FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PATTON JOHN STUART						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2005									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Scientific Officer					
(Street) SAN CARLOS CA 94070 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					son	
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						r) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)				nd S	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(4	A) or D)	Price	1	Reporte Fransac Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 12/14/2					/2005	:005			G		3,900	D		(1)		533,657		I		By John S. Patton & Jamie S. Patton TTEES of the Patton Revocable Trust Dated July 2, 1997
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deem	ned n Date,	4. Transa Code (8)	action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			6. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expirat Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun			ice of vative urity r. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y G	10. Dwnership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

1. Price of Common Stock need not be reported as the transaction is a gift involving no payment of consideration by recipient(s) of the gift.

<u>/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of</u> <u>01/04/2006</u> attornev

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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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