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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2016

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

3911 SORRENTO VALLEY **BOULEVARD, STE 110**

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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

| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | 3. | 4. Securi | | | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or D | ispose | d of (D) | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (1115117 & 11116 1) | | |
| Common Stock | 10/31/2016 | | M | 3,333 | A | \$ 53.34 | 59,542 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/31/2016 | | M | 7,335 | A | \$ 32.3 | 66,877 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/31/2016 | | M | 3,312 | A | \$ 67.53 | 70,189 | 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. Transactio 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Share |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.3 | 10/31/2016 | 10/31/2016 | M | 7,335 | <u>(1)</u> | 06/11/2023 | Common Stock | 7,3 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 53.34 | 10/31/2016 | 10/31/2016 | M | 3,333 | 03/01/2008 | 03/01/2017 | Common Stock | 3,3 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 67.53 | 10/31/2016 | 10/31/2016 | M | 3,312 | (2) | 06/04/2024 | Common Stock | 3,3 |

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

11/01/2016

**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) Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on June 11, 2013, and will fully vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2)

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Acquired by a grant of the Board of Directors of the Company at their annual meeting on June 04, 2014. Fully vests on the earlier of (A) 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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