UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)
INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.)1

NewLink Genetics Corporation
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)
651511107
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2019
(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)
¹ 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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required on 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, <i>see</i> the <i>Notes</i>).

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

NewLink Genetics Corporation (the "Issuer").

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

2503 South Loop Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010

Item 2(a). Name of Persons Filing:

This Schedule 13G is being jointly filed by Lion Point Master, LP, a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("Lion Point Master"), Lion Point Capital GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Lion Point GP"), Lion Point Capital, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Lion Point Capital"), Lion Point Holdings GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Lion Point Holdings"), Didric Cederholm, a dual citizen of Sweden and France, and James Freeman, a citizen of the United States of America. Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons."

Lion Point GP is the general partner of Lion Point Master. Lion Point Capital is the investment manager to Lion Point Master. Lion Point Holdings is the general partner of Lion Point Capital. Mr. Cederholm is a Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer of each of Lion Point GP and Lion Point Capital. Mr. Cederholm is also a Member and a Manager of each of Lion Point GP and Lion Point Holdings. Mr. Freeman is a Founding Partner and Head of Research of each of Lion Point GP and Lion Point Capital. Mr. Freeman is also a Member and a Manager of each of Lion Point GP and Lion Point Holdings. By virtue of these relationships, each of Lion Point GP, Lion Point Capital, Lion Point Holdings, Mr. Cederholm and Mr. Freeman may be deemed to beneficially own the securities beneficially owned by Lion Point Master.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

The principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 250 West 55th Street, 33rd Floor, New York New York 10019.

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

Lion Point Master is organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Each of Lion Point GP, Lion Point Capital, and Lion Point Holdings is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Cederholm is a dual citizen of Sweden and France. Mr. Freeman is a citizen of the United States of America.

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

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Shares")

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

651511107

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

- / x / Not Applicable
- (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) // Investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).*
- (f) // Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) // Parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).**
- (h) // Savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) // Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) // Non-Ú.S. institution in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- (k) // Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the Issuer.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

As of the close of business on February [14], 2020, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have beneficially owned 3,114,733 shares of Common Stock.

(b) Percent of class:

8.3% (based upon 37,314,076 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of October 31, 2019 as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 6, 2019).

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

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

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

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

See Cover Pages Items 5-9.

The filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owners of any of the Shares reported herein. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares reported herein that are not directly owned by such Reporting Person.

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

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof each reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five 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.

See Exhibit 99.1

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information with respect to it or him set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2020

LION POINT MASTER, LP

By: Lion Point Capital GP, LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

Name: Didric Cederholm
Title: Manager and Member

LION POINT CAPITAL GP, LLC

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

Name: Didric Cederholm
Title: Manager and Member

LION POINT CAPITAL, LP

By: Lion Point Holdings GP, LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

Name: Didric Cederholm
Title: Manager and Member

LION POINT HOLDINGS GP, LLC

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

Name: Didric Cederholm Title: Manager and Member

/s/ Didric Cederholm

DIDRIC CEDERHOLM

/s/ James Freeman

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EXHIBIT 99.1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of NewLink Genetics Corporation, dated as of February [14], 2020 is, and any amendments thereto signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: February 14, 2020

LION POINT MASTER, LP

By: Lion Point Capital GP, LLC,

its General Partner

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

Name: Didric Cederholm
Title: Manager and Member

LION POINT CAPITAL GP, LLC

By: /s/ Didric Cederholm

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