

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CHESS ROBERT

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, Pres. & CEO

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/08/2007		S	(1)	3,592 \$ 14.51	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.24	01/03/2007		A	17,000	<u>(2)</u> 01/03/2015	Common Stock	17,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.24	01/03/2007		A	12,500	<u>(2)</u> 01/03/2015	Common Stock	12,500
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.01	01/03/2007		A	8,333	<u>(3)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	8,333
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.01	01/03/2007		A	4,167	<u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	4,167

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHESS ROBERT 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	X		Chairman, Pres. & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Gil Labrucherie, by power of attorney 01/09/2007

**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).

- The Reporting Person will use the proceeds from the sale of these shares to satisfy a tax obligation owed by the Reporting Person in connection with the delivery of 8,334 shares of a restricted stock award as reported by the Reporting Person on a Form 4 filed January 5, 2007.
- The shares shall vest monthly over one year commencing January 3, 2007.
 - The shares of common stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. All of the restricted stock units shall vest on March 17, 2007.

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- (4) The shares of common stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. All of the restricted stock units shall vest on January 3, 2008.
- (5) Not Applicable.

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