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| FORM 4 | UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION |

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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BE | NEFICIAL OWNERSHIP |
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| | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u> [NKTR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| | | | | | Director | 10% Owner | | |
| | | (A P - L - | | . x | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) C/O NEKTAR T | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2022 | | President & (| , | | |
| C/O NEKTAK I | HERAFLUTICS | | 00/15/2022 | | | | | |
| 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| SAN | СА | 94158 | | X | Form filed by One Repo | ne Reporting Person | | |
| FRANCISCO | | | | | Form filed by More than Person | One Reporting | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Code (Instr. | | | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 08/15/2022 | | A | | 410,625 | Α | \$0.00 | 1,031,566 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2022 | | S | | 13,759(2) | D | \$4.76 ⁽³⁾ | 1,017,807 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 410 | Ι | by spouse |

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. Transa Code (8) | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------------|-----|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock ⁽⁴⁾ | \$4.91 | 08/15/2022 | | A | | 821,250 | | (5) | 08/14/2030 | Common Stock | 821,250 | \$0.00 | 821,250 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Common stock was acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units ("RSU"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of Common Stock of the Issuer. These RSUs were granted in connection with a retention program and are in lieu of the Issuer's usual end-of-year annual performance grants. These RSUs vest over three years from the date of grant in substantially equal quarterly installments based on continued service.

2. 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.

3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$4.67 to \$4.88. 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. Stock options were granted in connection with a retention program and are in lieu of the Issuer's usual end-of-year annual performance grants.

5. Stock options vest over three years from the date of grant in substantially equal monthly installments based on continued service.

Remarks:

Mark A. Wilson

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/17/2022 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).

** 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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