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LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC Form 4 November 13, 2015 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Herman Melanie J Issuer Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC [LGND] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES 11/11/2015 Director of Accounting ROAD, SUITE 200 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 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 LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common 11/11/2015 469 M A 3,620 D Stock 11.15 Common 11/11/2015 625 4,245 D M A 11.91 Stock Common 11/11/2015 Μ 1,500 А 5,745 D Stock Common D 11/11/2015 M 312 Α 6,057 Stock 21 92 Common 11/11/2015 Μ 2.5008,557 D А

Stock

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Common Stock	11/11/2015	М	625	Α	\$ 68.48	9,182	D
Common Stock	11/11/2015	М	1,688	A	\$ 56.26	10,870	D
Common Stock	11/11/2015	S	7,719	D	\$ 101	3,151	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 onof 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)	\$ 11.15	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	469	<u>(1)</u>	05/02/2021	Common Stock	469
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.91	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	625	(2)	01/03/2022	Common Stock	625
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	1,500	(3)	02/09/2022	Common Stock	1,500
Employee Stock Option (right to	\$ 21.92	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	312	<u>(4)</u>	02/15/2023	Common Stock	312

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.26	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	1,688	(5)	02/10/2025	Common Stock	1,688
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 68.48	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	625	<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2024	Common Stock	625
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 74.42	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	М	2,500	(7)	02/12/2024	Common Stock	2,500

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			Director of Accounting				
Signatures							
By: Charles S. Berkman For: Melanie J. Herman	11/13/2015						
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date						
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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 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 02/10/15.
- (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 04/01/2014.

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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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