Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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	nd Address of <u>ka Joseph</u>	Reporting Person*							nd Ticker or Trading Symbol  HERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify						vner						
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(Street) SAN FRANCI			94158		4. If	Ame	ndme	nt, Date o	of Orig	inal Fil	led (	(Month/Da	ay/Year)		Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicabl Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year		3. Tra	3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			(A) or	5. Amou Securitie Beneficia	nt of es ally following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Co	ode \	<i>'</i>	Amount	(0	) or )	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s) and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common	Stock			03/07/	/2011	1			1	M		10,00	0	A	(1)	20,	000		D		
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Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/07/2011		1	М			10,000	03/07	7/2011	03	3/07/2011	Comm Stock		0,000	(1)	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive, on vesting, one share of the Registrant's common stock.

Gil M. Labrucherie, Attorney-03/09/2011 in-Fact

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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