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Form 6-K

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

July 2017

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<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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Akari Therapeutics, Plc has posted to its website an updated corporate presentation. A copy of the presentation is furnished with this Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit No.

99.1 Investor Presentation of Akari Therapeutics, Plc dated July 2017.

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.

<u>Akari Therapeutics, Plc</u> (Registrant)

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

Date: July 12, 2017

Exhibit 99.1



July 2017

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candidates and support existing products; the approval by the FDA and EMA and any other similar foreign regulatory authorities of other competing or superior products brought to market; risks resulting from unforeseen side effects; risk that the market for Coversin or other product candidates may not be as large as expected; inability to obtain, maintain and enforce patents and other intellectual property rights or the unexpected costs associated with such enforcement or litigation; inability to obtain and maintain commercial manufacturing arrangements with third party manufacturers or establish commercial scale manufacturing capabilities; unexpected cost increases and pricing pressures; and uncertainty of our ability to raise capital and our inability to meet working capital needs. Many of these factors that will determine actual results are beyond our ability to control or predict. For a discussion of the factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements, see the "Risk Factors" section of our most recently filed 20F. Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The statements made in this presentation speak only as of the date stated herein, and subsequent events and developments may cause our expectations and beliefs to change. Unless otherwise required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend, nor do we undertake any obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation to reflect subsequent information, events, results or circumstances or otherwise. While we may elect to update these forward-looking statements publidy at some point in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

Akari Mission Statement

Developing the next generation of rare & orphan anti-inflammatory therapies

Ticks have undergone 300 million years of natural selection to produce inhibitors that bind to key inflammatory mediators and are well tolerated in humans. Our unique molecules are derived from these inhibitors

Exploiting Evolutionary Benefits of Tick-Derived Proteins



Tick salivary proteins work by inhibiting host immune responses, enabling tick to repeatedly feed without damage from host inflammatory response



Target early inflammatory mediators

Specific binding avoids off-target effects

Akari Highlights

Developing tick-derived proteins to inhibit early inflammation

Three separate development programs, each focused on distinct inflammatory pathways

- 1) Complement program
 - PNH* projected Phase III start 4Q 2017
 - aHUS* projected Phase II start 4Q 2017
 - Once-weekly dosing molecule in development
- 2) Dual C5 & leukotriene B4 (LTB4) program
 - AKC* & BP* projected Phase II starts 1Q 2018

3) Scientific development program

• Other tick-derived and engineered molecules

 * PNH: Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria; aHUS: Atypical hemolytic-uremic syndrome; AKC: Atopic keratoconjunctivitis; BP: Bullous Pemphigoid

Strategic Positioning

Complement inhibition

Expected to be ~\$5 billion peak market

Sub Q delivery differentiated against current IV standard of care

Active PNH & upcoming aHUS trials Growing list of other targets



Potential for 20-30% market share

Leukotriene + Complement inhibition

Developing orphan market

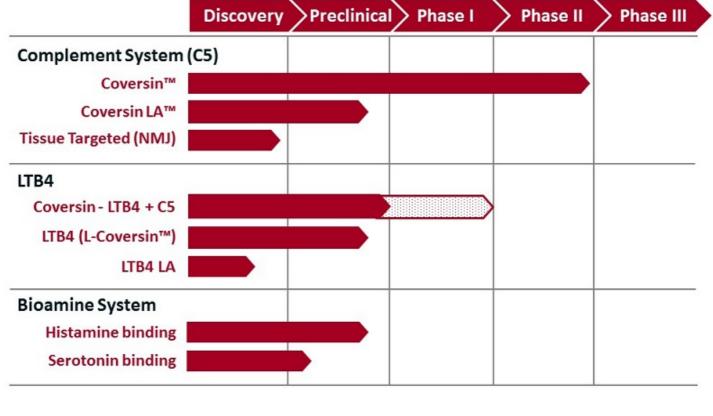
Differentiated Mechanism of Action

Active AKC, BP, Systemic programs and other targets with high degree of unmet need



Potential to achieve dominant market share as sole provider

Akari Portfolio Builds On Complement Experience



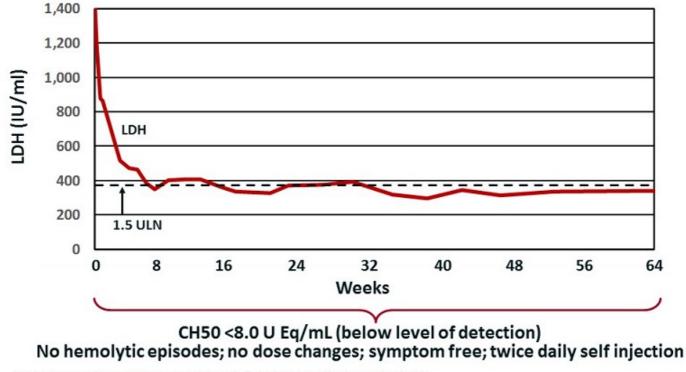
COMPLEMENT PROGRAM

Akari - Complement Pathway Positioning

- Two ongoing Phase II PNH programs CONSENT and COBALT; and a long-term safety study - CONSERVE
- Resistant PNH trial (CONSENT) 1 patient
 - Currently recruiting
 - Patient has been on Coversin since February 2016
- Naïve PNH trial (COBALT) 5 patients
 - All 4 continuing patients have now entered long term safety study (CONSERVE)
 - One patient withdrawn at Day 43 due to suspected comorbidity unrelated to treatment

- Currently recruiting 2-3 additional patients (protocol being amended to investigate higher dosing)
- aHUS Phase II trial up to 10 patients





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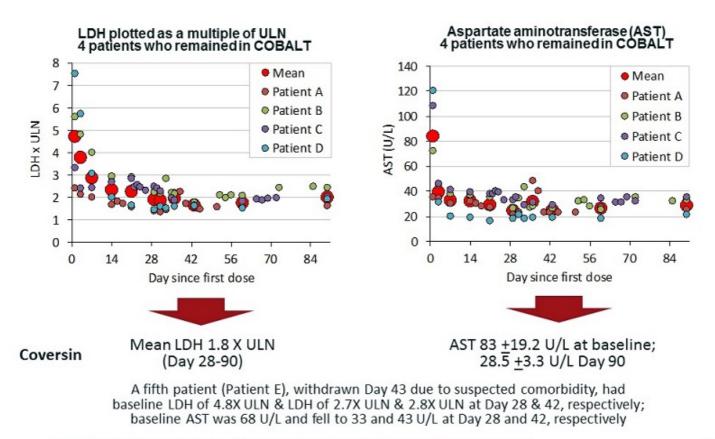
Patient treated pursuant to an approved clinical protocol in the Netherlands 2016 EH, Saskia Langemeijier, University of Radboud, Nijmegen * Note: all available LDH data shown; patient has now been on treatment with Coversin for 17 months

Phase 2 PNH Trials Update

All five continuing patients (in CONSENT and COBALT) on ongoing treatment have experienced:

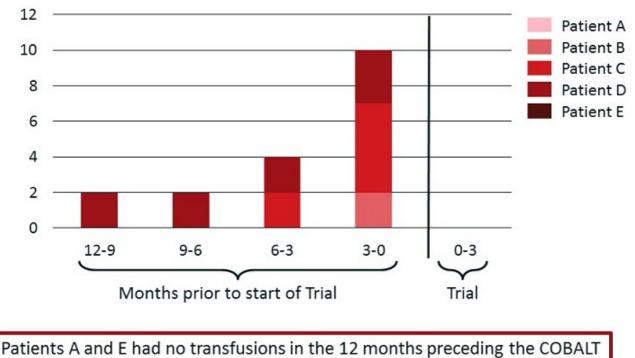
- Daily (COBALT) or twice daily (CONSENT) subQ self-administration
- No neutralizing antibodies
- No SAEs related to Coversin
- AEs (including mild/moderate injection site reactions)
- CH50 below level of quantification
- LDH reduction
- No transfusions (3 of 5 continuing patients required transfusion in the 12 months prior to receiving Coversin)
- Stable hemoglobin

Declines in Blood Markers of Hemolysis – All Four Continuing COBALT Phase II Patients



NOTE: Day 0 data for patients A and D was recorded within six weeks prior to trial entry

Packed Red Blood Cells (PRBC) Transfused Prior to and During 90 Day COBALT Trial



trial or while in the trial. Patient E was withdrawn from the trial at Day 43

Treatment Duration, Safety, and Tolerability Of Patients Treated with Coversin

Eculizumab-resistant PNH patient (CONSENT)



*Now in longer-term safety study (CONSERVE)

- Drug well tolerated by patients
- No SAEs related to Coversin
- CONSENT patient and the 4 continuing COBALT patients are self-dosing and have had no transfusions during or post trial (to date)
- Patients develop low titer antibodies between 2-13 weeks after starting Coversin
- Antibodies non-neutralizing in lytic assay

Planned PNH Phase III Trials CAPSTONE and ASSET

- Two PNH Phase III clinical trials:
 - Naïve patients (CAPSTONE)
 - Switch (ASSET)
- CAPSTONE: Naïve patients randomized to Coversin plus standard of care vs. standard of care
- ASSET: Eculizumab-treated patients randomized to remain on eculizumab or switch to Coversin
- In discussion with regulators regarding trial designs
- CAPSTONE currently projected to commence 4Q 2017

Coversin Targeting Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS)

- Chronic and life-threatening genetic disease characterized by microangio-pathic hemolytic anemia, thrombocytopenia, and kidney injury
- Efficacy of C5 inhibition in aHUS demonstrated by the approval of eculizumab for this indication
- aHUS physicians have expressed support for once-daily Coversin

 More therapeutic flexibility for episodic patients
 - Patient convenience
- Phase II trial up to 10 naïve patients at six sites across Europe, projected to begin in 4Q 2017

DUAL C5 AND LEUKOTRIENE B4 (LTB4) PROGRAM

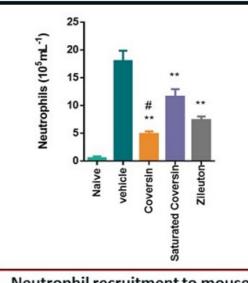
Dual Leukotriene and Complement Inhibition by Coversin Has Potential In Wide Range of Diseases with Unmet Need



Two Phase II Leukotriene/Complement Trials Projected to Start in 1Q 2018

- Phase II programs
 - AKC (atopic keratoconjunctivitis) - eye (topical drops)
 - BP (bullous pemphigoid) skin (sub Q)
- Several severe lung conditions are impacted by complement and leukotriene pathways with zileuton and montelukast both prescribed
- Dual activity creates potential for unique treatment option

Dual action (Coversin) more effective than C5-only (saturated Coversin) or Zileuton alone in mouse model

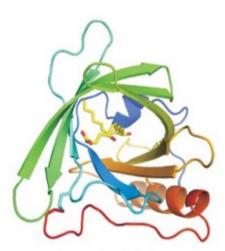


Neutrophil recruitment to mouse lung induced by LPS in presence of Coversin or Zileuton

Data from Pneumolabs 2017

Coversin & L-Coversin Potentially Superior Strategy to Target LTB4

Previous strategies to target LTB4 suffered from a lack of selectivity; benefits of reducing LTB4 were offset by off-target effects

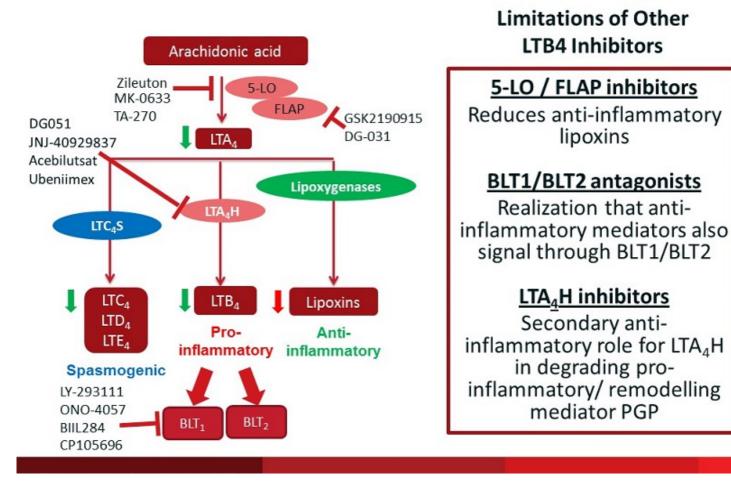


Roversi, P. et al., J Biol. Chem. 2013

Coversin and L-Coversin capture LTB4 within an internal binding site

- Directly and specifically "mop up" LTB4 without perturbing other pathways
- Unique LTB4 targeting selectivity
 - Expected not to reduce anti-inflammatory lipoxins
 - Does not inhibit PGP (an anti-inflammatory agent) degradation

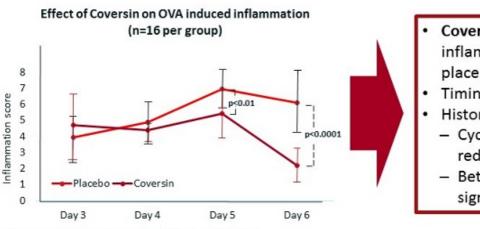
LTB4 Intervention Strategies

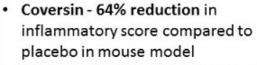


DUAL ACTION EYE (AKC) AND SKIN (BP) PROGRAM

Demonstrated Benefit in Mouse Model Late-Phase Ocular Inflammation

Collaboration with Moorfields Hospital (Institute of Ophthalmology) EIC pre-clinical model of severe eye surface inflammation





- Timing indicative of T cell response
- Historical comparison*:
 - Cyclosporin A (0.1%) 43% reduction
 - Betamethasone (0.1%) no significant reduction

• C57/BI6 mice sensitized to OVA for 14 days

OVA eye surface challenge for 6 days post sensitization (days 0 – 6)

Coversin applied once daily on days 3 – 6 after inflammatory response well established

Maximum effect seen after 3 days of Coversin treatment (late phase of inflammation)

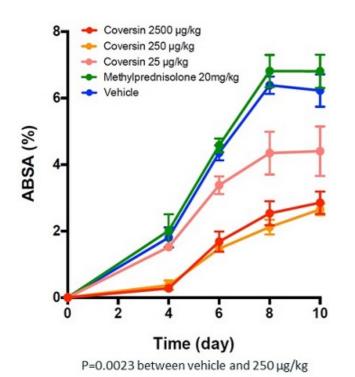
* Shii D, Nakagawa S, Yoshimi M et al. 2010; Biol Pharm Bull 33(8):1314–1318

Atopic Keratoconjunctivitis (AKC)



- Severe eye surface inflammation causing infiltration of immune cells such as neutrophils and T cells. A cause of blindness worldwide
- Topical drugs, such as steroids or cyclosporin, often not effective or cannot be given chronically
- In AKC disease, despite best current treatment many patients progress to severe corneal involvement
- · Both complement and LTB4 known to be involved
- Progresses to affect the cornea and may lead to loss of vision. Both eyes affected
- Therapeutic success in this indication could open up other cicatrising eye surface conditions
- Phase I/II randomized, double masked, placebo-controlled trial at Moorfields Eye Hospital and Royal Liverpool Hospital projected to start 1Q 2018

Coversin Demonstrated Benefit in Bullous Pemphigoid Model



- ~60% reduction in affected area on Coversin (Sub Q) compared to vehicle or steroid in mouse model
- · Clear dose response





Vehicle

250µg/kg Coversin

Preclinical passive mouse model from Dr. Sadik in Lubeck, Germany Leading Bullous Pemphigoid center

Bullous Pemphigoid (BP) Significant Unmet Need



- Immune complex deposition initiates complement cascade and inflammatory process
- LTB4 recruits neutrophils to dermis-epidermis junction and amplifies inflammation
- Phase II open label trial against standard of care projected to start in 1Q 2018 in three centers in Europe

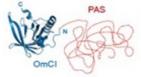
SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Akari Discovery Platform

Coversin engineered molecules targeted to complement pathway



• Extended half life (LA)



 Tissue targeting (NMJ*) (Myasthenia Gravis) Other Akari tick-derived molecules

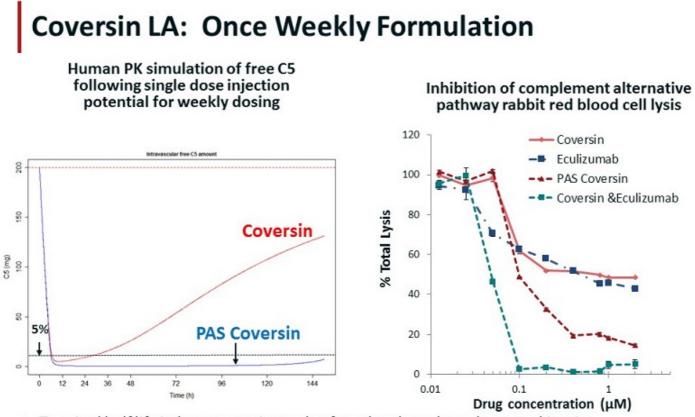


- Eicosanoid pathway (LTB4 only) L-Coversin (lung)
- Bioamine pathway



 Ligand capture preventing action on multiple GPCRs
 Similar biophysical properties to Coversin

* Neuromuscular junction (NMJ) is the site of communication between motor nerve axons and muscle fibers



- Terminal half life in humans estimated at four days based on pharmacokinetic (PK) data in mice and rats
- · Clean initial toxicology profile comparable to unmodified Coversin
- Phase I clinical study planned for 2018

Sources: BAST Inc. Limited, UCL Laboratories

Financial Summary March 31, 2017

ADS* outstanding

11,776,934

ADS Fully Diluted

12,583,641

Cash and Cash Equivalents**

\$35.1m (no debt)

* Each ADS represents 100 ordinary shares

** Includes short-term investments

Akari Clinical Program Highlights

Complement program

- PNH projected Phase III start 4Q 2017
 - additional Phase II patients 4Q 2017
- aHUS projected Phase II start 4Q 2017
- Coversin LA projected Phase I start 4Q 2018

Dual C5 & leukotriene B4 (LTB4) program

• AKC & BP - projected Phase II starts – 1Q 2018

COBALT Phase II Dosing and Response Summary

- Three of the four continuing patients were updosed
 Patient A and B were updosed from 30 mg to 45 mg once daily at Days 40 and 54, respectively
 - Patient C was updosed to 22.5 mg twice daily at Day 24 and moved to 45 mg once daily at Day 67
 - Patient B, the last in to date, did not see a decline in LDH with updosing, although his hemoglobin level rose after Day 67
- Primary end point of LDH <1.8X ULN at Day 28 was achieved by two of the five patients
- LDH as a multiple of ULN (xULN) for the 5 patients (A, B, C, D and E) at Day 28 was respectively 1.4, 2.2, 2.5, 1.4 and 2.7
- Patient E was withdrawn at Day 43
- For the four continuing patients, xULN at Day 60 was 1.5, 2.1, 1.8 and 1.5; and at Day 90, 1.6, 2.4, 2.0 and 1.9



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