UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 28, 2020

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-24006 (Commission File Number)

94-3134940 (IRS Employer **Identification No.)**

455 Mission Bay Boulevard South San Francisco, California 94158 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 482-5300

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	NKTR	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On September 28, 2020, Lutz Lingnau, a member of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Nektar Therapeutics (the "Company") decided to retire from his Board service. As a result, Mr. Lingnau provided notice of his resignation from the Board as a Class III director and all committees thereof, effective September 30, 2020; his resignation was not the result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to its operations, policies or practices. The Company and the Board want to express their deep gratitude to Mr. Lingnau for his thirteen years of dedicated service and valuable contributions, and wish him the best in his retirement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

/s/ Mark A. Wilson
Mark A. Wilson
General Counsel and Secretary
October 1, 2020

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