FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  AMELIO GILBERT F						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC [ GALT								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner				
(Last)	(First) (Middle) GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS, INC.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2016										give title		Other (s	·
4960 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BLVD., STE 240					If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) NORCROSS GA 30071												1	•					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)															
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquire I Of (D) (Ins	ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 an	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported		es Forn ally (D) o collowing (I) (Ir		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Pr		Tr	ansacti	ction(s) 3 and 4)			(iiisti. 4)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	erivative Conversion Date Executive curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Code	action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Deriv Secu	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	i	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock option (right to buy)	\$0.89	12/15/2016		A		41,500		(1)	1	2/15/2026	Common stock	41,500	)	\$0	41,500	)	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The options vest 100% on the date of Galectin Therapeutics, Inc.'s 2017 Annual Stockholders Meeting.

## Remarks:

<u>Jack W. Callicutt, by power of</u> <u>attorney</u>

12/19/2016

\*\* 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 4 (b)(v).
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