

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP

Form 8-K

February 19, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 19, 2015

NewLink Genetics Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-35342 (Commission File Number)	42-1491350 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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2503 South Loop Drive Ames, IA (Address of principal executive offices)	50010 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 296-5555

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 19, 2015, NewLink Genetics Corporation (the "Company") announced that it had received notification from Merck that the milestone event specified in the license and collaboration agreement between the two companies relating to the further development of the rVSV-EBOV (Ebola) vaccine candidate had been achieved. Under the terms of the agreement, NewLink Genetics will received a payment of \$20 million in connection with the achievement of the milestone.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated February 19, 2015, entitled "NewLink Genetics Corporation Announces Clinical Development Milestone Achieved with Merck for Ebola Vaccine Candidate"

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 19, 2015

NewLink Genetics Corporation

By: /s/ John B. Henneman III
John B. Henneman III
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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