

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP

Form 4

October 24, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ramsey William J.

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)
10/22/2014

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Quality Assurance Officer

(Street)
AMES, IA 50010

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/22/2014		M		2,419	A	\$ 7	36,679 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	10/22/2014		M		7,581	A	\$ 6.87	44,260 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	10/22/2014		S <u>(2)</u>		10,000	D	\$ 40	34,260 <u>(1)</u>	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 (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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7	10/22/2014		M		2,419		04/14/2012 ⁽³⁾	11/09/2021	Common Stock	2,419
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 6.87	10/22/2014		M		7,581		⁽⁴⁾	01/18/2022	Common Stock	7,581

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Ramsey William J. C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORP. 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR., SUITE 5100 AMES, IA 50010	Quality Assurance Officer

Signatures

/s/ James C.T. Linfield, by power of attorney 10/24/2014

____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 6,800 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 four successive annual installments beginning on January 2, 2015, provided in each case that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has

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not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan.

- (2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on 3/21/2014.

Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests over a four-year period, with 25% of such option vesting on the one-year anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 75%

- (3) of such option vesting in equal monthly installments over the next 36 months, provided that at the relevant vesting dates the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.
- (4) 1/4th of the shares vest on January 18, 2013, 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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