

Hora Maninder
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Hora Maninder | | (Month/Day/Year) | NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS [NKTR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 04/04/2012 | | |
| 455 MISSION BAY | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| BOULEVARD SOUTH | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| (Street) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | SVP Pharma Dev and Mfg | |
| SAN FRANCISCO,Â CAÂ 94158 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 600 | D | Â |

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) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option | Â (1) | 08/01/2018 | Common Stock 180,000 \$ 13.7 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option | Â (2) | 02/07/2019 | Common Stock 30,000 \$ 10.69 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option | Â (3) | 02/07/2020 | Common Stock 62,500 \$ 7.21 | D Â |
| Employee Stock Option | Â (4) | 02/07/2020 | Common Stock 62,500 \$ 7.21 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hora Maninder 455 MISSION BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94158 | Â | Â | Â SVP Pharma Dev and Mfg | Â |

Signatures

Gil M. Labrucherie - Attorney-in-Fact 04/11/2012

__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 option was granted on August 2, 2010 and vests as to 25% of the option on the first anniversary of the grant date and as to the remaining 75% of the option in monthly installments over the three-year period thereafter.
- (2) This option was granted on February 8, 2011 and vests in monthly installments over the four-year period following the grant date.
- (3) This option was granted on February 8, 2012 and vests in monthly installments over the four-year period following the grant date.

This option was granted on February 8, 2012 and is subject to both time-based vesting and performance-based vesting conditions, both of which must be met before the option becomes vested and exercisable. Under the time-based vesting requirement, the option vests in monthly installments over the four-year period following the grant date. The performance-based vesting condition will be met only if Nektar (or a licensee), within 5 years following the grant date, files a new drug registration with the U.S. FDA or the European Medicines Agency for a significant drug candidate program.

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