

Nelson Sonja
Form 4
August 29, 2018

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Nelson Sonja

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NANTKWEST, INC., 3530
JOHN HOPKINS COURT

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

NantKwest, Inc. [NK]

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

08/27/2018

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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.07	08/27/2018			A		200,000		(1)	08/27/2028	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Nelson Sonja C/O NANTKWEST, INC. 3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Sonja Nelson 08/28/2018

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) Subject to the award recipient's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, the option shall vest as follows: twenty five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on August 27, 2019, and thereafter the remaining shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over thirty six (36) months, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on August 27, 2022.

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