Thomsen Jillian B. Form 4 May 14, 2009

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Thomsen Jillian B.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

VP & Chief Accounting Officer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2009

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

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)

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

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(State)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	

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

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

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

Code V M 550 Α (1)

2,152

D

Common Stock (2)

Stock

Common

05/12/2009

05/12/2009

S 201 1.951

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 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 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	05/12/2009		M	550	05/12/2009	05/12/2009	Common Stock	550

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thomsen Jillian B. C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

VP & Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie - 05/14/2009 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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive, on vesting, one share of the Registrant's common stock.
- (2) Shares sold to cover statutory tax withholding liability.

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