FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Saluri Joseph						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [(NLNK)]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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(Last)	ast) (First) (Middle) /O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2016								(give title		Other (s below)	specify	
2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100							If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
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(City)	City) (State) (Zip)																		
		Tab	le I - Non-	-Deriva	tive	Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	isp	osed o	f, or Be	neficial	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Ins	Transaction Code (Instr.		ties Acquiro I Of (D) (Ins			es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	,	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)					
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 Da if any (Month/Day/\)	Co	ansaction ode (Instr.		of		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	ode \	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		kpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.78	08/09/2016		I	A		17,773		(1)	08	3/08/2026	Common Stock	17,773	\$0	17,77	3	D		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$10.78	08/09/2016		I	A		4,783		(2)	08	3/08/2026	Common Stock	4,783	\$0	4,783	3	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant to the Reporting Person of a nonstatutory stock option under the Issuer's 2010 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Award Plan. One hundred percent (100%) of the shares shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant and (ii) the date of the first Annual Meeting following the date of grant, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service as of such date. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.

2. Grant to the Reporting Person of a nonstatutory stock option under the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. One hundred percent (100%) of the shares shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant and (ii) the date of the first Annual Meeting following the date of grant, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continuous service as of such date. The option expires ten years after the date

Remarks:

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-in-

08/11/2016

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** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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