

MORNEAU MICHAEL

Form 4

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FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MORNEAU MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]

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

01/19/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	01/19/2018		A	15,000 (1)	A \$ 0 101,651 (2)	D	

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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.65	01/19/2018		A	52,500	01/19/2019 ⁽³⁾ 01/19/2028	Common Stock 52,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MORNEAU MICHAEL C/O VIKING THERAPEUTICS, INC. 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau 01/23/2018
 **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. One-third of the shares subject to the RSU shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.
- (2) Includes 3,004 shares acquired on May 19, 2017 pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 3,043 shares acquired on November 20, 2017 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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