

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

May 31, 2024

Mark Wilson General Counsel Nektar Therapeutics 455 Mission Bay Boulevard South San Francisco, CA 94158

> Re: Nektar Therapeutics Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed May 28, 2024 File No. 333-279760

Dear Mark Wilson:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Tamika Sheppard at 202-551-8346 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences

cc: Mitchell Bloom