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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Lorianne Masuoka K.			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/30/2009	4. Relationshi Person(s) to Is	p of Reporting		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O NEKTA THERAPEU INDUSTRIA SAN CARL	VTICS, 20 AL ROAD (Street)			Director X Officer (give title below			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natt Owner (Instr.	•	
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Т	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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)		

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option	(1)	08/28/2016	Common Stock	180,000	\$ 3.97	D	Â
Stock Option	(1)	02/23/2017	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 4.65	D	Â
Stock Option	(2)	02/23/2017	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 4.65	D	Â
Stock Option	(1)	06/16/2017	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 5.91	D	Â
Stock Option	(2)	11/23/2017	Common stock	160,000	\$ 8.76	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lorianne Masuoka K. C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	Â	Â	SVP & Chief Medical Officer	Â		
Signatures						
Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorney-in-Fact	1	2/04/2009				

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) $\frac{25\%}{\text{pro-rata on a monthly basis over the following three years.}}$

(2) The shares subject to the stock option vest pro-rata on a monthly basis over four years from the date of grant.

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