

Lian Brian
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)

01/19/2018

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	01/19/2018		A		40,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 1,493,098
						D	

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(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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.65	01/19/2018		A	140,000	01/19/2019 ⁽²⁾ 01/19/2028	Common Stock 140,000

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

/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).

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(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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