#### NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

September 19, 2005

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

(Street)

LERNER IRWIN

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

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10% Owner

Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

[NKTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

17 EAST GREENBROOK ROAD 09/16/2005

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X\_ Director

Officer (give title

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NORTH CALDWELL, NJ 07006

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 1.Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

(A)

or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)			Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.98	09/16/2005		A		12,500		<u>(1)</u>	09/16/2013	Common Stock	12,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LERNER IRWIN
17 EAST GREENBROOK ROAD X
NORTH CALDWELL, NJ 07006

## **Signatures**

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by Power of Attorney

09/19/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) Options for 12,500 shares shall vest monthly over one year commencing on September 16, 2005.
- (2) Not Applicable

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