

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* | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| <u>Uihlein Richard E</u> | | | <u>GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC [GALT]</u> | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| <u>12575 ULINE DRIVE</u> | | | <u>12/14/2017</u> | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| <u>PLEASANT PRAIRIE</u> | <u>WI</u> | <u>53158</u> | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>12/14/2017</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>14,644</u> ⁽¹⁾ | <u>A</u> | <u>\$2.39</u> | <u>2,524,553</u> | <u>D</u> | |
| <u>Common Stock</u> | | | | | | | | <u>20,000</u> | <u>I</u> | <u>By Ed Uihlein Family Foundation⁽²⁾</u> |

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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| <u>Stock option (right to buy)</u> | <u>\$2.39</u> | <u>12/14/2017</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>46,875</u> | | <u>(3)</u> | <u>12/14/2027</u> | <u>Common stock</u> | <u>46,875</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>46,875</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

- These restricted shares were issued in lieu of cash retainer and meeting fees of \$35,000 for 2018. Restrictions on the shares lapse at a rate of 25% per calendar quarter in 2018.
- The reporting person is president and director of Ed Uihlein Family Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation. The reporting person has no pecuniary interest in the shares, however, he shares voting and dispositive power over the shares and, therefore, remains the beneficial owner of the shares solely for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- The options vest 100% on December 14, 2018.

Remarks:

Jack W. Callicutt, by power of attorney 12/18/2017

** 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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