

WHITFIELD ROY A
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 WHITFIELD ROY A

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)
 C/O NEKTAR
 THERAPEUTICS, 201
 INDUSTRIAL ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 09/15/2009

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

(Street)
 SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)

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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)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.37	09/15/2009		A	15,000	⁽²⁾ 09/15/2017	Common Stock 15,000
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0.01	09/15/2009		A	5,000	⁽³⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHITFIELD ROY A C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS 201 INDUSTRIAL ROAD SAN CARLOS, CA 94070	X			

Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie - 09/17/2009
 Attorney-in-Fact

__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) The Reporting Person is receiving this equity compensation under the Amended and Restated Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (2) 1/12th of the shares shall vest per calendar month following September 30, 2009 (with all of such shares subject to the stock option becoming vested at September 30, 2010), provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock are issued upon the vesting of restricted stock units granted to the Reporting Person on September 30, 2010, provided that the Reporting Person continues his or her service as a director through such date.
- (4) Not applicable.

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