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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name ar<br>Brown                                 |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ] |   |       |  |  |  |         |                 |                             |          | k all applic<br>Directo  | or   |                                | 10% Ov                          | vner  |   |   |  |  |  |
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| (Street) WALTHAM MA 02451  (City) (State) (Zip)     |   |  |   |       |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |         |                 |                             |          |  |  |                                |                                 | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |  |  |
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| Date  |   |  |   | Date  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year |         | Code (Instr.    |                             |          | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5) |  |                                | 4 and Securi<br>Benefi<br>Owned |   | s<br>ally<br>following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |
|   |   |  |   |       |  |  |  |         | Cod             | le V                        |          | Amount   | (A) or (D)   | Pri                            | се                              | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3 a   | ion(s)  |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Ordinary Shares 02/26/                              |   |  |   |       |  | 2018   |  |         | N               |                             |          | 1,100  | A  |                                | \$ <mark>0</mark>               | 19,   | ,751  |   | D  |  |  |
| Ordinary Shares 02/26/                              |   |  |   |       |  | /2018  |  |         | F               |                             |          | 324 D  |  | \$5                            | 8.12                            | 19,427  |   |   | D  |  |  |
|   |   | ٦  | Table II -                                    |       |  |  |  |         |                 |                             |          |  | or Ben<br>ole secu   |                                |                                 | Owned   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                         | 3A. Deemo<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date, |  | ransaction<br>ode (Instr.                                |  | ı of    |                 | Exerci<br>ion Da<br>/Day/Yo | te       | le and   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                | E                               | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)   | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   |       | Code                                       | v  | (A)  | (D)     | Date<br>Exercis | able                        |          | xpiration<br>ate   | Title  | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | ber                             |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                            | \$0   | 02/26/2018   |   |       | M  |  |  | 1,100   | 02/26/2         | 016 <sup>(1)</sup>          |          | (1)  | Ordinary<br>Shares   | 1,1                            | 00                              | \$0   | 1,100   | )   | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1.\ Shares\ subject\ to\ the\ restricted\ stock\ unit\ award\ vest\ in\ equal\ annual\ installments\ over\ a\ four\ year\ period,\ commencing\ on\ 2/26/2016.$ 

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorneyin-fact for Iain M. Brown 02/28/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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