FORM 4

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  WINGER DENNIS L			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [ NKTR ]							(Che	ck all applic	or	Pers	10% Ov	vner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/13/2011								Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify			
(Street) SAN FRANCI	sco C	A	94158		4. If An	nendment,	Date o	f Original Fi	iled (	(Month/Da	ay/Year)		6. Inc Line)	Form fi	loint/Group liled by One liled by More	Repo	rting Perso	n
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transat Date (Month/Date)			ate	Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed O Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	es For ally (D) Following (I) (		Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
						Code	v	Amount	t (A) or P		Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(111501.4)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Derivative Conversion Date		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,		nsactio de (Insti	n of Derivati Securiti Acquire (A) or Dispose of (D) (I	of Derivative Securities Acquired		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		urity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	de V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		xpiration ate	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares					
Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$5.14	09/13/2011		A		30,000		(2)	09	9/12/2019	Common Stock	30	,000	\$5.14	30,000		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The Reporting Person received this equity compensation under the Amended and Restated Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- 2. 1/12th of the shares subject to the stock option shall vest per calendar month following September 30, 2011 (with all of such shares subject to the stock option becoming vested at September 30, 2012), provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director.

Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorney-09/15/2011 in-Fact

\*\* 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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