NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CHESS ROBERT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[NKTR]

09/21/2016

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O NEKTAR

THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION **BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

(City) (State)

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

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

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common Stock (1)

09/21/2016

(2)

Α 8,000

\$0 271,623 ⁽³⁾

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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 19.15	09/21/2016		A	20,000	<u>(4)</u>	09/20/2024	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director Owner Officer Other

CHESS ROBERT C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158



Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-In-Fact

**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).

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- (1) This stock award was acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (2) This restricted stock unit award vests in full, one year following September 21, 2016.
- (3) This number includes 4,914 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's 401(k) plan. The acquisition of these shares under that plan is exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (4) This option vests in equal monthly installments over the one-year period beginning on September 30, 2016.

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