

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Labrucherie Gil M			NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP & Chief Financial Officer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH			11/15/2017					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (1)	11/15/2017 (2)		A		20000	A	\$0.00	83414 (3)	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2017		D		6698 (4)	D	\$44.23 (5)	76716 (3)	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (6)	\$14.41	11/15/2017 (7)		A		50000		(8)	12/12/2024	Common Stock	50000	\$0.00	50000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs"), convertible on a one-for-one basis into shares of Common Stock of the Company. These RSUs, at the time of their grant on December 13, 2016, were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. On November 15, 2017, the performance-based condition vesting was satisfied. The time-based vesting is on a quarterly pro-rata basis over a period of three (3) years from the date of grant.
- These restricted stock units ("RSUs") were granted on December 13, 2016 and the performance-based vesting requirement for these RSUs was satisfied on November 15, 2017 upon the Compensation Committee's certification of the successful acceptance of the New Drug Application by the FDA for Ciprofloxacin Dry Powder Inhalation (Cipro DPI).
- This number includes 997 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's 401(K) plan and 3,250 shares held by the reporting person in the Issuer's ESPP plan. The acquisition of these shares under both plans is exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- Represents the number of shares required to be sold by the reporting person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the RSUs held by the reporting person. This sale is mandated by the Issuer's election under its equity incentive plans to require the satisfaction of tax withholding obligations to be funded by a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary trade by the reporting person.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.98 to \$45.47. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares and the prices at which the transactions were effected upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer.
- These options, at the time of their grant were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. On November 15, 2017, 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 13, 2016).
- These stock options were granted on December 13, 2016 and the performance-based vesting requirement for these stock options was satisfied on November 15, 2017 upon the Compensation Committee's certification of the successful acceptance of the New Drug Application by the FDA for Ciprofloxacin Dry Powder Inhalation (Cipro CPI).

(8) This stock option vests on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of four years from the grant date.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Labrucherie Gil M C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158			SVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact

11/17/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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