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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wasman Jane | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director10% Owner | | | | | |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 1180 VETERANS BLVD. | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2019 | | | | | - | Officer (giv | e title below) | Oth | ner (specify below | 7) |
| (Street) | | | | 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 | | | | |
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| (Cit | y) | (State) | (Zip) | | | Table l | - Non-Deri | vative Securition | es Acquire | d, Disposed | of, or Bene | ficially Own | ed | |
| 1.Title of S (Instr. 3) | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | any | on Date, if | | (. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Owned Follow Transaction(s) | | d | Ownership Form: | Beneficial |
| | | | | (Month | /Day/Year) | Coe | de V A | (A) or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct (D) Ownersh or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | |
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Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Wasman Jane C/O RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 1180 VETERANS BLVD. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Dolly Vance (Attorney-in-Fact) | 04/03/2019 |
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| **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) The Option shall vest in equal monthly installments over the shorter of three years from the date of grant or the period beginning on the date the director is appointed to the Board and ending on the date of the annual meeting at which the director is first considered for election by the stockholders, provided that the non-employee director continues to provide services.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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