UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

Akari Therapeutics Plc

(Name of Issuer)

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

00972G207 (CUSIP Number)

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

May 31, 2024 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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).

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	Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)						
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(4)	Source of funds (see instructions)						
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(2) Based on 23,482,497,523 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of May 31, 2024, as per information provided to the Reporting Persons by the Issuer. See Item 5.

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Preliminary Note

Capitalized terms used in this Preliminary Note without definition have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this Schedule 13D.

As of the date hereof, the Reporting Persons hold an aggregate of: (i) 1,061,007 American Depository Shares (the "ADSs"), each of which represents, and at the holder's option is convertible into, 2,000 Ordinary Shares; and (ii) 1,061,007 Series C Warrants (the "Series C Warrants"), issued on May 31, 2024, each of which is currently exercisable, subject to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation (as defined below), for one ADS at an exercise price of \$1.76 per ADS.

The terms of the Series C Warrants provide that Series C Warrants may not be exercised to the extent that, after giving effect to such exercise, the holder (together with the holder's Attribution Parties, as defined therein) would beneficially own, as determined in accordance with Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, more than 9.99% of the Ordinary Shares then issued and outstanding (the "Beneficial Ownership Limitation"). As of the date hereof, the Beneficial Ownership Limitation permits the Reporting Persons to exercise Series C Warrants for an aggregate of not more than 124,368 ADSs. In providing the beneficial ownership information set forth herein, the Reporting Persons have assumed that the aggregate remaining 936,639 Series C Warrants held by the Reporting Persons are not exercisable due to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation.

As used herein, the term "May 2024 Private Placement" refers to the Issuer's private placement which, as disclosed by the Issuer in its Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2024, closed on May 31, 2024 and entailed the issuance and sale by the Issuer of 3,817,553 ADSs and Series C Warrants to purchase up to 3,817,553 ADSs.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement relates to the ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "<u>Ordinary Shares</u>"), of Akari Therapeutics, Plc (the "<u>Issuer</u>"). The principal executive office of the Issuer is 22 Boston Wharf Road FL 7, Boston, MA 02210.

Item 2. Identity and Background

- (a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by: (i) Charles Steve Theofilos, M.D. ("<u>Dr. Theofilos</u>"); and (ii) Kathryn Theofilos ("<u>Mrs. Theofilos</u>"). Dr. Theofilos and Mrs. Theofilos are together referred to herein as the "Reporting Persons."
- (b) The principal business address of each of the Reporting Persons is 300 Village Square Crossing, Suite 102, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.
- (c) Dr. Theofilos is a retired neurosurgeon who founded The Spine Center in Palm Beach Gardens, FL in 1996. He also founded and serves as President of Theo Concepts, LLC and Founder of The Theo Group, a family office.
 - Mrs. Theofilos is President/CEO of The Theo Group, a family office, and an attorney and manager-member of Theofilos Law, P.L.
- (d) None of the Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) None of the Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Dr. Theofilos and Mrs. Theofilos are both citizens of the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Persons' acquisition of the ADSs and Series C Warrants was made using an aggregate \$2 million of personal funds of the Reporting Persons.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The disclosure set forth in Item 5 and 6 below is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 4.

The Reporting Persons acquired the ADSs and Series C Warrants for investment purposes.

Although no Reporting Person has any specific plan or proposal to acquire, transfer or dispose of ADSs, warrants or other securities of the Issuer, consistent with its investment purpose, each Reporting Person at any time and from time to time may acquire additional ADSs, warrants or other securities of the Issuer or transfer or dispose of any or all of its ADSs, warrants or other securities of the Issuer, depending in any case upon an ongoing evaluation of the Reporting Persons' investment in the ADSs, warrants, and/or such other securities, prevailing market conditions, other investment opportunities, liquidity requirements of the Reporting Persons and/or other investment considerations. None of the Reporting Persons has made a determination regarding a maximum or minimum number of ADSs, warrants, or other securities of the Issuer which it may hold at any point in time.

Consistent with their investment purpose and subject to any applicable confidentiality obligations, one or more Reporting Persons or their representatives may engage in communications regarding the Issuer with other persons, including, without limitation, one or more shareholders of the Issuer, one or more officers of the Issuer and/or one or more members of the Board of Directors of the Issuer. Such communications may relate, without limitation, to the Issuer's strategy, operations, capital structure, corporate governance, and/or any current or future initiatives that may be proposed or adopted by the Issuer's management or Board of Directors. During the course of such communications, the Reporting Persons or such representatives may advocate or oppose one or more courses of action. In addition, Dr. Theofilos has communicated and intends to continue to communicate with the Issuer's management and board of directors about potential service as a director of the Issuer.

Except to the extent the foregoing may be deemed a plan or proposal, none of the Reporting Persons currently has any plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j) of the instructions to Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may,

at any time and from time to time, (i) review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto and (ii) consider or propose one or more of the actions described in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Company

(a)-(b).

The ownership information set forth herein is calculated based upon the 23,482,497,523 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of May 31, 2024, as per information provided to the Reporting Persons by the Issuer.

	Total Ordinary Shares	Percent	Sole	Shared	Sole Power	Shared Power
	Beneficially	of	Voting	Voting	to	to
Person	Owned	Class Outstanding	Power	Power	Dispose	Dispose
Charles Steve Theofilos, M.D.	2,370,750,000 (1)	9.99%	0	2,370,750,000	0	2,370,750,000
Kathryn Theofilos	2,370,750,000 (1)	9.99%	0	2,370,750,000	0	2,370,750,000

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(c).

On May 31, 2024, the Reporting Persons, jointly, purchased from the Issuer in the May 2024 Private Placement (i) 1,061,007 ADSs and (ii) Series C Warrants to purchase up to 1,061,007 ADSs at an exercise price of \$1.76 per ADS. Each ADS and Series C Warrant was purchased for a combined effective purchase price of \$1.885. Other than the foregoing, none of the Reporting Persons has engaged in any transactions with respect to shares of Common Stock during the 60 days before the date of this filing.

(d).

To the knowledge of the Reporting Persons, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the securities reported herein.

(e).

Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Company

The disclosure set forth in Items 3, 4 and 5 above is hereby incorporated by reference in this Item 6.

May 2024 Purchase Agreement

On May 31, 2024, the Reporting Persons, jointly, purchased from the Issuer in the May 2024 Private Placement (i) 1,061,007 ADSs and (ii) Series C Warrants to purchase up to 1,061,007 ADSs. Such purchases were effected pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 29, 2024 (the "May 2024 Purchase Agreement"), among the Issuer, the Reporting Persons, and the other parties thereto. The May 2024 Purchase Agreement contains customary terms and conditions.

The foregoing description of the May 2024 Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of May 2024 Purchase Agreement, a copy of which was filed by the Issuer as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2024 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Series C Warrants

Pursuant to the May 2024 Purchase Agreement, on May 31, 2024 the Issuer issued to the Reporting Persons Series C Warrants entitling the holder thereof to purchase up to 1,061,007 ADSs at an exercise price of \$1.76 per ADS, subject to adjustment as provided therein. The Series C Warrants are immediately exercisable subject to the terms thereof and expire on May 31, 2027.

The foregoing description of the Series C Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of Series C Warrant, a copy of which was filed by the Issuer as Exhibit 4.1 to the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2024 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

There is filed herewith as Exhibit 1 a written agreement relating to the filing of joint acquisition statements as required by Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

There is filed herewith as Exhibit 2 the Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 31, 2024, incorporated by reference to the copy thereof filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2024.

There is filed herewith as Exhibit 3 the Form of Series C Warrant, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Issuer's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 4, 2024.

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.
Dated: June 18, 2024

Dr. Charles Theofilos

/s/ Dr. Charles Theofilos

Kathryn Theofilos

/s/ Kathryn Theofilos

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- 2. Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 31, 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Issuer on June 4, 2024)
- 3. Form of Series C Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Issuer on June 4, 2024)

1. Joint Acquisition Statement Pursuant to Section 240.13d-1(k), dated June 18, 2024

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JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated: June 18, 2024

Dr. Charles Theofilos

/s/ Dr. Charles Theofilos

Kathryn Theofilos

/s/ Kathryn Theofilos

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