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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 *
BVF PARTNERS L P/IL

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)
900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2012

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

CHICAGO, IL 60611

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | P | 5,386 (4) A \$ 18.6344 | 2,123,812 | I (1) (2) (3) | See Explanation of Responses |
| Common Stock | | | | | 741,627 | I (1) (5) | See Explanation of Responses |
| Common Stock | | | | | 444,151 | I (1) (6) | See Explanation of |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BVF PARTNERS L P/IL 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | X | | |
| BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND L P 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | | | See Explanation of Responses |
| BVF INC/IL 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | X | | |
| LAMPERT MARK N 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | X | | |
| BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II LP 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | | | See Explanation of Responses |
| | | | | See Explanation of Responses |

BVF INVESTMENTS LLC
 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100
 CHICAGO, IL 60611

Signatures

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| BVF Partners L.P., By: BVF Inc., its GP, By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert, President | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P. By: BVF Partners L.P., its GP, By: BVF Inc., By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert, President | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| BVF INC., By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert, President | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| Mark N. Lampert, By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P., By: BVF Partners L.P., its GP, By: BVF Inc., By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert, President | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| BVF INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., By: BVF Partners L.P., its Manager, By: BVF Inc., By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert, President | 12/18/2012 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This Form 4 is filed jointly by Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. ("BVF"), Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. ("BVF2"), BVF Investments, L.L.C. ("BVFLLC"), BVF Partners L.P. ("Partners"), BVF Inc., and Mark Lampert (collectively the "Reporting Persons"). Each of the

(1) Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a member of a section 13G group that collectively owns more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock reported herein except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Represents shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVFLLC. As the manager of BVFLLC, Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVFLLC. As the investment adviser and general partner of Partners, BVF Inc., may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVFLLC. As a director and officer of BVF Inc., Mr. Lampert may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVFLLC.

(3) The shares of Common Stock are directly beneficially owned by BVF Investments, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company. Pursuant to the operating agreement of BVFLLC, BVF Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership is authorized, among other things, to invest the contributed capital of Samana Capital, L.P., the majority member of BVFLLC, in the shares of Common Stock and other securities and to vote, exercise or convert and dispose of such securities and is entitled to receive fees based on assets under management and, subject to certain exceptions, allocations based on realized and unrealized gains on such assets.

(4) Units may represent aggregation of daily trade activity. Details regarding individual execution amounts and prices are available upon request

(5) Represents shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF. As the general partner of BVF, Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF. As the investment adviser and general partner of Partners, BVF Inc., may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF. As a director and officer of BVF Inc., Mr. Lampert may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF.

(6) Represents shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF2. As the general partner of BVF2, Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF2. As the investment adviser and general partner of Partners, BVF Inc., may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF2. As a director and officer of BVF Inc., Mr. Lampert may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Stock owned directly by BVF2.

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