

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>SAMAD AKHTAR</b> (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>C/O AVENUE THERAPEUTICS, INC., 2 GANSEVOORT STREET, 9TH FLOOR</b> (Street) <b>NEW YORK, NY 10014</b> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/13/2017</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>AVENUE THERAPEUTICS, INC. [ATXI]</b>		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date 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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock (Restricted)	50,000 (1)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAMAD AKHTAR C/O AVENUE THERAPEUTICS, INC. 2 GANSEVOORT STREET, 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10014	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ Lucy Lu, M.D., Attorney-in-Fact	08/18/2017
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 50,000 shares of restricted Common Stock will vest as follows: One-third on August 8, 2020, one-third on August 8, 2021 and one-third on August 8, 2022.

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