

NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS  
Form 8-K  
August 16, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 12, 2005**

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**NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-24006**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-3134940**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**150 Industrial Road, San Carlos, CA 94070**

(Address of principal executive offices) (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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On August 12, 2005, Nektar Therapeutics, a Delaware corporation ( Nektar ), entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement ) with Oski Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Nektar (the Merger Sub ) and Aerogen, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Aerogen ). The Merger Agreement provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Aerogen, with Aerogen continuing as the surviving corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Nektar. The Merger Agreement and the joint press release issued by Nektar and Aerogen announcing the transaction are filed herewith as Exhibit 2.1 and Exhibit 99.1, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 12, 2005, by and among Nektar Therapeutics, Oski Acquisition Corporation and Aerogen, Inc.
99.1	Joint Press Release issued by Nektar Therapeutics and Aerogen, Inc., dated August 15, 2005.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 16, 2005

**NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS**

By:           /s/ AJAY BANSAL          

Name: Ajay Bansal  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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