

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Davis Todd C <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 <small>(Street)</small>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2018			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/12/2018		M		2,754	A	\$ 89.75	45,310	D	
Common Stock	10/12/2018		M		2,329	A	\$ 119.30	47,639	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. Transaction 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 89.75	10/12/2018	10/12/2018	M		2,754		(1)	04/24/2025	Common Stock 2,754	\$ 0	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 119.30	10/12/2018	10/12/2018	M		2,329		(2)	05/23/2026	Common Stock 2,329	\$ 0	0	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Davis Todd C 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X			

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: Todd C. Davis		10/15/2018
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on April 24, 2015. Fully vests on the earlier of (A) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (B) on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on May 23, 2016. Fully vests on the earlier of (A) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (B) on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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