

PATTON JOHN STUART  
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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 \*  
PATTON JOHN STUART

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)  
150 INDUSTRIAL ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/18/2006

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

SAN CARLOS, CA 94070

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/18/2006		M	18,000 A	\$ 19.32 531,657	I	By John S. Patton & Jamie S. Patton TTEES of the Patton Revocable Trust Dated July 2, 1997
Common Stock	01/18/2006		M	16,645 A	\$ 19.32 548,302	I	By John S. Patton &



Employee  
Stock  
Option (Right to Buy)

\$ 5.0625

01/18/2006

M

16,645

01/23/2001

01/22/2006

Common  
Stock

16,645

Employee  
Stock  
Option (Right to Buy)

\$ 5.0625

01/19/2006

M

23,355

12/23/2000

01/22/2006

Common  
Stock

23,355

## 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

01/19/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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