

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â CHOWRIRA BHARAT M		(Month/Day/Year)	NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/19/2008	
201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN CARLOS,Â CAÂ 94070			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			COO & Head of PEGylation BU	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

Employee Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> 05/19/2016 Common Stock 500,000 \$ 4.56 D <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHOWRIRA BHARAT M 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	<sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(1)</sup> COO & Head of PEGylation BU	<sup>(1)</sup>

## Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorney-in-Fact 05/21/2008

<sup>(1)</sup>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) This employee stock option grant was also reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC concurrently with this filing.
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the employee stock option vest on the one year anniversary of the grant date (May 19, 2009) and the remaining shares vest on a monthly pro-rata basis over the following three years.

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