Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LERNER IRWIN | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| ELICIVER HOVIN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | X Directo | or | | 10% Ov | /ner | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 17 EAST GREENBROOK ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/16/2005 | | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify | |
| (Street) NORTH CALDWELL NJ | | 07006 | | 4. If | Line) X Fo | | | | | | |) X Form f | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable In filed by One Reporting Person In filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tak | ole I - Non- | -Deriva | tive | e Se | curities | s Ac | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or E | Bene | eficiall | y Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | ar) i | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | | Code (Instr. | | | | | 5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported | es For ally (D) Following (I) (| | : Direct Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | t (A) or P | | Price | Transact | saction(s) r. 3 and 4) | | | instr. 4) | |
| | | - | Table II - D | | | | | | | | osed 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. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/ | ate, Tra | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ecurity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Co | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | 0 N 0 | lumber | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$17.98 | 09/16/2005 | | I | A | | 12,500 | | (1) | 1 | 09/16/2013 | Commo | | 2,500 | (2) | 150,00 | 0 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Options for 12,500 shares shall vest monthly over one year commencing on September 16, 2005.
- 2. Not Applicable

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by Power of 09/19/2005 **Attorney**

** 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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