

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
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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 \*  
 BVF PARTNERS L P/IL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC [LGND]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE SANSOME STREET, 31ST FLOOR  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/07/2008

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Indirect Beneficial Owner

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/07/2008		P		27,000 (3) \$ 1.4099	9,800,948 (6) I	See footnotes (1) (2)
Common Stock	11/07/2008		P		19,000 (4) \$ 1.4099	9,819,948 (6) I	See footnotes (1) (2)
Common Stock	11/07/2008		P		67,000 (5) \$ 1.4099	9,886,948 (6) I	See footnotes (1) (2)
Common	11/10/2008		P		46,000 A \$ 1.364	9,932,948 (6) I	See

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Stock			<u>(3)</u>						footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	11/10/2008	P	<u>33,000</u> <u>(4)</u>	A	\$ 1.364	9,965,948 <u>(6)</u>	I		See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	11/10/2008	P	<u>119,000</u> <u>(5)</u>	A	\$ 1.364	<u>10,084,948</u> <u>(6)</u>	I		See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	11/11/2008	P	<u>39,850</u> <u>(3)</u>	A	\$ 1.3907	<u>10,124,798</u> <u>(6)</u>	I		See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	11/11/2008	P	<u>28,000</u> <u>(4)</u>	A	\$ 1.3907	<u>10,152,798</u> <u>(6)</u>	I		See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	11/11/2008	P	<u>100,000</u> <u>(5)</u>	A	\$ 1.3907	<u>10,252,798</u> <u>(6)</u>	I		See footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other



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- (5) Shares directly beneficially owned by Investments.
- (6) Total amount of shares indirectly beneficially owned by Partners and BVF Inc.

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