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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Morrison Jodie Pope			Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. [AKBA]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/12/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
C/O AKEBL INC., 245 I		PEUTICS,		(Check all applicable)			``````````````````````````````````````		
	(Street)			X Director Officer			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting		
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142					(opening cerem)		Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Na Owne (Instr	*		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director 10% Own		Officer	Other			
Morrison Jodie Pope C/O AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 245 FIRST ST. CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142	ÂX	Â	Â	Â			
Signatures							
/s/ Nicole R. Hadas, Attorney-in-fact for Jodie Pope Morrison 12							
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					
Explanation of Responses:							

EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES: No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

Exhibit 24- Power of Attorney

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