## FORM 4

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## 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* <u>Doberstein Stephen K</u>                       |       |      |                |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ] |   |        |  |                        |  |   |   |  | (Cr  | neck all app<br>Direc   | olicable)  |            | Owner                             |
|--|-------|------|----------------|---|--|---|--------|--|------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|------------|-----------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH            |       |      |                |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2017   |        |  |                        |  |   |   |  |  | ^ belo  | w) ``  |            | Other (specify below) fic Officer |
| (Street) SAN FRANCI (City)   |       |      | )4158<br>Zip)  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 |   |        |  |                        |  |   | Lin   | e)<br>X Forr<br>Forr                               | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |            |                                   |
|  |       | Tabl | e I - No       | on-Deriva                               | ative  | Sec   | uritie | s Ac   | quired                 | l, Dis   | sposed o  | f, or l   | Bene   | ficial   | ly Own  | ed   |            |                                   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day                               |       |      | Execution Date |   | Date,  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. ) 8)  4. Securities Acquired (AD Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 1)                        |        |  | Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne | icially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |   |  |            |                                   |
|  |       |      |                |   |  |   |        | Code   | v                      | Amount (A) or (D)  |   | or P  | rice   |  | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |  | (Instr. 4) |                                   |
| Common   | Stock |      |                | 05/16/2                                 | 2017   |   | S      |  | 1,701 <sup>(1)</sup> D |  | ) \$  | 319.55  | (2)  | 32,803   | D   |  |            |                                   |
|  |       | Та   | ıble II -      |   |  |   |        |  |                        |  | osed of,<br>convertib   |   |  |  | Owned   |  |            |                                   |
| 1. Title of Derivative Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  (Instr. 3)  2. |       |      | on Date,       | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                        | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. and 4) |   |   | 3. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5) | tive derivative<br>ity Securities  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |                                   |
|  |       |      |                |   | Code   | v   | (A)    | (D)  | Date<br>Exercis        | able   | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar                     | ber  |   |  |            |                                   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the number of shares required to be sold by the reporting person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the RSUs held by the reporting person. This sale is mandated by the Issuer's election under its equity incentive plans to require the satisfaction of tax withholding obligations to be funded by a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary trade by the reporting person.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$19.31 to \$19.90. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the transactions were effected upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.

## Remarks:

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

05/18/2017

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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