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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

obligations

may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lian Brian

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(Street)

(State)

Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(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)

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_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

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

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)

Amount

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

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

Common

\$0.00001 per share

Stock, par value

(City)

01/03/2019

80,897 Α (1)

Code V

(A)

or

(D)

Price

1,564,485 (2)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amous Numb Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.58	01/03/2019		A	235,554	01/03/2020(3)	01/03/2029	Common Stock	235,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	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
01/03/2019

**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 576 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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