

Ajer Jeffrey Robert  
 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 \*  
 Ajer Jeffrey Robert

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 105 DIGITAL DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/19/2017

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

NOVATO, CA 94949

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 09/19/2017                           | <u>(2)</u>                                         | A                              |                                                                   | 13,500                                                                                        | A                                                        | \$ 0 13,500                       | D |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 09/19/2017                           | <u>(3)</u>                                         | A                              |                                                                   | 9,000                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 0 22,500                       | 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. 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.75                                               | 09/19/2017                           |                                                    | A                              | 33,750                                                                                  | <u>(4)</u> 09/18/2025                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 33,750                        |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.75                                               | 09/19/2017                           |                                                    | A                              | 22,500                                                                                  | <u>(5)</u> 09/18/2025                                    | Common Stock                                                  | 22,500                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                              | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ajer Jeffrey Robert<br>105 DIGITAL DRIVE<br>NOVATO, CA 94949 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Mark A. Wilson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/21/2017

\*\*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) This stock award was acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive, upon vesting of the unit, one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (2) This restricted stock unit award vests over three years in equal annual installments beginning on September 19, 2017.
- (3) This restricted stock unit award vests in full, one year following September 19, 2017.
- (4) This stock option vests in equal monthly installments over the three-year period beginning on September 30, 2017.
- (5) This stock option vests in equal monthly installments over the one-year period beginning on September 30, 2017.

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