FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Doberstein Stephen K</u>				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]						(Ch	eck all applic	cable)	ng Person(s) to Issi 10% Ow Other (s		vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2013						helow)				,	
(Street) SAN FRANCI			94158 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	e) X Form f Form f	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (	ransaction of Eode (Instr. Derivative (		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Sect (Instr. 3 and 4)			ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owne Form Direc or Inc (I) (In	(D) irect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option	\$8.8	02/06/2013		A		50,000		(1)	02/05/2021	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	I	)	
Stock Option	\$8.8	02/06/2013		A		50,000		(2)	02/05/2021	Common Stock	50,000	\$0	50,000	I	)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ This \ option \ was \ granted \ on \ February \ 6, 2013 \ and \ vests \ in \ monthly \ installments \ over \ the \ four-year \ period \ following \ the \ grant \ date.$
- 2. This stock option is subject to both time-based vesting and performance-based vesting conditions, both of which must be met before the shares subject to the option become vested and exerciseable. The time-based vesting is on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four (4) years from the grant date (February 6, 2013). The performance-based vesting condition will be met only if Nektar (or a licensee) files a new drug registration with the FDA or the European Medicines Agency for a significant drug candidate program including, without limitation, the following: (1) naloxegol (an oral peripherally-acting opioid antagonist); (2) etirinotecan pegol (a topoisomerase I inhibitor); (3) NKTR-061/Amikacin Inhale (a drug-device combination for an inhaled solution of amikacin); or (4) BAX-855 (a longer-acting (PEGylated) form of a full-length recombinant factor VIII (rFVIII) protein).

Gil M. Labrucherie, Attorneyin-Fact 02/08/2013

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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