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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Davis Todd C

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

INC [LGND]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

10/12/2018

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY **BOULEVARD, STE 110**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/12/2018	M	2,754	A	\$ 89.75	45,310	D	
Common Stock	10/12/2018					47,639	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 89.75	10/12/2018	10/12/2018	M	2,754	<u>(1)</u>	04/24/2025	Common Stock	2,75
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 119.3	10/12/2018	10/12/2018	M	2,329	(2)	05/23/2026	Common Stock	2,32

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Davis Todd C 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 X SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: Todd C.
Davis
10/15/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on April 24, 2015. Fully vests on the earlier of (A) (1) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (B) on the first anniversary of the date of
- Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on May 23, 2016. Fully vests on the earlier of (A) (2) the date of the next annual meeting of the Company stockholders following the grant date or (B) on the first anniversary of the date of grant

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