NEWLINK GENETICS CORP Form 8-K April 04, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 4, 2017

NewLink Genetics Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-35342 42-1491350 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2503 South Loop Drive Ames, IA

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515)

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 4, 2017, NewLink Genetics Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release titled "Interim Phase 2 Data Demonstrate Robust Response Rate with Indoximod in Combination with Keytruda® (pembrolizumab) for Patients with Advanced Melanoma at AACR Plenary"

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1

Exhibit Number Description

Press Release, dated April 4, 2017, entitled "Interim Phase 2 Data Demonstrate Robust Response Rate

with Indoximod in Combination with Keytruda® (pembrolizumab) for Patients with Advanced

Melanoma at AACR Plenary"

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 4, 2017

NewLink Genetics Corporation

By:/s/ John B. Henneman III John B. Henneman III Its: Chief Financial Officer

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