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* Doberstein Stephen K | | | | | | NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] | | | | | | | (Che | ck all applica Director Officer (| able) | Other | Owner (specify |
|--|---|--|--|------------|---|---|-------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/06/2017 | | | | | | | | below) | & Chief S | belov scientific Offi | ′ |
| (Street) SAN FRANCISCO CA 94158 | | | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check AppLine) X Form filed by One Reporting Persor Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | | | | | on | |
| (City) | (S | itate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | saction | ction 2 E ay/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | 5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F | s ally following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/06/2 | | | | | | 2017 | | М | | 20,914 | 4 A \$9.53 | | 52, | 52,016 | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/06/2 | | | | | | 2017 | | | S | | 20,914 | 914 D \$2 | | 31,102 | | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/07/2 | | | | | 7/201 | 2017 | | | М | | 75,409 | A \$9.53 | | 106 | 106,511 | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/07/2 | | | | | 7/201 | 2017 | | | S | | 75,409 | D | \$25.780 | 31, | 102 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/08/2 | | | | | 8/201 | 2017 | | M | | 300,000 | 0 A | \$9.53 | 331 | ,102 | D | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/08/2 | | | | | 8/201 | 2017 | | S | | 300,000 | 300,000 D \$ | | ⁴⁾ 31, | 102 | D | | |
| | | | Table II | | | | | | | | oosed of, converti | | | Owned | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | d Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr | | 5. Number of Derivative | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | | isable and te | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction | Ownersi Form: Direct (Dor Indirect) (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (3) | |
| Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$9.53 | 11/06/2017 | | | М | | | 20,914 | 01/06/20 | 14 | 01/05/2018 | Common Stock | 20,914 | \$0.00 | 375,40 | 09 D | |
| Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$9.53 | 11/07/2017 | | | | 75,409 | | 75,409 | 01/06/20 | 14 | 01/05/2018 | Common Stock | 75,409 | \$0.00 | 300,00 | 00 D | |
| Stock Option ⁽¹⁾ | \$9.53 | 11/08/2017 | | | M | 1 | | 300,000 | 01/06/20 | 14 | 01/05/2018 | Common Stock | 300,000 | \$0.00 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This transaction was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person for options expiring January 5, 2018.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.96 to \$25.21. 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
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$24.96 to \$26.15. 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
- 4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$29.96 to \$31.04. 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 issue

Remarks:

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-

11/08/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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