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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lian Brian

Symbol Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/19/2018

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

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

(State)

(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

Person

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

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Amount

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V (D) Price

(A)

Common Stock, par

per share

value \$0.00001

01/19/2018

40,000 Α (1)

\$0 1,493,098

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Number Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.65	01/19/2018		A	140,000	01/19/2019(2)	01/19/2028	Common Stock	140,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	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

/s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact 01/23/2018

**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).
- (1) Represents a restricted stock unit award ("RSU") of common stock under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. One-third of the shares subject to the RSU shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.
- (2) 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest on each anniversary of the grant date.

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