

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LINK GORDON H 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/29/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION, 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100

(Street)

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

AMES, IA 50010

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	11/29/2012		M		1,000	A	\$ 2.1 5,313 D
Common Stock	11/29/2012		F ⁽¹⁾		168	D	\$ 12.5264 5,145 D
Common Stock	11/29/2012		S ⁽³⁾		832	D	\$ 12.5264 4,313 D

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)	\$ 2.1	11/29/2012		M	1,000	⁽⁴⁾ 08/05/2018	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINK GORDON H JR
C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION
2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100
AMES, IA 50010

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Gordon H. Link, by power of attorney

11/30/2012

**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) Represents a "net exercise" of outstanding stock options. The reporting person received 832 shares of common stock on net exercise of option to purchase 1,000 shares of common stock. The reporting person forfeited 168 shares of common stock underlying the option in payment of the exercise price, using the weighted average stock price from the sale of \$12.5264.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.35 to \$12.71, 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 separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 2 to this Form 4.

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- (3) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on 10/1/2012.
- (4) 1/4th of the shares vest on August 4, 2009, which is one year after the vesting commencement date. 1/48th of the shares vest monthly thereafter over the next three years.

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