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] | | | | | | | | (Che | elationship eck all appli X Directo | cable) | ing Per | ng Person(s) to Issuer | | |
|--|---|--|---------------|-------------------------------------|------|---|-----|--------|------------------|----------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2005 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Scientific Officer | | | | | |
| (Street) SAN CARLOS CA 94070 | | | | | 4. I | | | | | | | | | Line | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | | Disposed | ecurities Acquired (A) or losed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Pric | e | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock 03/ | | | | | 2005 | | | | A | | 4,166 | A | : | \$0 | 539,044 | | I | | By The Patton Revocable Family Trust DTD 7/2/97 | |
| Common Stock 03/14/ | | | | /2005 | 005 | | S | | 1,487 | D | \$1 | 4.37 | 7 534,878 | | I | | By The Patton Family Revocable Trust DTD 7/2/97 | | | |
| | | Т | able II - | | | | | | | | osed of | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Date Executio | ned 4. n Date, Transa Code (l | | 5. Number of | | | xerci: | | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shai | ber | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$0 | 03/14/2005 | | | D | | | 4,166 | 03/14/20 | 005 | (1) | Common Stock | 4,1 | 66 | \$0 | 30,83 | 34 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Not Applicable.

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of attorney 03/14/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person D

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).

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