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FORM 4

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Tajak Richard J. Issuer Symbol NantKwest, Inc. [NK] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O NANTKWEST, INC., 3530 06/23/2016 below) JOHN HOPKINS COURT Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(State)

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(City)	(State) (A	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,		5)	Owned Following Reported	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	06/23/2016		M	5,000	A	0 $\frac{(1)}{(1)}$	5,000	D		
Common Stock	06/23/2016		F	1,708	D	\$ 6.73	3,292	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. Transactic 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	06/23/2016		M	5,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tajak Richard J. C/O NANTKWEST, INC. 3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Daniel Horwood, as Attorney-in-Fact

06/27/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

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
- (2) 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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