

Thomsen Jillian B.  
Form 4  
November 17, 2017

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Thomsen Jillian B.

(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)  
11/15/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP & Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 11/15/2017 <sup>(2)</sup>               |                                                             | A                                    | 15,000                                                              | A \$ 0                                                                                                             | 65,838 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 11/16/2017                              |                                                             | D                                    | 5,289<br><sup>(4)</sup>                                             | D \$<br>44.23<br><sup>(5)</sup>                                                                                    | 60,549 <sup>(3)</sup>                                                | 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)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(6)                              | \$ 14.41                                                           | 11/15/2017 <sup>(7)</sup>               |                                                             | A                                    | 37,500                                                                                                       | <sup>(8)</sup> 12/12/2024                                      | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 37,500                                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                              | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                             | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Thomsen Jillian B.<br>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS<br>455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158 |               |           | SVP & Chief<br>Accounting<br>Officer |       |

## Signatures

Mark A. Wilson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/17/2017

\_\_\_\_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) 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.

(2) 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).

(3) This number includes 988 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).

(4) 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

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the reporting person.

- (5) 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.

- (6) 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).

- (7) 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.

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