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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Nume and Address of Reporting Leson |               | rson*    | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC [ GALT | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |                                    |                       |  |  |
|--|---------------|----------|---|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| AMELIOGI                               | LBERI F       |          | ]   | X   | Director                           | 10% Owner             |  |  |
| (Last)                                 | (First)       | (Middle) |   |   | Officer (give title below)         | Other (specify below) |  |  |
|  | N THERAPEUT   | · · · ·  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>06/20/2012                  |   | ,                                  | ,                     |  |  |
| 7 WELLS AVE                            | NUE, SUITE 34 |          |   |   |                                    |                       |  |  |
| ,                                      |               |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                        | 6. Indiv<br>Line)   | ridual or Joint/Group Filir        | ng (Check Applicable  |  |  |
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## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities<br>Disposed Of<br>5) |               |       | Securities<br>Beneficially         | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                        | v | Amount                             | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (1130114)   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/20/2012                                 |   | Р                           |   | 7,500                              | Α             | \$2.1 | 92,084                             | D   |   |

### 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. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr | 5. Number<br>of Expiration Date<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                     | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>ying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(S)<br>(Instr. 4) | 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) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares        |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

### <u>/s/ Maureen Foley, Attorney-</u> in-fact for Gilbert F. Amelio

06/21/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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