

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 13, 2018

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 6)\*

NewLink Genetics Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

651511 107

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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Names of  
 Reporting  
 Persons

1. Charles J. Link,  
 Jr. M.D.

Check the  
 Appropriate  
 Box if a

2. Member of  
 a Group (see  
 instructions)

(a)   
 (b)

3. SEC USE ONLY  
 Citizenship or  
 Place of

4. Organization  
 United States of  
 America

Sole Voting  
 Power  
 2,221,347  
 shares of  
 Common  
 Stock  
 (includes  
 1,968,116

Number of  
 3. Shares of  
 Common  
 Shares Stock issuable  
 Beneficially exercise  
 Owned of options  
 by exercisable  
 Each within 60  
 Reporting days of  
 Person December 31,  
 With: 2017).

Shared

6. Voting Power  
 0
7. Sole  
 Dispositive  
 Power

- 2,221,347  
shares of  
Common  
Stock  
(includes  
1,968,116  
shares of  
Common  
Stock issuable  
upon exercise  
of options  
exercisable  
within 60  
days of  
December 31,  
2017).
8. Shared  
Dispositive  
Power  
0
- Aggregate  
Amount  
Beneficially  
Owned by Each  
Reporting Person  
2,221,347 shares  
of Common  
Stock (includes  
9. 1,968,116 shares  
of Common  
Stock issuable  
upon exercise of  
options  
exercisable  
within 60 days of  
December 31,  
2017).
- Check if the  
Aggregate  
Amount in  
Row (9)
10. Excludes  
Certain  
Shares (see  
instructions)  
Percent of Class  
Represented by  
11. Amount in Row 9  
5.7%(1)
12. Type of  
Reporting Person

(see instructions)

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(1) This percentage is calculated based upon 37,109,556 shares of the Issuer's common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: NewLink Genetics Corporation

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 2503 South Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Charles J. Link, Jr. M.D.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: 2503 South Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Item 2(c). Citizenship: United States of America

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 651511 107

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Item 4. Ownership

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 2,221,347 shares of Common Stock (includes 1,968,116 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2017).

(b) Percent of Class: 5.7%

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 2,221,347 shares of Common Stock (includes 1,968,116 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2017).

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,221,347 shares of Common Stock (includes 1,968,116 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2017).

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Item 5. Ownership of 5 Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable.

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Item 6. Ownership of More than 5 Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of a Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not Applicable. This statement is being filed pursuant to 13d-1(d).

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 13, 2018

Date

/s/ Charles J. Link, Jr. M.D.

Signature

Charles J. Link, Jr. M.D.

Name/Title