NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Nicholson John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]

(Check all applicable)

SVP & Chief Financial Officer

10% Owner

12/15/2015

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

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION

BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

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 (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	12/15/2015		A	22,000	(2)	12/14/2023	Common Stock	22,000
Stock Option	\$ 15.55	12/15/2015		A	26,000	(3)	12/14/2023	Common Stock	26,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nicholson John C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

SVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie, Attorney-in-Fact

12/17/2015

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (2) This restricted stock unit vests over 3 years in equal quarterly installments.
- (3) This stock option vests in equal monthly installments over the 4-year period following the grant date.

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