

Masamune Hiroko
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Masamune Hiroko

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
01/03/2019

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Development Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X 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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	01/03/2019		A	22,667 (1)	A \$ 0 141,063 (2)	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 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)	\$ 7.58	01/03/2019		A	66,000	01/03/2020 ⁽³⁾ 01/03/2029	Common Stock	66,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Masamune Hiroko
12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250
SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

Chief Development Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau, as
Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2019

**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. 25% of the shares subject to the RSU shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.
- (2) Includes 7,199 shares acquired on November 20, 2018 pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) 25% of the shares subject to the option will vest on each anniversary of the grant date.

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