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Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

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) 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2009	DirectorX 10% Owner Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Indirect Beneficial Owner		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person		
CHICAGO, IL 60611		_X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivative Se	ecuriti	es Acqu	ired, Disposed o	f, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/24/2009		S	1,113,550 (1)	D	\$ 2.57	14,056,400	D (2)	
Common Stock	08/24/2009		S	770,000 (1)	D	\$ 2.57	13,286,400	D (3)	
Common Stock	08/24/2009		S	2,669,000 (1)	D	\$ 2.57	10,617,400	D (4)	
Common Stock							10,617,400	I (5)	General partner and manager of

entities with

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			direct ownership.
Common Stock	10,617,400	I (<u>e)</u>	General Partner of entity with indirect ownership.
Common Stock	10,617,400	I <u>(7)</u>	Sole shareholder and sole director of entity with indirect ownership.
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefit	cially owned directly or indirectly.		
	Persons who respond to the collectinformation contained in this form		SEC 1474 (9-02)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amou Under Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BVF PARTNERS L P/IL 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611		X		Indirect Beneficial Owner			
				Direct Beneficial Owner			

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BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND L P 900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60611

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II LP

900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 Direct Beneficial Owner

CHICAGO, IL 60611

BVF INVESTMENTS LLC

900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 Direct Beneficial Owner

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900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 X Indirect Beneficial Owner

CHICAGO, IL 60611

BVF INC/IL

900 N. MICHIGAN AVE., SUITE 1100 X Indirect Beneficial Owner

CHICAGO, IL 60611

Signatures

BVF Partners L.P., By: BVF Inc., its GP, By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert 08/26/2009 **Signature of Reporting Person Date BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P. By: BVF Partners L.P., its GP, By: BVF Inc., By: 08/26/2009 /s/ Mark N. Lampert **Signature of Reporting Person Date BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P., By: BVF Partners L.P., its GP, By: BVF Inc., 08/26/2009 By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert **Signature of Reporting Person Date BVF INVESTMENTS, L.L.C., By: BVF Partners L.P., its Manager, By: BVF Inc., By: /s/ 08/26/2009 Mark N. Lampert

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

BVF INC., By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

08/26/2009

MARK N. LAMPERT By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

rk N. Lampert 08/26/2009

**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) Units may represent aggregation of daily trade activity. Details regarding individual execution amounts and prices are available upon request.
- (2) Shares directly beneficially owned by Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. ("BVF")
- (3) Shares directly beneficially owned by Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. ("BVF II")
 - The shares of Common Stock are directly beneficially owned by BVF Investments, LLC ("BVFLLC"), a Delaware limited liability company. Pursuant to the operating agreement of BVFLLC, BVF Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Partners") is
- (4) authorized, among other things, to invest the contributed capital of Samana Capital, L.P., the majority member of BVFLLC, in the shares of Common Stock and other securities and to vote, exercise or convert and dispose of such securities and is entitled to receive fees based on assets under management and, subject to certain exceptions, allocations based on realized and unrealized gains on such assets.

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- (5) The shares of Common Stock are indirectly beneficially owned by Partners. Partners is the general partner of BVF and BVF II and is the manager of BVFLLC.
- (6) The shares of Common Stock are indirectly beneficially owned by BVF Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BVF Inc."). BVF Inc. is the general partner of Partners.
- (7) Mark N. Lampert is the sole shareholder, sole director, and an officer of BVF Inc.

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