FORM 4

## **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*  ROBIN HOWARD W						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]								heck all	nship of Reporting Po applicable) Director Officer (give title		g Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ov Other (s	vner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2017									elow)	President & CEO			, poorly
(Street) SAN FRANCI					4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					1
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day)				action	ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securition		es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Se Be	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Tr	ansacti	ction(s) 3 and 4)			(1130.4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 11/15/20					/2017	)17 <sup>(2)</sup>		A		55,000	_	\$0.0	0.00 207		,504		D		
Common Stock 11/16/2				6/201	.017		D		18,069	3) D	D \$44.23 <sup>(4</sup>		189,435			D			
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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)		4. Transaction Code (Instr 8)		n Derivative		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		te	7. Title and of Securiti Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 an	ies g Security	Deri Secu	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction	e s ally	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$14.41	11/15/2017 <sup>(6)</sup>			A		137,500		(7)		12/12/2024	Common Stock	137,50	0   \$0	0.00	137,50	00	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs"), convertible on a one-for-one basis into shares of Common Stock of the Company. These RSUs, at the time of their grant on December 13, 2016, were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. On November 15, 2017, the performance-based condition vesting was satisfied. The time-based vesting is on a quarterly pro-rata basis over a period of three (3) years from the date of grant.
- 2. These restricted stock units ("RSUs") were granted on December 13, 2016 and the performance-based vesting requirement for these RSUs was satisfied on November 15, 2017 upon the Compensation Committee's certification of the successful acceptance of the New Drug Application by the FDA for Ciprofloxacin Dry Powder Inhalation (Cipro DPI).
- 3. 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.
- 4. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.98 to \$45.47. 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.
- 5. These options, at the time of their grant were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. On November 15, 2017, the performance-based condition vesting was satisfied. The time-based vesting is on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four years from the grant date (December 13, 2016).
- 6. These stock options were granted on December 13, 2016 and the performance-based vesting requirement for these stock options was satisfied on November 15, 2017 upon the Compensation Committee's certification of the successful acceptance of the New Drug Application by the FDA for Ciprofloxacin Dry Powder Inhalation (Cipro CPI).
- 7. This stock option vests on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four years from the grant date.

## Remarks:

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-

11/17/2017

<u>Fact</u>

\*\* 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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