

Viking Therapeutics, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 * Â Lian Brian (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC., Â 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 50 (Street) SAN DIEGO, Â CA Â 92037 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2015	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTIX]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) President & CEO	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share <u>(1)</u>	3,650,000	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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(Month/Day/Year)			Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lian Brian C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC. 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD, SUITE 50 SAN DIEGO, CA 92037	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Brian Lian,
Ph.D. 04/28/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).
Includes 1,257,632 shares of restricted stock that are subject to vesting, of which: (a) 51,528 shares will vest on May 26, 2015 and each month thereafter through and including August 26, 2015, (b) 51,520 shares will vest on September 26, 2015, (c) 500,000 shares will vest upon the achievement of a company milestone, and (d) 500,000 shares will vest upon the achievement of an additional company milestone.

Remarks:
Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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