

Aryeh Jason
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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 *
Aryeh Jason

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)

11085 NORTH TORREY PINES
ROAD, SUITE 300

(Street)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/15/2011

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | 03/15/2011 | | P | | 1,000 | A | \$ 9.47 | 272,111 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2011 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 9.53 | 272,611 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 9.25 | 273,111 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 9.26 | 273,611 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | | P | | 500 | A | \$ 9.27 | 274,111 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|---------|---------|---|-------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | P | 500 | A | \$ 9.31 | 274,611 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | P | 500 | A | \$ 9.36 | 275,111 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | P | 500 | A | \$ 9.42 | 275,611 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | P | 500 | A | \$ 9.46 | 276,111 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2011 | P | 500 | A | \$ 9.48 | 276,611 | I | Indirect ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,429 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 3,025 | I | by Trust |

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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Aryeh Jason 11085 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 300 LA JOLLA, CA 92037 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: John P. Sharp For: Jason
Aryeh

03/16/2011

__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) All securities disclosed in this Form 4 are owned by certain funds managed by JALAA Equities, LP, JLV Investments, LP and affiliates (the "Funds"). Jason Aryeh is the General Partner of JALAA Equities, LP and a partner of JLV Investments, LP. By reason of the provisions of Rule 16a-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, JALAA Equities, LP, JLV Investments, LP and affiliates and Mr. Aryeh may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the securities beneficially owned by the Funds.

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