

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS
Form 8-K
October 19, 2016

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): October 18, 2016

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

0-24006
(Commission

File Number)
455 Mission Bay Boulevard South

94-3134940
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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San Francisco, California 95128

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 482-5300

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 18, 2016, Nektar Therapeutics, a Delaware corporation (Nektar), entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (J.P. Morgan), as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the Underwriters), relating to the issuance and sale of 13,000,000 shares (the Firm Shares) of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Nektar. The price to the public in this offering is \$13.50 per share, and the Underwriters agreed to purchase the Firm Shares from Nektar pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement at a price of \$12.69 per share.

In addition, under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, Nektar granted the Underwriters an option, exercisable for 30 days after October 18, 2016, to purchase up to 1,950,000 additional shares of common stock (the Additional Shares) and collectively with the Firm Shares, the Shares) at a price of \$12.69 per share.

The net proceeds to Nektar from the issuance and sale of the Firm Shares are expected to be approximately \$164.4 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by Nektar.

The offering is expected to close on or about October 24, 2016, subject to customary closing conditions set forth in the Underwriting Agreement. J.P. Morgan is acting as the lead book-running manager. Jefferies LLC and Piper Jaffray & Co. are acting as book-running managers. William Blair & Company, L.L.C. is acting as lead manager for the offering, and Brean Capital, BTIG, LLC, Janney Montgomery Scott, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. and Roth Capital Partners, LLC are acting as co-managers for the offering. The offering is being made pursuant to the effective registration statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-193454) filed by Nektar with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 21, 2014 and a prospectus supplement dated October 18, 2016 thereunder.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants of Nektar, customary conditions to closing, indemnification obligations of Nektar and the Underwriters (including for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) and termination and other provisions customary for transactions of this nature. The representations, warranties and covenants of Nektar contained in the Underwriting Agreement were made only for purposes of such agreement and as of specific dates, are solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. Investors are not third-party beneficiaries under the Underwriting Agreement and should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or conditions of Nektar.

The foregoing summary of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the opinion of Sidley Austin LLP relating to the legality of the issuance and sale of the Shares in the offering is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement dated as of October 18, 2016 |

- 5.1 Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

Nektar Therapeutics

Date: October 19, 2016

By: /s/ Gil M. Labrucherie
Gil M. Labrucherie
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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