FORM 4

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

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| 1. Name ar LEWIS (Last) (C/O GAI 4960 PE 240 (Street)         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC GALT  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2023  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |                    |      |                      |  |  |   | (Chec  | President and CEO  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) |   |   |              |   |   |             |  |  |  |
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| (City)  |   |  | 0071<br>Zip)       |      |                      |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |              |   |   | filed by Mo |  | n One Rep  |  |
|   | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  |  |                    |      |                      |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |              |   |   |             |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  | Execution Date,    |      |                      | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5) |  |   | ) or<br>4 and  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported     |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |              | 7. Nature of<br>ndirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>Instr. 4) |   |             |  |  |  |
|   |   |  |                    |      |                      |  |  | Code  | v  | Amount  | (A) c   | Pr Pr   | ice          | Transac   | saction(s)<br>: 3 and 4)  |             |  | msu. 4)  |  |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>                                   |   |  |                    |      |                      |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |              | 886   | ,520(2)   |             | D  |  |  |
| Common Stock 02/1   |   |  | 02/16/2            | 2023 |                      |  | P  |   | 1,000  | A   | \$  | 1.52 1  |              | 1,000   |   | I I         | ustodian for a minor child <sup>(3)</sup>                                |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)  |  |                    |      |                      |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |              |   |   |             |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security   | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Dee<br>Executi |      | d 4.<br>Date, Transa |  | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) o<br>Dispo | rative prities priced or osed or cosed | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)  Amount of Number of Shares |   | 8. De Se (In | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5)                       | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly          | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Mr. Lewis and Galectin Therapeutics Inc. entered into an employment agreement, dated August 31, 2020, and a Deferred Stock Unit Agreement, dated August 31, 2020, amended on July 25, 2022. Pursuant to these agreements, 80% of Mr. Lewis' compensation will be paid in the form of deferred stock units ("DSUs") in accordance with the terms and subject to the provisions set forth in the Deferred Stock Unit Agreement. The shares of Common Stock being reported herein underly DSUs issued to Mr. Lewis pursuant to the agreements, at a price per share equal to the closing price of the Common Stock on date of the transaction. The DSUs shall be settled in shares of Common Stock as follows: (i) twenty five percent shall be settled on March 1, 2023, (ii) twenty five percent shall be settled on September 1, 2028 and (iii) fifty percent shall be settled on March 1, 2024.
- 2. Represents shares underlying DSUs and Common Stock.
- 3. These shares are held of record by the Reporting Person as custodian for a minor child under the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose

Jack W. Callicutt, by power of attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/21/2023

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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