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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> DRAPEAU LOUIS			Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/17/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD (Street) SAN CARLOS, CA 94070				(Check all applicable) Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) Sr. VP Finance, CFO		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
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Т	Table II - Der	ivative Secu	rities Beneficially Owned (e	e.g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	tions, co	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	01/17/2016	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 20	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DRAPEAU LOUIS C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070		Â	Â	Sr. VP Finance, CFO	Â			
Signatures								
/s/ Louis Drapeau	01/19/2	.006						

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 1/5th of the option shares shall vest on January 17, 2007; the remaining shares shall vest monthly thereafter so that all of the shares shall be fully vested on January 17, 2011.

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