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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lian Brian

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/04/2018

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

President & CEO

C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS. INC., 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, **SUITE 250**

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

 $F^{(1)}$

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

below)

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned **Following** Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Common

Stock, par value 05/04/2018

Price Code V Amount (D)

10,086 D

(A)

D

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

1,483,012

\$0.00001 per share

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)

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									of		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Lian Brian C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC. 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact 05/08/2018

**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).
- These shares were withheld by the Issuer in order to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of certain shares of restricted stock.

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