Masamune Hiroko
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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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Masamune Hiroko	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol Viking Therapeutics, Inc. [VKTX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _____ Director _____ 10% Owner __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) Chief Development Officer
(Last) (First) (Middle) 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2019	
(Street) SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value $0.00001 per share	01/03/2019		A		22,667 (1)	A	$ 0	141,063 (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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 7.58	01/03/2019		A		66,000		01/03/2020[(3)]	01/03/2029	Common Stock	66,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Masamune Hiroko 12340 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 250 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130			Chief Development Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Morneau, as Attorney-in-Fact	01/03/2019
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

*   If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1)   Represents a restricted stock unit award ("RSU") of common stock under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. 25% of the shares subject to the RSU shall vest on each one year anniversary of the grant date of the award.

(2)   Includes 7,199 shares acquired on November 20, 2018 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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