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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Horizon Pharma plc [HZNP] ACKERMAN TIMOTHY J. (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O HORIZON PHARMA (Check all applicable) PLC, CONNAUGHT HOUSE, 1ST FL, 1 BURLINGTON RD 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP, Commercial Operations _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person DUBLIN, L2Â 4 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â **Ordinary Shares** 11,136 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02)

owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	09/28/2021	Ordinary Shares	10,000	\$ 7.48	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/01/2023	Ordinary Shares	9,675	\$ 2.4	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	06/26/2024	Ordinary Shares	8,000	\$ 8.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	11/04/2024	Ordinary Shares	6,000	\$ 12.36	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	03/22/2025	Ordinary Shares	84,000	\$ 22.14	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (RSU)	(6)	(6)	Ordinary Shares	10,000	\$ <u>(6)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (RSU)	(7)	(7)	Ordinary Shares	38,000	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â
Performance Share Units (PSU)	(8)	(8)	Ordinary Shares	132,000	\$ (8)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ACKERMAN TIMOTHY J. C/O HORIZON PHARMA PLC CONNAUGHT HOUSE, 1ST FL, 1 BURLINGTON RD DUBLIN, L2 4	Â	Â	SVP, Commercial Operations	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Miles W. McHugh, Attorney-in-Fact

03/02/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The option is fully vested and exercisable. 25% of the shares subject to the option vested on the first anniversary of the date of grant (September 26, 2011), and the remaining shares vested in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on the month following the date of grant (January 2, 2013).
- (3) The option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on the month following the vesting commencement date (January 10, 2014).

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- (4) The option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 equal monthly installments commencing on the month following the date of grant (November 5, 2014).
- (5) 25% of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the date of grant (March 23, 2015), and the remaining shares vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one ordinary share of the Issuer. The restricted stock units vest 25% annually on each anniversary of the date of grant (November 5, 2014).
- (7) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one ordinary share of the Issuer. The restricted stock units vest 25% annually on each anniversary of the date of grant (March 23, 2015).
 - Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive ordinary shares of the Issuer, based on the Issuer's level of total shareholder return, as measured from March 23, 2015 through December 22, 2017, March 22, 2018 and June 22, 2018 or based on the level of total shareholder
- (8) return through any earlier change in control. For such purposes, total shareholder return means the percentage change in the price of the Issuer's ordinary shares on a compounded annual basis, plus the value of reinvested dividends. The number of shares issued may range from zero (0) shares to the maximum number of shares reported in column 3 of this report.

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