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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] Ghosh Rinko (Month/Day/Year) 03/22/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 5. If Amendment, Date Original 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O NEKTAR (Check all applicable) THERAPEUTICS, 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) SVP and Chief Business Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person SAN CARLOS. CAÂ 94070 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 1. Title of Security 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 8,664 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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

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3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 5. Securities Underlying Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Conversion Ownership (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	(1)	05/13/2011	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 31.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(2)	05/13/2012	Common Stock	2,800	\$ 7.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(3)	05/13/2013	Common Stock	1,400	\$ 7.84	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(4)	02/06/2013	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 18.95	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(5)	07/31/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 18.76	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(6)	08/14/2014	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 16.39	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(7)	03/15/2015	Common Stock	9,900	\$ 11.38	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(8)	03/19/2016	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 6.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(9)	02/22/2017	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 4.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(10)	02/22/2017	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 4.65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(11)	12/10/2017	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 9.2	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(12)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 11.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(13)	01/31/2018	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 11.34	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(14)	03/21/2018	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 15.19	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(15)	01/31/2014	Common Stock	7,200	\$ 0.01	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(16)	(17)	Common Stock	1,089	\$ 0.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
	Â	Â	SVP and Chief Business Officer	Â		

Ghosh Rinko C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS. CAÂ 94070

Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie -Attorney-in-Fact

03/24/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) 20% of the shares subject to the stock option vested on the first anniversary of the grant date (May 14, 2001) and the remaining shares vested a monthly pro-rate basis over the following 4 years.
- (2) The shares subject to the stock option vested on a monthly pro-rata basis over five years from the grant date (May 14, 2002).
- (3) The shares subject to the stock option vested on a monthly pro-rata basis over five years from the grant date (May 14, 2003).
- (4) The shares subject to the stock option vested on a monthly pro-rata basis over five years from the grant date (February 7, 2005).
- (5) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over five years from the grant date (August 1, 2005).
- (6) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over five years from the grant date (August 15, 2006).
- (7) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over four years from the grant date (March 16, 2007).
- (8) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date (March 20, 2008) and the remaining shares vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over the following 3 years.
- (9) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over four years from the grant date (February 23, 2009).
- (10) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date (February 23, 2009) and the remaining shares vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over the following 3 years.
- (11) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date (December 11, 2009) and the remaining shares vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over the following 3 years.
- (12) 25% of the shares subject to the stock option vest on the first anniversary of the grant date (February 1, 2010) and the remaining shares vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over the following 3 years
- (13) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over four years from the grant date (February 1, 2010).
- (14) The shares subject to the stock option vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over four years from the grant date (March 22, 2010).
- (15) The shares subject to this restricted stock unit vest based on the achievement of certain corporate milestones.
- (16) The shares subject to this restricted stock unit are vested but not yet released.
- (17) Not applicable.

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