

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

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ROBIN HOWARD W

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94158
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SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) President & CEO
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">12/15/2017</p>		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)	12/15/2017		A		60500	A	\$0.00	249935	D	
Common Stock								410	I	by spouse

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	\$56.90	12/15/2017		A		151250		(2)	12/14/2025	Common Stock	151250	\$0.00	151250	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This stock award was acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock. These RSUs vest over three years in substantially equal quarterly installments based on continued service.
- (2) This stock option vests over four years in equal monthly installments based on continued service.

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact 12/19/2017
 **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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