

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/27/2014

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

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	05/27/2014		S	4,667 D \$ 66.89	26,978	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2014		M	347 A \$ 9.96	27,325	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2014		S	347 D \$ 66.93	26,978	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2014		M	1,666 A \$ 21.92	28,644	D	
Common Stock	05/27/2014		S	1,666 D \$ 66.93	26,978	D	

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Common Stock	05/27/2014	M	486	A	\$ 14.47	27,464	D
Common Stock	05/27/2014	S	486	D	\$ 66.93	26,978	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	05/27/2014	05/27/2014	M	486	<u>(1)</u> 02/09/2022	Common Stock	486	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.96	05/27/2014	05/27/2014	M	347	<u>(2)</u> 02/15/2020	Common Stock	347	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.92	05/27/2014	05/27/2014	M	1,666	<u>(3)</u> 02/15/2023	Common Stock	1,666	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Berkman Charles S 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 LA JOLLA, CA 92037			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

Charles S.
Berkman

05/28/2014

 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) 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 02/09/12.
 - (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 02/15/10.
 - (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 02/15/13.

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