

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEINMETZ MICHAEL		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS INC [RIGL]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT, 111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2004			
(Street) BOSTON, MA 02199		4. 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	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

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	08/02/2004		S		1,968	D	\$ 18.68	1,833,597	I	See Footnote (1)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEINMETZ MICHAEL C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT 111 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02199		X		

Signatures

/s/ Michael Steinmetz		08/03/2004
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		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).

The shares are held as follows: 102,623 by MPM BioVentures III, L.P. ("BVIII"); 1,526,322 by MPM BioVentures III-QP, L.P. ("BVIII QP"); 128,995 by MPM BioVentures III GmbH & Co. Beteiligungs KG ("BVIII KG"); 46,097 by MPM BioVentures III Parallel Fund, L.P. ("BVIII PF"); and 29,560 by MPM Asset Management (1) Investors 2003 BVIII LLC ("BVAM LLC"). MPM BioVentures III GP, L.P. ("BVIII GP") and MPM BioVentures III LLC ("BVIII LLC") are the direct and indirect partners of BVIII, BVIII QP, BVIII PF and BVIII KG. The reporting person is a member of BVIII LLC and BVAM LLC and disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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