued 202,297 warrant ADSs in the Registered Direct Offering described above. None of the Reporting Persons has effected any other transactions in shares of the Common Stock during the 60 days prior to the filing of this Amendment No. 4.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends or the proceeds from the sale of any Ordinary Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

## **Signatures**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned hereby certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated January 11, 2022 By: /s/ Ray Prudo

RAY PRUDO, M.D.

Dated: January 11, 2022 RPC PHARMA LIMITED

By: /s/ Ray Prudo Name: Ray Prudo, M.D. Title: Authorized Person

Dated: January 14, 2022 Praxis Trustees Limited As trustee of The Sonic Healthcare Holding

Company

By: /s/ Blane Queripel Name: Blane Queripel Title: Trustee Director