

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>POWERS BRADLEY J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 2503 SOUTH LOOP DRIVE STE 5300  (Street) AMES IA 50010  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</b> (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2019	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> (Check all applicable) <u>NEWLINK GENETICS CORP [ (NLNK) ]</u>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>
		<b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Principal Executive Officer	<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	579 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	250	I	By Spouse

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/01/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>	07/31/2028	Common Stock 50,000	3.17	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)(4)	(4)	Common Stock 80,000	1.8	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/31/2020 <sup>(5)</sup>	07/31/2026	Common Stock 12,436	1.77	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/31/2021 <sup>(6)</sup>	07/31/2026	Common Stock 4,635	1.77	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes 250 restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on August 24, 2015 under the Issuer's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Plan"). The RSUs will vest, and shares will be delivered to the Reporting Person on August 24, 2019, provided that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan.
- On August 1, 2018 the Reporting Person was granted 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.
- On March 1, 2019 the Reporting Person was granted a stock option under the Plan. 50% of the option vests and becomes exercisable in a series of 48 successive equal monthly installments beginning on April 1, 2019, 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.
- The remaining 50% of the stock options vest and become exercisable as follows: (a) 25% of such shares shall vest as to 8.34%, 8.33% and 8.33% on the 1st day of the month following an increase of closing share price on Nasdaq Stock Market by at least 33.33%, 66.66% and 100%, respectively, above the exercise price of the options when measured over 30 consecutive calendar days, provided such increase occurs within four years of the Date of Grant, otherwise such options shall be cancelled; (b) 12.50% of such shares shall vest on the 1st day of the month following the expansion of the Company pipeline with an in-license, merger or the internal development of novel candidate; and (c) the remaining 12.50% of such shares shall vest on the 1st day of the month following enrollment of the first patient in a clinical trial that is registration eligible, the completion of each to be determined by the Board. Unless otherwise disclosed, the option expires ten years after date of grant.
- On July 31, 2019 the Reporting Person was granted a stock option under the Plan. The option vests as to 50% on the first anniversary of grant date and the remaining 50% on the second anniversary of grant date, 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 seven years after the date of grant.
- On July 31, 2019 the Reporting Person was granted a stock option under the Plan. The option vests as to 50% on the second anniversary of grant date and the remaining 50% on the third anniversary of grant date, 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 seven year after the date of grant.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Ryan Trytten, attorney-in-fact

08/12/2019

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

(For Executing Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5)

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of James C.T. Linfield, Judy Lai, Kevin Tsai and Robin K. Lee of Cooley LLP

(1) Prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") Form ID :

(2) Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare and execute any such Form ID and Forms

(3) Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessar

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Form ID or Forms 3,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the date written below.

Date: July 30, 2019

By: /s/ Bradley J. Powers

Bradley J. Powers