

1/8/18

Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street NW
Washington, DC 20549

RE: Schedule 13G
Akebia Therapeutics inc
As of 12/31/2017

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 13(d)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, attached please find a copy of Schedule 13G for the above named company showing a beneficial ownership change of 1% or more as of 12/31/17 filed on behalf of Eagle Asset Management, Inc.

Very truly yours,

Damian Sousa
Vice President
Chief Compliance Officer
DS:GA
Enclosures

cc: Office of the Corporate Secretary
Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.
245 First Street
Suite 1100
Cambridge, MA 02142

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)*

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

00972D105
(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement
_____. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has
a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more
than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1;

and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in 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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CUSIP NO. 00972D105

13G

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Eagle Asset Management, Inc. 59-2385219

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (A) _____
(B) _____

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

State of Florida

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED AS OF 12/31/17	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 2,716,724
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER - - -
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,716,724
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER - - -

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,716,724

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
[_____]

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.75%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Akebia Therapeutics Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executing Offices:

Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.
245 First Street
Suite 1100
Cambridge, MA 02142

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Eagle Asset Management, Inc.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

880 Carillon Parkway
St. Petersburg, Florida 33716

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Florida

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

00972D105

Item 3 Type of Reporting Person:

(e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment
Advisors Act of 1940

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Item 4 Ownership as of 12/31/17

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

2,716,724 shares of common stock beneficially owned including:

No. of Shares	
Eagle Asset Management, Inc.	2,716,724

(b) Percent of Class: 5.75%

(c) Deemed Voting Power and Disposition Power:

(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
Deemed	Deemed	Deemed	Deemed
to have	to have	to have	to have
Sole Power	Shared Power	Sole Power	Shared Power
to Vote or	to Vote or	to Dispose	to Dispose
to Direct	to Direct	or to	or to
to Vote	to Vote	Direct the	Direct the
		Disposition	Disposition

Eagle Asset 2,716,724 ---- 2,716,724 ----
Management, Inc.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

 If this statement is being filed to report the fact that
as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial
owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the
following.

 (___)

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

 N/A

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired
 the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

 N/A

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Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: N/A

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: N/A

Item 10 Certification:

 By signing below I certify that to the best of my
knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired
in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for purpose of
and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of
the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with
or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

 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.

Date: 1/8/18 EAGLE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.

Damian Sousa
Vice President
Chief Compliance Officer

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