

CHESS ROBERT  
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**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 \*  
CHESS ROBERT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
[NKTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/10/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS, 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

(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. 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                      |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 05/10/2010                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 35,000                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 6.12                                    |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 05/10/2010                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 35,000                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 13.946                                  |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option<br>(1)                        | \$ 6.12                                                | 05/10/2010                           |                                                    | M                              | 35,000                                                                                  | (3) 10/30/2012                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 35,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                         | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CHESS ROBERT<br>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS<br>201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD<br>SAN CARLOS, CA 94070 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie -  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/12/2010

\_\_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) Transaction executed pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades during the day at prices ranging from \$13.57 to \$14.11. The price reported above reflects the weighted-average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

(3) Shares subject to the stock option vested on a pro-rata monthly basis over five (5) years from the date of grant (October 31, 2002).

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