

Viking Therapeutics, Inc.  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**MACARTNEY LAWSON**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS,  
 INC., 11119 NORTH TORREY  
 PINES ROAD, SUITE 50**

(Street)

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92037**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/28/2015**

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)

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 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 of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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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 or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8                                     | 04/28/2015           | A               |   | 20,786           |                  | (1)              | 04/28/2025      | Common Stock | 20,786                     |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 50  
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92037

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## Signatures

/s/ Brian Lian, Ph.D., as  
 Attorney-in-Fact

04/30/2015

\*\*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).

100% of the shares subject to the option shall vest on the date of the Issuer's first Annual Meeting of Stockholders following the date of (1) grant, subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service on the Issuer's Board of Directors through immediately prior to such Annual Meeting.

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