

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WHITFIELD ROY A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEKTAR
THERAPEUTICS, 201
INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/19/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | Price |

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)

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| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 8.81 | 09/19/2007 | | A | 15,000 | ⁽²⁾ | 09/19/2015 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0.01 | 09/19/2007 | | A | 5,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WHITFIELD ROY A C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070 | X | | | |

Signatures

Gil M.
Labrucherie

09/21/2007

**Signature of
Date
 Reporting Person

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) The Reporting Person is receiving this equity compensation under the Amended and Restated Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) 1/12th of the shares shall vest per calendar month commencing September 19, 2007. The shares shall fully vest on September 19, 2008 provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director through such date.
- (3) The Reporting Person is receiving this equity compensation under the Amended and Restated Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- The shares of common stock shall vest upon the one year anniversary of the date of grant (or September 19, 2008), provided that the
- (4) Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director through such date and further subject to the terms and conditions of the restricted stock unit agreement.
- (5) Not applicable.

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