

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Ji Henry</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>9380 JUDICIAL DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92121</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/27/2015</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NantKwest, Inc. [NK]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	776,535	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	01/16/2025	Common Stock 370,300	1.9984	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/16/2025	Common Stock 481,390	1.9984	I	By spouse ⁽³⁾

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares held by an entity of which the Reporting Person's spouse is the sole managing member. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- One twenty-fourth of the shares subject to the option shall vest on the date that is one month from January 16, 2015 and an additional one twenty-fourth shall vest on the same day of each subsequent month, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continued status as a service provider with the Issuer.
- The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

Remarks:

/s/ Henry Ji 07/27/2015
 ** 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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