NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4

March 16, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A	Symbol NEKT.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. Date of (Month/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2005			ve title Oth below)	
SAN CARI		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			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) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

		Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/14/2005	A		4,166	A	\$ 0	539,044	I	By The Patton Revocable Family Trust DTD 7/2/97
Common Stock	03/14/2005	S		1,487	D	\$ 14.37	534,878	I	By The Patton Family Revocable Trust DTD 7/2/97

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 I S (
				Code V	,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$0	03/14/2005		D	4,166	03/14/2005	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	4,166	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PATTON JOHN STUART 150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	X		Chief Scientific Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Paula S. Kasler, by power of attorney

03/14/2005 Date

**Signature of 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) Not Applicable.

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