UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 12, 2016

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-24006 (Commission File Number) 94-3134940 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

455 Mission Bay Boulevard South San Francisco, California 94158 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 482-5300

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 12, 2016, Howard W. Robin, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Nektar Therapeutics ("Nektar"), will present at the J.P. Morgan 2016 Healthcare Conference. On January 6, 2016, Nektar announced that Mr. Robin's presentation would be accessible via a Webcast through a link posted on the Investor Relations, Events Calendar section of the Nektar website: http://www.nektar.com. As part of the presentation, Mr. Robin intends to announce that based upon Nektar's preliminary estimates, as of December 31, 2015, Nektar had cash and investments in marketable securities of approximately \$308.9 million. This financial information has been prepared by and is the responsibility of Nektar's management and has not been audited by Nektar's independent registered public accounting firm, and, accordingly, Nektar's independent registered public accounting firm does not express an opinion on or provide any other form of assurance with respect to this preliminary data. This financial information is subject to the completion of Nektar's year-end financial closing procedures, the preparation of Nektar's consolidated financial statements, and the completion of the audit of Nektar's consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and Nektar's actual results may differ from these estimates.

The information in this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by Nektar Therapeutics, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

| By: | /s/ Gil M. Labrucherie |
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| | Gil M. Labrucherie |
| | General Counsel and Secretary |
| Date: | January 12, 2016 |
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