

Link Charles J. Jr.  
Form 4  
December 14, 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 \*  
Link Charles J. Jr.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
NEWLINK GENETICS CORP  
[(NLNK)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O NEWLINK GENETICS  
CORP., 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR.,  
SUITE 5100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/12/2018

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Street)  
AMES, IA 50010

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ 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)
Common Stock	12/12/2018		M	2,564 A	\$ 0.8	262,406 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock					25,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					139	I	By Spouse's IRA

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.8	12/12/2018		M	2,564	01/01/2010 01/20/2019	Common Stock	2,564

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Link Charles J. Jr. C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORP. 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100 AMES, IA 50010	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan Trytten,  
attorney-in-fact 12/14/2018

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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

- (1) Includes 11,250 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.
- (2) Includes 23,320 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 a series of two successive annual installments with

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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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