

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 8-K  
April 25, 2008

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 04/21/2008**

**Nektar Therapeutics**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 0-24006**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**94-3134940**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**201 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(650) 631-3100**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(c) On April 21, 2008, Jillian B. Thomsen, Vice President, Finance and Controller of Nektar Therapeutics ("Nektar"), was promoted and appointed to Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. Ms. Thomsen reports to John Nicholson, our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Ms. Thomsen, age 42, joined Nektar in March 2006 as Vice President, Finance and Controller. Before joining Nektar, Ms. Thomsen was Deputy Controller of Calpine Corporation from September 2002 to February 2006. From December 1990 to May 2002, Ms. Thomsen performed various roles with Arthur Andersen starting as a staff accountant and concluding as a senior manager. Ms. Thomsen holds a Masters of Accountancy from the University of Denver and a B.A. in Business Economics from Colorado College.

Ms. Thomsen participates in Nektar's standard executive benefits program including Nektar's change of control severance benefit plan.

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**Signature(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Nektar Therapeutics

Date: April 25, 2008

By: /s/ Gil M. Labrucherie

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Gil M. Labrucherie  
General Counsel and Secretary