

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GILL AJIT</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD</u> (Street) <u>SAN CARLOS CA 94070</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President & CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/04/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	03/04/2004		A ⁽¹⁾		100,000	A	\$0.01	100,000	D	
Common Stock	03/04/2004		S		25,000	D	\$21.8649	56,362	I	By The Ajit S. & Ann C. Gill 1998 Family Trust dtd 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/04/2004		S		5,901	D	\$22.1099	56,362	I	By The Ajit S. & Ann C. Gill 1998 Family Trust dtd 10/14/1998
Common Stock	03/04/2004		S		19,099	D	\$22.0671	56,362	I	By The Ajit S. & Ann C. Gill 1998 Family Trust dtd 10/14/1998

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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.55	03/04/2004		A		100,000		(2)	03/04/2014	Common Stock	100,000	\$0	1,498,244	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1/6th vest on December 31, 2004; additional 1/3rd vest on December 31, 2005; and balance vest on December 31, 2006. Fully vest on December 31, 2006.
- 1/60th vest per month over five years with Vesting Commencement Date of February 1, 2004. Shares shall fully vest in five years from Vesting Commencement Date.

Remarks:

The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of attorney 03/08/2004

** 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).

** 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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