#### NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

Form 4 March 13, 2006

# FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

PATTON JOHN STUART

(Last) (First) (Middle)

150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

(Street)

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

**NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS** [NKTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below) Chief Scientific Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

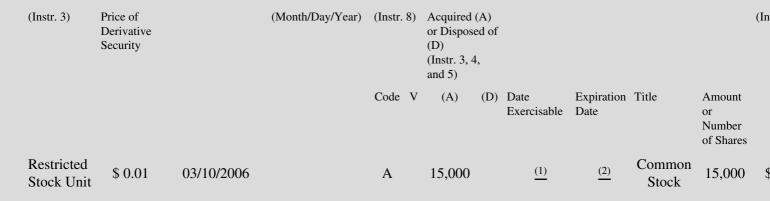
(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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## **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 03/13/2006 \*\*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).

The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the holder. The restricted stock units (RSUs) vest based on the Company achieving certain corporate performance milestones as follows: 1/5th of the RSUs vest based on achievement

- (1) of a corporate goal related to the total number of Exubera Inhalers shipment; 2/5th vest based on achievement of a corporate goal related to Exubera quarterly royalty revenue; and 2/5th vest based on achievement of a corporate goal related to regulatory progress of the Companys proprietary products programs.
- (2) Not applicable.

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