CHESS ROBERT Form 4

February 24, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CHESS ROBERT

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) below) **Executive Chairman**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.5	02/24/2006		A		37,500		<u>(1)</u>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	37,500
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.01	02/24/2006		A		18,750		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	18,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
. Programme and the same and	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CHESS ROBERT 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	X		Executive Chairman				

Signatures

/s/ Paula S.
Kasler

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Options for 37,500 shares shall vest monthly over one year commencing March 17, 2006.
- (2) The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. All of the restricted stock units shall vest on March 17, 2007.
- (3) Not Applicable.

Remarks:

Mr. Chess has been appointed as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer for Netkar Therapeutics, effective as of Management of Management of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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