

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2011

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): April 27, 2011

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-24006  
(Commission  
File Number)

94-3134940  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

455 Mission Bay Boulevard South  
San Francisco, California 94158  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 27, 2011, Nektar Therapeutics, a Delaware corporation (“Nektar”), issued a press release (the “Press Release”) announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. A copy of the Press Release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

On April 18, 2011, Nektar announced that it would hold a Webcast conference call on April 27, 2011 to review its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2011. This conference call is accessible through a link that is posted on the home page and Investor Relations section of the Nektar website: <http://www.nektar.com>.

On this conference call, management expects to provide information regarding Nektar’s business and make forward-looking statements, including statements regarding pre-clinical and clinical development plans, the medical and commercial potential for certain of Nektar’s drug candidates, the value and potential of Nektar’s technology, the projected Phase 3 clinical trial start date for Amikacin Inhale (partnered with Bayer AG), the timing and availability of future clinical results, the timing of future events related to the advancement of our drug candidate pipeline including potential future regulatory filings with health authorities, financial guidance for 2011, and certain other future events. This information and these forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties including but not limited to:

- Nektar’s proprietary drug candidates, including NKTR-118, NKTR-102, and Amikacin Inhale are in clinical development and the risk of failure remains high and can unexpectedly occur at any time due to lack of efficacy, safety issues, manufacturing challenges or other factors that can negatively impact drug development.
- Scientific discovery of new medical breakthroughs is an inherently uncertain process and the future success of the application of Nektar’s technology platforms to potential new drug candidates is therefore very uncertain and unpredictable and one or more research and development programs could fail.
- The timing and/or success of the commencement or end of clinical trials, including without limitation the anticipated Phase 3 commencement for NKTR-102 and Amikacin Inhale, may be delayed or unsuccessful due to regulatory delays, clinical trial design and the need to obtain regulatory concurrence for such designs, slower than anticipated patient enrollment, manufacturing challenges, changing standards of care or clinical outcomes, or financial constraints. For example, Nektar has experienced several significant delays in finalizing the commercial device design for Amikacin Inhale and successful completion of this device design and commercial scale-up effort is an essential element to enabling the future start of the planned Phase 3 trial—these activities are ongoing and remain subject to a substantial risk of failure until such activities are successfully completed.
- The preliminary Phase 2 results for NKTR-102 in ovarian and breast cancer previously announced or presented by Nektar remain subject to final data gathering and audit confirmation procedures. Therefore, the final results for the ovarian and breast cancer trials may differ materially and adversely from previously reported data after these audit and verification procedures are completed. In addition, there are patients still enrolled and continuing to enroll in the Phase 2 trial for ovarian cancer and patients still enrolled in the Phase 2 trial for breast cancer and as these studies continue to progress, results may change as new data becomes available, and the final results could be materially and adversely different from results previously announced by Nektar.
- Nektar’s patent applications for its proprietary or partner product candidates may not issue, patents that have issued may not be enforceable, or additional intellectual property licenses from third parties may be required in the future.
- The outcome of any intellectual property or other litigation related to Nektar’s proprietary product candidates or partner product candidates where Nektar has indemnification responsibility is unpredictable and could have a

material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

- The market sizes for Nektar's proprietary and partnered product programs are based on management's current estimates (and in some cases estimates communicated to us by our collaboration partners) only and actual market sizes may differ materially and adversely.
  - Management's financial projections for Nektar's 2011 annual revenue, certain annual expense category estimates, and year-end cash position are subject to the significant risk of unplanned revenue short-falls, unplanned expenses, and expenses being higher than planned, any of which could adversely affect Nektar's actual 2011 annual financial results and end of year cash position.
  - Other important risks and uncertainties set forth in Nektar's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2011.
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Actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements and Nektar undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by Nektar Therapeutics, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit  
No.

Description

99.1

Press release titled “Nektar Therapeutics Reports First Quarter 2011 Financial Results” issued by Nektar Therapeutics on April 27, 2011.

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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: April 27, 2011

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