NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS Form 8-K July 18, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 18, 2017

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 0-24006 94-3134940

(IRS

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission Employer

of Incorporation) File Number) Identification

No.)

455 Mission Bay Boulevard

San Francisco, California 94158

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 482-5300

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities
Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this
chapter).

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 18, 2017, Nektar Therapeutics, a Delaware corporation ("Nektar"), issued a press release (the "Press Release") announcing topline data from an oral Human Abuse Potential (HAP) study of NKTR-181, a first-in-class opioid analgesic to treat chronic pain. A copy of the Press Release reporting results from the HAP study is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

In the Press Release, Nektar announced that it would hold a Webcast conference call on July 18, 2017 at 5:45 a.m. (Pacific Time)/8:45 a.m. (Eastern Time) to review the results from the HAP study. This conference call is accessible through a link that is posted on the home page and Investor section of the Nektar website: http://www.nektar.com.

The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by Nektar Therapeutics, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

Press Release titled "Nektar Announces Topline Data from Human Abuse Potential Study for NKTR-181, a First-in-Class Investigational Opioid to Treat Chronic Pain" issued by Nektar Therapeutics on July 18, 2017.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

July 18, 2017 By:/s/ Mark A. Wilson
Mark A. Wilson
General Counsel and Secretary

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