

NantKwest, Inc.
Form 4
December 28, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Tajak Richard J.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NANTKWEST, INC., 3530
JOHN HOPKINS COURT

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NantKwest, Inc. [NK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

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

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)
Common Stock	12/23/2016		M	(A) or (D) A	\$ 0 (1)	11,575	D
Common Stock	12/23/2016		F	D	\$ 6.15	9,858	D

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)

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/23/2016		M	5,000	(2) (2)	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Tajak Richard J. C/O NANTKWEST, INC. 3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Director 10% Owner Officer Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Daniel Horwood, as
Attorney-in-Fact
12/28/2016
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) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of NantKwest, Inc. common stock.
- Subject to the reporting person's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, the restricted stock units ("RSUs") will vest as follows: 1/4th of the RSUs subject to the award shall vest 3 months following the vesting commencement date on the same day of the month as the vesting commencement date, and 1/4th of the RSUs subject to the award shall vest every 3 months thereafter on the same day of the month as the vesting commencement date such that the award shall be fully vested on March 23, 2017. The vesting commencement date for this award is March 23, 2016.
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