

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form SC 13G

February 14, 2005

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

53220K207

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1 (b)

Rule 13d-1 (c)

Rule 13d-1 (d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

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CUSIP No. 53220K207

1. Name of Reporting Person: I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):
Maverick Capital, Ltd. 75-2482446

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only:

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:
Texas

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:
3,761,431

6. Shared Voting Power:
0

7. Sole Dispositive Power:
3,761,431

8. Shared Dispositive Power:
0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:
3,761,431

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

11.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):
5.1%

12. Type of Reporting Person:
IA

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CUSIP No. 53220K207

1. Name of Reporting Person: I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):
Maverick Capital Management, LLC 75-2686461

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:
(a)
(b)

3. SEC Use Only:

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:
Texas

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:
3,761,431

6. Shared Voting Power:
0

7. Sole Dispositive Power:
3,761,431

8. Shared Dispositive Power:
0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:
3,761,431

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

11.

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):
5.1%

12. Type of Reporting Person:
HC

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CUSIP No. 53220K207

1. Name of Reporting Person: Lee S. Ainslie III
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:
(a)
(b)

3. SEC Use Only:

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:
United States

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

5. Sole Voting Power:
3,761,431

6. Shared Voting Power:
0

7. Sole Dispositive Power:
3,761,431

8. Shared Dispositive Power:
0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:
3,761,431

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares:

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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9):
5.1%

12. Type of Reporting Person:
HC

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer.

Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices.

10275 Science Center Drive
San Diego, CA 92121-1117

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing.

This Schedule 13G (the "Schedule 13G") is being filed on behalf of each of the following persons (each, a "Reporting Person"):

- (i) Maverick Capital, Ltd.;
- (ii) Maverick Capital Management, LLC; and
- (iii) Lee S. Ainslie III ("Mr. Ainslie").

The Schedule 13G relates to Shares (as defined herein) held for the accounts of Maverick Capital, Ltd.'s clients.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence.

The address of the principal business office of (i) Maverick Capital, Ltd. and Maverick Capital Management, LLC is 300 Crescent Court, 18th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, and (ii) Mr. Ainslie is 767 Fifth Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10153.

Item 2(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization.

- (i) Maverick Capital, Ltd. is a Texas limited partnership;
- (ii) Maverick Capital Management, LLC is a Texas limited liability company; and
- (iii) Mr. Ainslie is a citizen of the United States.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities.

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Shares").

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number.

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) An investment advisor in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4 Ownership.

Ownership as of December 31, 2004 is incorporated by reference to items (5) (9) and (11) of the cover page of the Reporting Person.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Maverick Capital, Ltd. is an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and, as such, has beneficial ownership of the Shares which are the subject of this filing through the investment discretion it exercises over its clients' accounts. Maverick Capital Management, LLC is the General Partner of Maverick Capital, Ltd. Mr. Ainslie is a manager of Maverick Capital Management, LLC and is granted sole investment discretion pursuant to Maverick Capital Management, LLC's Regulations.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported On by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below each of the Reporting Persons certifies that, to the best of such person's knowledge, and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2005

MAVERICK CAPITAL, LTD.

By: Maverick Capital Management, LLC,
Its General Partner

By: Lee S. Ainslie III, Manager

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated
February 13, 2003

Date: February 14, 2005

MAVERICK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: Lee S. Ainslie III, Manager

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated February 13,
2003

Date: February 14, 2005

LEE S. AINSLIE III

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated February 13,
2003
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EXHIBIT INDEX

- A. Joint Filing Agreement, dated February 14, 2005, by and among Maverick Capital, Ltd., Maverick Capital Management, LLC, and Lee S. Ainslie III.

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Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Common Stock, \$0.001 par value of Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc., dated as of February 14, 2005, is, and any amendments thereto (including amendments on Schedule 13D) signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Date: February 14, 2005

MAVERICK CAPITAL, LTD.

By: Maverick Capital Management, LLC
Its General Partner

By: Lee S. Ainslie III, Manager

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated
February 13, 2003

MAVERICK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: Lee S. Ainslie III, Manager

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated February 13, 2003

LEE S. AINSLIE III

By: /s/ John T. McCafferty

John T. McCafferty
Under Power of Attorney dated February 13, 2003