

July 31, 2018

Charles J. Link, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
NewLink Genetics Corporation
2503 South Loop Drive
Ames, IA 50010

Re: NewLink Genetics Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed July 26, 2018
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Dear Mr. Link:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Ada D. Sarmiento at 202-551-3798 with any questions.

Corporation Finance
Healthcare & Insurance
cc: James C.T. Linfield, Esq.

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