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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)								
GILL AJIT				X	Director	10% Owner						
(Last) 150 INDUSTRI	(First) AL ROAD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2004	x	Officer (give title below) President & C	Other (specify below) CEO						
(Street) SAN CARLOS	СА	94070	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2004	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repo	orting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More than Person	One Reporting						
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	(D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(iiisti: 4)
Common Stock	03/04/2004		A ⁽¹⁾		50,000	Α	\$ <mark>0</mark>	50,000	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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Expiration Date		and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. 1/6th of the restricted stock units shall vest on December 31, 2004; an additional 1/3rd of the restricted units shall vest on December 31, 2005 and the balance of the restricted stock units shall vest on December 31, 2006. The restricted stock units will be fully vested on December 31, 2006.

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of	12/07/2004
<u>attorney</u>	12/07/2004

** 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).

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