FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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]										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
	•	RAPEUTICS	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2008										helow)	Officer (give title below) Chief Scientific			specify
(Street) SAN CA (City)	.RLOS C.		94070 (Zip)		- 4. Ii	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line	e) X Form	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable in filed by One Reporting Person in filed by More than One Reporting son			
		Tab	le I - Nor	า-Deriv	ative	e Sec	curiti	ies Ac	quire	d, D	isp	osed c	of, o	r Ben	eficial	ly Owned	t			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		Code (Instr.						Benefici	es ally Following	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Co	le V	,	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 11/14/					4/2008	2008		N			2,500	0	D	(1)	314	4,640		D		
Common Stock 11/14/					/2008				S			760	D S		\$4.3	7 313,880			D	
	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yeai				7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e C s F lly [10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable		kpiration ate	Title		Amount or Number of Shares					
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	11/14/2008			M			2,500	11/14/	2008	11	1/14/2008		nmon ock	2,500	(1)	0		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive, on vesting, one share of the Registrant's common stock.

Gil M. Labrucherie 11/18/2008

** 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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