

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 Herman Melanie J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Director of Accounting

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 200  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/11/2015

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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

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

**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 or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	11/11/2015		M		469 A \$ 11.15		D
Common Stock	11/11/2015		M		625 A \$ 11.91		D
Common Stock	11/11/2015		M		1,500 A \$ 14.47		D
Common Stock	11/11/2015		M		312 A \$ 21.92		D
Common Stock	11/11/2015		M		2,500 A \$ 74.42		D

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Common Stock	11/11/2015	M	625	A	\$ 68.48	9,182	D
Common Stock	11/11/2015	M	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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares	
				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	M	469	<u>(1)</u> 05/02/2021	Common Stock	469	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.91	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	M	625	<u>(2)</u> 01/03/2022	Common Stock	625	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	M	1,500	<u>(3)</u> 02/09/2022	Common Stock	1,500	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.92	11/11/2015	11/11/2015	M	312	<u>(4)</u> 02/15/2023	Common Stock	312	

buy)

Employee

Stock

Option

(right to

buy)

\$ 56.26

11/11/2015

11/11/2015

M

1,688

(5)

02/10/2025

Common  
Stock

1,688

Employee

Stock

Option

(right to

buy)

\$ 68.48

11/11/2015

11/11/2015

M

625

(6)

04/01/2024

Common  
Stock

625

Employee

Stock

Option

(right to

buy)

\$ 74.42

11/11/2015

11/11/2015

M

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

## 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.
- (7)

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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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