FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* POPS RICHARD F |   |                                  |                   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Alkermes plc. [ ALKS ] |                  |   |                             |          |  |          |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |                |                               |  |                                       |             |
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| POPS RICHARD F  |   |                                  |                   |   |                  |   |                             |          |  |          |  |   | X Dire  | ctor           |                               | 10% Ov   | vner                                  |             |
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|   |   | Tab                              | le I - N          | Non-Deri  | ivativ           | e Sec   | urit                        | ies Ac   | quire  | d, Di    | isposed o  | f, or B   | eneficial   | ly Own         | ed                            |  |                                       |             |
| 1. Title of S   | Security (Inst  | tr. 3)                           |                   | 2. Transac  | tion             |   |                             |          |  |          |  | 5. Amount of  |   |                |                               | 7. Nature  |                                       |             |
| Date<br>(Month/Day/                                     |   |                                  | v/Year)           | Year) Execution D<br>if any<br>(Month/Day                                 |                  | on Date,  | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |          | Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an                                |          | 3, 4 and 5)  | Secu  | ities<br>icially                                    |                | orm: Direct<br>0) or Indirect | of Indirect<br>Beneficial  |                                       |             |
|   |   |                                  | ,                 |   |                  |   |                             |          |  |          |  |   | d Following   |                | (Instr. 4)                    | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |                                       |             |
|   |   |                                  |                   |   |                  |   |                             |          | Code   | v        | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Trans          | action(s)<br>3 and 4)         |  |                                       | (111511. 4) |
|   |   |                                  |                   | 2017  | 17               |   |                             | (1)      |  | F0.000   | . ,  | <b>Ф144</b>   | <u>_</u>  |                | · ·                           |  |                                       |             |
| Ordinary Shares 11/02/20                                |   |                                  | 2017              | L/  |                  | M <sup>(1)</sup>  |                             | 50,000   | A  | \$14.13  |  | 87,686  |   | D              |                               |  |                                       |             |
| Ordinary Shares 11/02/20                                |   |                                  | 2017              |   |                  |   | S <sup>(2)</sup>            |          | 50,000   | D        | \$48.8682  | 8682 <sup>(3)</sup> 637,686   |   |                | D                             |  |                                       |             |
|   |   | -                                | Table I           |   |                  |   |                             |          |  |          | posed of,  |   |   | Owned          | 1                             |  |                                       |             |
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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Date Ex<br>(Month/Day/Year) if a | Executi<br>if any |   |                  | ction<br>Instr.   |                             |          | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |                | e<br>s<br>Illy                | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |             |
|   |   |                                  |                   |   | Code             | v   | (A)                         | (D)      | Date<br>Exercis  | sable    | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |                |                               |  |                                       |             |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)        | \$14.13   | 11/02/2017                       |                   |   | M <sup>(1)</sup> |   |                             | 50,000   | (4)  | )        | 11/05/2017   | Ordinary<br>Shares  | 50,000  | \$0            | 0                             |  | D                                     |             |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option exercise was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 11/6/15.
- $2. \ This \ sale \ was \ effected \ pursuant \ to \ a \ Rule \ 10b5-1 \ trading \ plan \ adopted \ by \ the \ reporting \ person \ on \ 11/6/15.$
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$48.53 to \$49.14. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price can be furnished to the SEC staff upon request.
- 4. These options are fully vested in accordance with their terms.

/s/ Jennifer Baptiste, attorneyin-fact for Richard F. Pops

11/03/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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