

FOEHR MATTHEW W

Form 4

January 25, 2019

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FOEHR MATTHEW W

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)

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY
BOULEVARD, STE 110

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/23/2019

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
President and COO

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(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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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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/23/2019		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) \$ 0	116,934	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2019		F	(2) 1,284 \$ 111.78	115,650	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2019		A	(3) 3,715 \$ 0	119,365	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2019		F	(2) 1,284 \$ 111.78	118,081	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				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

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3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

President and COO

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: Matthew W.
Foehr

01/25/2019

**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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Represents the number of shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of performance stock units (PSUs). Each PSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer common stock. The PSUs were originally granted on 02/11/2016 and were eligible to

- (1) vest based on the Issuer achievement of certain performance objectives during the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2018. On January 23, 2019, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer certified the Issuer achievement relative to the applicable performance objectives and approved the vesting of the PSUs with respect to these shares.
- (2) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the tax liability arising in connection with the settlement of the PSUs.
- (3) Represents the number of shares of common stock issued upon the vesting of performance stock units (PSUs). Each PSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer common stock. The PSUs were originally granted on 03/29/2017 and were eligible to vest based on the Issuer achievement of certain performance objectives during the two-year performance period ending December 31, 2018. On January 23, 2019, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer certified the Issuer achievement relative

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to the applicable performance objectives and approved the vesting of the PSUs with respect to these shares.

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