

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 *
Lian Brian

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS,
 INC., 12340 EL CAMINO REAL,
 SUITE 250

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
01/05/2017

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)
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.23 | 01/05/2017 | A | | 250,000 | | 01/05/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/05/2027 | Common Stock | 250,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.23 | 01/05/2017 | A | | 34,931 ⁽²⁾ | | 01/05/2017 | 01/05/2027 | Common Stock | 34,931 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lian Brian C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC. 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact | 01/05/2017 |
| <small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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) 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest on each anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The Reporting Person's employment agreement with the Issuer entitles him to an annual cash bonus. The Reporting Person voluntarily elected to be paid 25% of his 2016 annual cash bonus in the form of an option to purchase shares of common stock of the Issuer.

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