

Nicholson John
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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 *
Nicholson John

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEKTAR
THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION
BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2018

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 08/15/2018 | | A | | 26,000 | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2018 | | D | | 8,137 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 58.4 ⁽³⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 188,596 |
| | | | | | | | 180,459 |

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

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- (4) These options, at the time of their grant were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. On August 15, 2018, the performance-based condition vesting was satisfied. The time-based vesting is on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four years from the grant date (December 15, 2017).
- (5) These stock options were granted on December 15, 2017 and the performance-based vesting requirement for these stock options was satisfied on August 15, 2018 upon the Compensation Committee's certification of the successful acceptance of the New Drug Application by the FDA for NKTR-181.
- (6) This stock option vests on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four years from the grant date.

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