FORM 4

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## 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*  BANSAL AJAY						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title) Other (specify					
(Last) 150 IND	st) (First) (Middle) D INDUSTRIAL ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2006									Officer (give title X Other (specify below)  Former CFO					
(Street) SAN CARLOS CA 94070  (City) (State) (Zip)					- 4. II	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uriti	ies Ac	quired,	Dis	osed (	of, or B	ene	ficiall	y Owned	t				
Date					te onth/Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (I	Transaction D		ecurities Acquired (A) o posed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amou Securition Benefici Owned I Reporte	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)				
Common Stock 03/03/3					3/2006	2006		A		2,00	0 <i>A</i>	1	\$0.01	2,000			D			
		Т	able II - I						uired, D , option						Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	Code (I		tion of		6. Date Ext Expiration (Month/Da	Date		And 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	or Nu of	ımber						
Restricted	\$0.01	03/03/2006			D			2,000	03/03/200	5	(1)	Common	·   2,	,000	\$0.01	28,834	4	D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Not Applicable.

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of 03/07/2006 <u>attorney</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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