Langren Carl W. Form 4 December 14, 2018

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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10% Owner

Other (specify

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Langren Carl W.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP

[(NLNK)]

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

12/12/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION, 2503 SOUTH

(First)

(Middle)

LOOP DR., SUITE 5100

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

AMES, IA 50010

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

12/12/2018

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Amount (D) Price

2.564 M

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

21,469 (1) (2)

By Spouse's I Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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49,691

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.8	12/12/2018		M		2,564	01/21/2010	01/20/2019	Common Stock	2,564

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Langren Carl W. C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100 AMES, IA 50010

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Trytten,

attorney-in-fact 12/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- Includes 1,275 restricted stock units ("RSUs") previously reported as holdings of the Reporting Person granted under the Issuer's 2009

 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The RSUs will vest, and shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person in one installment on January 2, 2019, provided that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan.
- Includes 1,571 RSUs previously reported as holdings of the Reporting Person granted under the Plan. The RSUs will vest, and shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person in a series of two successive annual installments with the next installment occurring on January 4, 2019, provided in each case that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan.

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