FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wiley Brian | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [(NLNK)] | | | | | | | | | all applic Directo | or 10% r (give title Other | | | Issuer Owner | | |
|--|----------|--|-------------------|--|---|---|------|--|------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION 2503 SOUTH LOOP DRIVE, SUITE 5100 | | | N | 03 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2015 | | | | | | | | | | of Business Development | | | | |
| (Street) AMES (City) | IA (S | | 50010 (Zip) | | _ 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original | | | | | -iled (Month/Day/Year) | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Tab | ole I - No | n-Deriv | vativ | e Se | curi | ties Ac | auired | . Dis | sposed o | f. or Be | neficia | ally | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. T Dat | | | 2. Transa Date | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | 5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F | | nt of es ally Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a | tion(s) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | 03/02 | 2/2015 | | | | М | | 20,000 | A | A \$11.79 | | 34,855(1)(2) | | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 03/02 | 02/2015 | | | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 3,750 | D | D \$44.03 ⁽⁴⁾ | | 31,105(1)(2) | | | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | 03/02 | /2015 | | | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 15,000 | D \$45 | |)5 ⁽⁵⁾ | (5) 16,105(1)(2) | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 03 | | | 03/02 | /2015 | 2015 | | | S ⁽³⁾ 1, | | 1,250 | 250 D \$46. | | 24 ⁽⁶⁾ | 4 ⁽⁶⁾ 14,855 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | | D | | |
| | | 7 | Table II | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | | wned | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execut Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da | Date, Transaction | | ection | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | sable and | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | r | | | | | |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$11.79 | 03/02/2015 | | | M | | | 20,000 | (7) | | 01/13/2023 | Common Stock | 20,00 | 0 | \$0 | 99,000 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Includes 4,275 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 a series of three successive annual installments with the next installment occurring on January 2, 2016, 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.
- 2. Includes 7,400 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 four successive annual installments beginning on January 2, 2016, 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.
- $3. \ The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on 12/11/2014.$
- 4. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$43.67 to \$44.50, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the ranges set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.
- 5. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$45.00 to \$45.25, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the ranges set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.
- 6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$46.23 to \$46.25, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the ranges set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.
- 7. 1/4th of the shares vest on January 14, 2014, which is one year after the vesting commencement date. 1/48th of the shares vest monthly thereafter over the next three years.

Remarks:

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-infact

03/04/2015

** 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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