

ASTRAZENECA PLC
Form 6-K
July 21, 2017

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July 2017

Commission File Number: 001-11960

AstraZeneca PLC

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Cambridge Biomedical Campus

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United Kingdom

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Yes No

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TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR HOLDINGS (to be sent to the relevant issuer and to the FCA in Microsoft Word format if possible)i

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attachedii: AstraZeneca PLC

1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)

Non-UK issuer

2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights X

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify)iii:

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligationiv

Name

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
("CGC")

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

Los Angeles, CA 90071, USA

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)v

Name

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedvi: 19 July 2017

6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY): 20 July 2017

7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

| | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A) | % of voting rights through financial instruments of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) | Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) (total) | Total number of voting rights of issuervii |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 5.001% | 0.0000% | 5.001% | 1,265,775,103 |
| Position of previous notification (if applicable) | N/A | N/A | N/A | |

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reachedviii

A: Voting rights attached to shares

| Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible) | Number of voting rightsix | | % of voting rights | |
|---|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| | Direct | Indirect | Direct | Indirect |

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| | (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1) | (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1) | (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1) | (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1) |
|-------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Ordinary (GB0009895292) | | 52,685,225 | | 4.162% |
| ADRs (US0463531089) | | 10,612,832 | | 0.838% |
| SUBTOTAL 8. A | 63,298,057 | | 5.001% | |

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date x | Exercise/Conversion Period xi | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| N/A | | | | |

SUBTOTAL 8. B 1

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date x | Exercise/Conversion Period xi | Physical or cash settlement xii | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| N/A | | | | | |

SUBTOTAL
8.B.2

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer xiii

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity xiv (please add X additional rows as necessary)

| Name xv | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
|---------|--|--|---|
| | | | |

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Holdings by CG Management companies are set out below: | 5.001% | 0.000% | 5.001% |
|--|--------|--------|--------|

Capital Guardian Trust Company¹

Capital International, Inc.¹

Capital International Limited¹

Capital International Sàrl¹

Capital Research and Management Company²

¹Indirect subsidiaries of Capital Research and Management Company.

²Subsidiary of The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:

Name of the proxy holder

The number and % of voting rights held

The date until which the voting rights will be held

11. Additional information^{xvi}

CGC is the parent company of Capital Research and Management Company ("CRMC"). CRMC is a U.S.-based investment management company that manages the American Funds family of mutual funds. CRMC manages equity assets for various investment companies through three divisions, Capital Research Global Investors, Capital International Investors and Capital World Investors. CRMC in turn is the parent company of Capital Group International, Inc. ("CGII"), which in turn is the parent company of five investment management companies ("CGII management companies"): Capital Guardian Trust Company, Capital International, Inc., Capital International Limited, Capital International Sàrl and Capital International K.K. The CGII management companies primarily serve as investment managers to institutional clients.

Neither CGC nor any of its affiliates own shares of AstraZeneca PLC for its own account. Rather, the shares reported on this Notification are owned by accounts under the discretionary investment management of one or more of the investment management companies described above.

Place of completion Los Angeles, CA, USA

Date of completion 20 July 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AstraZeneca PLC

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Date: 21 July 2017 By: /s/ Adrian Kemp
Name: Adrian Kemp
Title: Company Secretary