## FORM 4

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

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Krivulka Joseph J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]									cable) or (give title	g Pers	10% Ow Other (sp	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2009								below)			below)	
(Street) SAN CARLOS CA 94070					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Charles)  X Form filed by One Reporting  Form filed by More than One Person									rting Person			
(City)	(	<u> </u>	(Zip) ole I - Non	-Deriv	 vative	e Se	curities		nuired D	isno	nsed o	of or Rei	neficiall	v Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				action	ction 2A. Deemed			3. Transacti Code (Ins	on D	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,		ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia	nt of ss Form (D) of (I) (Ir dispose)		Direct of Indirect Estr. 4)	. Nature f Indirect seneficial ownership nstr. 4)	
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 (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date Executi if any (Month/			ate,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	le and	7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp	oiration e	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$8.37	09/15/2009			A		15,000		(2)	09/1	15/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$8.37	15,000		D	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0.01	09/15/2009			A		5,000		(3)		(4)	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.01	5,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Reporting Person is receiving this equity compensation under the Amended and Restated Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- 2. 1/12th of the shares shall vest per calendar month following September 30, 2009 (with all of such shares subject to the stock option becoming vested at September 30, 2010), provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director.
- 3. The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on September 30, 2010, provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director through such date.
- 4. Not applicable.

Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorneyin-Fact

09/17/2009

\*\* 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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