

Berkman Charles S
Form 4
September 18, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3911 SORRENTO VALLEY
BOULEVARD, STE 110
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/17/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	09/17/2018		M	(A) or (D) Amount (1) 2,813	Price \$ 100.38	30,576	D
Common Stock	09/17/2018		S	(1) 2,813	(2) \$ 250.6866	27,763	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 100.38	09/17/2018	09/17/2018	M	2,813 (1)	(3) 02/24/2027	Common Stock	2,813

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Charles S. Berkman 09/18/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) The sale(s) reported on this Form 4 were made pursuant to a written trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on May 29, 2018, in accordance with Rule 10b5-1.
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$248.43 to \$254.65, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of options to purchase shares of common stock ("Option Shares"), 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 was 02/24/2017.

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