

Lian Brian
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lian Brian

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS,
 INC., 12340 EL CAMINO REAL,
 SUITE 250**

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]

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

05/04/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	05/04/2018		F ⁽¹⁾	10,086 D \$ 4.22	1,483,012	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)

Table with columns: 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 Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5), 10. Reporting Person's Relationship to the Issuer (Instr. 4), 11. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4), 12. Date of Reporting Person's Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4), 13. Date of Reporting Person's Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4), 14. Date of Reporting Person's Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4), 15. Date of Reporting Person's Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4), 16. 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Date of Reporting Person's Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 4).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row 1: Lian Brian, C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC. 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130, X, President & CEO.

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact, 05/08/2018. **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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(1) These shares were withheld by the Issuer in order to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of certain shares of restricted stock.

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