UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 21)*

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS (Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities)

> 640268108 (CUSIP Number)

12/31/2017 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [X] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d-1(c) [] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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CUSIP No.: 640268108				
1.	Names of Reporting Persons: OppenheimerFunds, Inc. IRS Identification No: 13-2527171			
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions):			
	SEC Use Only			
	Citizenship or Place of Organization: Colorado			
Number of	5. Sole Voting Power: 0			
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6. Shared Voting Power: 14,604,569			
Each Reporting Person	7. Sole Dispositive Power: 0			
With	8. Shared Dispositive Power: 14,604,569			
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:			

	14,604,569
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9): 9.27%
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions): IA

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10	Certification: By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

2/6/2018 Date

/s/ Mary Ann Picciotto Signature

Mary Ann Picciotto, Sr. Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer Name/Title

If you have questions please contact Judith Gottlieb at 212-323-4858 or by email at jgottlieb@ofiglobal.com