

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Â ROBIN HOWARD W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

SAN CARLOS,Â CAÂ 94070

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/16/2007

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer ____ Other
 (give title below) (specify below)

President & CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:
 Direct (D)
 or Indirect (I)
 (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Expiration
 Exercisable Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:
 Direct (D)
 or Indirect (I)
 (Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	01/15/2015	Common Stock	600,000	\$ 14.52	D	Â
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBIN HOWARD W 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	Â	Â	Â President & CEO	Â

Signatures

/s/ Gil Labrucherie, by power of attorney	01/16/2007
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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) 1/5th of the option shares shall vest on January 15, 2008; the remaining shares shall vest monthly thereafter so that all of the shares shall be fully vested on January 15, 2012.

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