Berkman Charles S Form 4 October 25, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Berkman Charles S

(First)

(State)

Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

INC [LGND]

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Month/Day/Year) 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY 10/24/2018

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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BOULEVARD, STE 110

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3.	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	(Monun/Day/Tear)	any	Code	on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			,	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)		
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
~			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(
Common Stock	10/24/2018		M	2,688	A	\$ 14.47	32,451	D	
Common Stock	10/24/2018		M	1,212	A	\$ 21.92	33,663	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.92	10/24/2018		M	1,212	<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2023	Common Stock	1,212
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	10/24/2018	10/24/2018	M	2,688	<u>(2)</u>	02/09/2022	Common Stock	2,688

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Berkman Charles S

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE SVP, Gen. Counsel &

110 Secretary

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

Charles S. Berkman 10/25/2018

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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 was 02/15/13.
- (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 was 02/09/12.

Reporting Owners 2

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