

# 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 * Berkman Charles S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/05/2016					
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			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		
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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	08/05/2016		M		4,295.00	A	\$ 21.92	33,942	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		S		4,295.00	D	\$ 123.16	29,647	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		M		5,688.00	A	\$ 56.26	35,335	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		S		5,688.00	D	\$ 123.16	29,647	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		M		12,084.00	A	\$ 74.42	41,731	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		S		12,084.00	D	\$ 123.16	29,647	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		M		4,947.00	A	\$ 42.90	34,594	D	
Common Stock	08/05/2016		M		3,333.00	A	\$ 40.86	37,927	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						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.86	08/05/2016	08/05/2016	M			3,333.00	(1)	04/30/2017	Common Stock	3,333	\$ 0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.90	08/05/2016	08/05/2016	M			4,947.00	(2)	06/20/2017	Common Stock	4,947	\$ 0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.26	08/05/2016	08/05/2016	M			5,688.00	(3)	02/10/2025	Common Stock	5,688	\$ 0	10,369	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 74.42	08/05/2016	08/05/2016	M			12,084.00	(4)	02/12/2024	Common Stock	12,084	\$ 0	7,916	D	

(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.92	08/05/2016	08/05/2016	M		4,295.00	(5)	02/15/2023	Common Stock	4,295	\$ 0	469	D
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Berkman Charles S 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

## Signatures

Charles S. Berkman	08/09/2016
<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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 4/30/07.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 6/20/07.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/10/15.
- (4) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/12/14.
- (5) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/15/13.

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