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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Novo A/S</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>TUBORG HAVNEVEJ 19</u>  (Street) <u>HELLERUP G7 2900</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKBA ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <b>SEE REMARKS</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/25/2014</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	03/25/2014		C		1,333,797	A	(1)	1,333,797	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/25/2014		P		182,590	A	\$17	1,516,387	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
SERIES C PREFERRED STOCK	(1)	03/25/2014		C			714,285	(1)	(1)	COMMON STOCK	1,333,797 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.00	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Series C Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") had no expiration date and was convertible at any time, at the holder's election. Upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering, the Preferred Stock converted into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock based on a conversion ratio equal to the Series C Accrued Value (the original issuance price of \$14.00 plus accrued but unpaid cash dividends) divided by the Applicable Conversion Price of \$14.00, adjusted for the 1.75 stock split, as provided in the Issuer's Eighth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

**Remarks:**

Novo A/S is a Danish limited liability company. The board of directors of Novo A/S (the "Novo Board"), which is currently comprised of Sten Scheibye, Goran Ando, Jeppe Christiansen, Steen Riisgaard and Per Wold-Olsen, has shared investment and voting control over the securities of the Issuer held by Novo A/S (the "Shares") and may exercise such control only with the support of a majority of the Novo Board. As such, no individual member of the Novo Board is deemed to hold any beneficial ownership or reportable pecuniary interest in the Shares.

/s/ Thorkil Kastberg Christensen,  
Chief Financial Officer of Novo A/S     03/26/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person     Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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

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