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**SECURITIES** 

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person \*

A Sherman Matthew L

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/27/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [(NLNK)]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

2503 SOUTH LOOP DRIVE, STE 5100

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

10% Owner \_X\_\_ Director Officer Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

AMES, IAÂ 50010

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (Right to Buy)  $04/30/2019_{\underline{(1)}} 04/29/2028$  Common Stock  $04/30/2019_{\underline{(1)}} 04/29/2028$  Common Stock  $04/30/2019_{\underline{(1)}} 04/29/2028$  Common Stock  $04/30/2019_{\underline{(1)}} 04/29/2028$  Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sherman Matthew L

2503 SOUTH LOOP DRIVE STE 5100

AMES, IAÂ 50010

## **Signatures**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-in-fact 05/01/2018

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Grant to the Reporting Person of a nonstatutory stock option under the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). One-third of the shares vest on the one-year anniversary of the grant date and the remaining two-thirds of the shares vest in a series of 24 successive equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Persons's continuous service as of such dates. The option expires ten years after the date of grant, unless it expires sooner pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

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