

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

December 11, 2014

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Doberstein Stephen K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEKTAR  
THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION  
BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
[NKTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP & Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                                       |   |   | Code                                 | V  | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                     |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V  | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 16.31   | 12/09/2014                              |   | A                                    |  | 50,000   |   | <u>(1)</u>  | 12/08/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 50,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 16.31   | 12/09/2014                              |   | A                                    | V  | 50,000   |   | <u>(2)</u>  | 12/08/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 50,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Doberstein Stephen K  
C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

SVP & Chief Scientific Officer

## Signatures

Gilbert M. Labrucherie, Jr.,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/11/2014

\*\*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) This option was granted on December 9, 2014 and vests in monthly installments over the four-year period following the grant date.
- (2) This stock option is subject to both time-based vesting and performance-based vesting conditions, both of which must be met before the shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable. The time-based vesting is on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of 4 years from the grant date (December 9, 2014). The performance-based vesting condition will be met only if Nektar (or a licensee) files, within five years following the grant date, a new drug registration with the FDA or the European Medicines Agency for a significant drug candidate program (average royalty >7.5%) including, without limitation, the following: (1) etirinotecan pegol; (2) NKTR-061/Amikacin Inhale; (3) Ciprofloxacin Dry Powder for Inhalation; or (4) NKTR-181 (an oral opioid analgesic drug candidate).

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