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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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)] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-----|--|--|---|-------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION, 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2018 | | | | | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Principal Accounting Officer | | | | |
| | (Street) | | endment, D | _ | 1 | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| AMES, IA | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | emed on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | | F | 883 <u>(1)</u> | ` ´ | \$ 8.47 | 19,162 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u> | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2018 | | | F | 257 (5) | D | \$ 10.06 | 18,905 <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u> | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 49,691 | I | By Spouse's Trust | | |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Tit | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | Secur | rlying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Principal Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-in-fact

01/04/2018

**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).
- Represents shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of its tax withholding obligation with respect to the vesting of 2,700 previously reported restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person.
- Includes 1,275 RSUs previously reported as holdings of the Reporting Person granted under the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the (2) "Plan"). The RSUs will vest, and shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person in one installment on January 2, 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.
- 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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- (4) Includes 379 shares acquired under the NewLink Genetics Corporation 2010 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on December 31, 2017.
- (5) Represents shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer in satisfaction of its tax withholding obligation with respect to the vesting of 786 previously reported RSUs granted to the Reporting Person.

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