FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and A Shawver	* 2. Date of Requiring (Month/D 07/09/2	g Statement ay/Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticke Nkarta, Inc. [ NKT		Symbol				
(Street)		_		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(structure) Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% of the difference of the di		wner 6. li (Ch	If Amendment, Date of Original ed (Month/Day/Year)  Individual or Joint/Group Filing neck Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr 4)	Form: D (D) or Ir	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct Beneficial 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	5)	
Stock Option	1	(1)	03/26/2030	Common Stock	29,729(2)	4.29	D		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The shares subject to this option shall vest annually over three years (shares become fully vested on 03/27/2023) and will have a maximum term of 10 years, subject to earlier termination in connection with separation from service or a change of control transaction pursuant to the Issuer's 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The outstanding and unvested options will vest on a "Change in Control" (as such term is defined in the Plan).
- 2. Share numbers give effect to the 1-for-3.7 reverse stock split of each share of the Issuer's Common Stock, which became effective on July 1, 2020.

#### Remarks

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Matthew Plunkett,

Attorney-in-Fact for Laura 07/09/2020

<u>Shawver</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting

Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Paul Hastings, Chief Executive Officer of Nkarta, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Matthew Plunkett, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act"), and/or authenticating documents pursuant to the rules governing the SEC's EDGAR Filer Management and application thereto;
- do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- neither the Company nor the foregoing attorney-in-fact assumes
  (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply
  with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of
  the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements
  or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for
  profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each attorney-in-fact.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 7th day of July, 2020.

/s/ Laura Shawver					
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