

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 4  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WHITFIELD ROY A

(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)  
09/21/2016

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)

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  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 09/21/2016                           | <u>(2)</u>   | A                              | 8,000 A \$ 0  | 38,000  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 20,000  | I  | by Family Trust                   |

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 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                               | \$ 19.15   | 09/21/2016                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | (3) 09/20/2024   | Common Stock 20,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITFIELD ROY A<br>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS<br>455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH<br>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Mark A. Wilson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

09/23/2016

      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 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.
- (2) This restricted stock unit award vests in full, one year following September 21, 2016.
- (3) This option vests in equal monthly installments over the one-year period beginning on September 30, 2016.

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