

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Nicholson John</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u> <u>201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD</u> (Street) <u>SAN CARLOS CA 94070</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/10/2007</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP & Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>2,944</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>By sons.⁽¹⁾</u>

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>10/02/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>8.87</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. John L. Nicholson owns 880 shares of common stock and Daniel A. Nicholson owns 2,064 shares of common stock.

2. 25% of the shares subject to this employee stock option become exercisable on October 2, 2008, and the remaining shares subject to the option shall vest monthly thereafter so that all of the shares subject to the option shall be fully vested on October 2, 2011.

Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorney- 12/12/2007
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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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