

# 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 * Sabba Stephen L	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 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP, 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2019	
(Street) SYOSSET, NY 11791	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 (1)	07/31/2019		S		4,091	D	\$ 94.45 (2)	23,600	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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sabba Stephen L DORSET MANAGEMENT CORP 485 UNDERHILL BLVD SUITE 205 SYOSSET, NY 11791	X			

## Signatures

By: /s/Stephen L. Sabba		08/01/2019
<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).

These securities, as represented in Column 5, include restricted shares comprised of: (a) a grant of 835 restricted shares in a transaction exempt from Section 16b treatment, as originally reported on a Form 4 filed June 10, 2019, which shares will vest in full on the earlier of (i) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (ii) on the first anniversary of the grant date; and (b) fully vested restricted shares granted in respective transactions, each exempt from Section 16b treatment and reported on previously filed Form 4s for the Reporting Person.

(1)

(2) The price reported is based on an average share price from the following transactions: ((767 shares @ \$96.0691)+(100 shares @ \$95.605)+(600 shares @ \$95.438334)+(2,624 shares @ \$93.70))/ 4,091 shares. The price reported has been rounded from \$94.4456857 for formatting purposes.

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