

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â DRAPEAU LOUIS</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, Â 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SAN CARLOS, Â CA Â 94070</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/17/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr. VP Finance, CFO</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

<p>1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)</p>	<p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

<p>1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p>	<p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable Expiration Date</p>	<p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title Amount or Number of</p>	<p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p>	<p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)</p>	<p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)</p>
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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	⌘ (1)	01/17/2016	Common Stock	90,000	\$ 20	D	⌘

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DRAPEAU LOUIS C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	⌘	⌘	⌘ Sr. VP Finance, CFO	⌘

Signatures

/s/ Louis
Drapeau

01/19/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 1/5th of the option shares shall vest on January 17, 2007; the remaining shares shall vest monthly thereafter so that all of the shares shall be fully vested on January 17, 2011.

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