

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Herman Melanie J | | (Month/Day/Year) | LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 | | 04/09/2014 | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| LA JOLLA, Â CA Â 92037 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | Director of Accounting | 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 |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 2,630 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Title | | | |

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| | | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/02/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/02/2021 | Common Stock | 469 | \$ 11.15 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 07/03/2012 ⁽²⁾ | 01/03/2022 | Common Stock | 3,225 | \$ 11.91 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/09/2012 ⁽³⁾ | 02/09/2022 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$ 14.47 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/15/2013 ⁽⁴⁾ | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock | 2,187 | \$ 21.92 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/01/2014 ⁽⁵⁾ | 04/01/2024 | Common Stock | 6,000 | \$ 68.48 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/12/2014 ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/12/2024 | Common Stock | 6,000 | \$ 74.42 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Herman Melanie J 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200 LA JOLLA, CA 92037 | Â | Â | Â Director of Accounting | Â |

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: Melanie J. Herman 04/11/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 05/02/2011.
- (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 01/03/12.
- (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 02/09/12.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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 04/01/2014.
- (6) 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 02/12/14.

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