

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
ROBIN HOWARD W

(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  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

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 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)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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) |                  |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.31   | 12/09/2014                           |  | A                              |   | 225,000  |   | <u>(1)</u>       | 12/08/2022      | Common Stock | 225,000                    |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 16.31   | 12/09/2014                           |  | A                              | V   | 225,000  |   | <u>(2)</u>       | 12/08/2022      | Common Stock | 225,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| ROBIN HOWARD W<br>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS<br>455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158 | X             |           | President & CEO |       |

## 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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