

Viking Therapeutics, Inc.
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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 *
MORNEAU MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 50

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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, par value \$0.00001 per share	05/04/2015		A ⁽¹⁾		67,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	05/04/2015		F ⁽²⁾		10,404	A	\$ 9.49

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.49	05/04/2015		A	25,500	05/04/2015 ⁽³⁾ 05/04/2025	Common Stock	25,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SAN DIEGO, CA 92037

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau 05/06/2015

**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) Represents a restricted stock award of common stock under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. One third of the shares subject to the restricted stock award shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.
- (2) Represents a restricted stock award of 17,292 shares of common stock granted under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. All of the shares subject to the restricted stock award vested immediately upon grant. In order to satisfy certain tax withholding obligations, the Issuer repurchased 6,888 of these shares from the Reporting Person.

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- (3) 25% of the shares subject to the option were vested upon grant and 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date.

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