

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 8-K  
January 29, 2009

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 23, 2009

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-24006  
(Commission  
File Number)

94-3134940  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

201 Industrial Road  
San Carlos, California 94070  
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 631-3100

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- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On January 23, 2009, Irwin Lerner, a member of our Board of Directors, has decided to retire from the Board of Directors due to personal reasons. His resignation was effective as of January 23, 2009. Please refer to Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued on January 29, 2009 by Nektar Therapeutics announcing the retirement of Irwin Lerner from the Board of Directors.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By: /s/ Gil M.  
Labrucherie  
Gil M. Labrucherie  
General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: January 29, 2009

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