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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [(NLNK)] Lawley Lori D (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O NEWLINK GENETICS (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR. 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Principal Accounting Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person AMES. IAÂ 50010 Form filed by More than One

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Ownership Ownership Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

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or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock 1,526 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/20/2016(1)	04/19/2025	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 52.64	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/01/2017(1)	01/31/2026	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 24.42	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/09/2016(2)	08/08/2026	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 10.78	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/01/2018(1)	01/31/2027	Common Stock	2,352	\$ 12.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/01/2018(1)	11/30/2027	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 8.86	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/01/2019(1)	03/08/2028	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 7.85	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2018(3)	07/31/2028	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 3.17	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Lawley Lori D C/O NEWLINK GENETICS CORPORATION 2503 SOUTH LOOP DR. AMES Â IAÂ 50010	Â	Â	Principal Accounting Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-in-fact 08/03/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

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period, with 25% of such option vesting on the one-year anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 75% 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.

Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The option vests over a four-year

Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable in a series of 36 successive equal monthly installments beginning on September 9, 2016, 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.

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Reporting Owners 2

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Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable in a series of 48 successive equal monthly installments beginning on September 1, 2018, 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.

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