### **NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS**

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reportin BANSAL AJAY	g Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
		NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title X Other (specify				
150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD		(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006	below) below) Former CFO				
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
SAN CARLOS, CA 94070			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State) (	(Zip) 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. 4. Securit Transaction(A) or Di Code (Instr. 3, 4) (Instr. 8)		* '		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	100	D	\$ 20.04	10,233	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	200	D	\$ 19.94	10,033	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	467	D	\$ 19.87	9,566	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	600	D	\$ 19.86	8,966	D		
Common Stock	03/10/2006		S	400	D	\$ 20	8,566	D		

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Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 19.97	8,466	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	300	D	\$ 19.92	8,166	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	300	D	\$ 19.9	7,866	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	100	D	\$ 19.85	7,766	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	800	D	\$ 19.98	6,966	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 19.89	5,966	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	500	D	\$ 19.88	5,466	D
Common Stock	03/10/2006	S	300	D	\$ 20.01	5,166	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day	/Year)	Underl	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	<ul><li>Derivativ</li></ul>	re		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securitie	S		(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired	l				
					(A) or					
					Disposed	l				
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
							24.0		of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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BANSAL AJAY 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

Former CFO

# **Signatures**

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of attorney

03/13/2006

\*\*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).

#### **Remarks:**

The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person.

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