NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

December 15, 2016

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gergel Ivan P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

[NKTR]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & Chief Medical Officer

Director

12/13/2016

C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, 455 MISSION

BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Stock (1)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(Month/Day/Year)

Amount

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Code V Common 12/13/2016

\$0 Α 20,000 46,479

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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	\$ 12.24	12/13/2016		A	50,000	(2)	12/12/2024	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gergel Ivan P. C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158

SVP & Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

Mark A. Wilson, Attorney-in-Fact

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

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