

NEWLINK GENETICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 25, 2012

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): April 25, 2012 (April 24, 2012)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 April 24, 2012, the NewLink Genetics Corporation issued a press release reporting that the United States Patent and Trademark Office has allowed broad claims to oral pharmaceutical compositions comprising 1-methyl-D-tryptophan (D-1MT) (US Serial No. 12/175,538) and also to oral pharmaceutical compositions comprising 1-methyl-DL-tryptophan (US Serial No. 11/603,291).

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

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Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated April 24, 2012, entitled "NewLink Genetics receives notice of allowance from USPTO for new patent broadly covering its D-1MT IDO pathway inhibitor"

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: April 25, 2011

NewLink Genetics Corporation

By: /s/ Gordon H. Link, Jr.  
Gordon H. Link, Jr.  
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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