FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Shlevin Harold H. | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC GALT | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|-------------|------------------------------|--|-----|-------|--|-------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | (F LECTIN TI ACHTREE | 06 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2018 | | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title Officer Specify below) Chief Operating Officer | | | | | | | |
| (Street) NORCROSS GA 30071 | | | | | | Line) X Form filed by O | | | | | | | | | | iled by One | up Filing (Check Applicable ne Reporting Person ore than One Reporting | | |
| (City) | (S | | (Zip) | D i- | | . 0 | | | | -1 5 | | D. | | - 11 - 0 | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | on 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. 4. Securi | | | s Acquired of (D) (Instr. | 5) S B O | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 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 | Т | ransac | tion(s) and 4) | | | (1115411 4) |
| Common Stock 06/04/20 | | | | | | 18 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,500 | A | \$2.3 | \$2.32 | | 9,414 | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/04/20 | | | | | | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,407 | A | \$0.8 | | | 1,821 | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/04/20 | | | | | | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,907 | D | \$5.150 | | | 3,914 | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/05/20 | | | | | | 18 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,630 | A | \$2.3 | | | 5,044 | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/05/20 | | | | | | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,294 | A | \$0.8 | | | ,338 | | D | |
| Common Stock 06/05/20 | | | | | | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 9,924 | D | \$5.157 | | | 3,914 | | D | |
| | | T | able II | | | | | | | | posed of converti | | | | ned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | if any | on Date, | 4. Transa Code (8) | | | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | | ate | 7. Title an Amount of Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 a | of s ng e Security | Deriv Secu (Insti | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e O s F lly D o | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Numbe of Shares | er | | | | | |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$2.32 | 06/04/2018 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 5,500 | (2) | | 08/27/2022 | Common Stock | 5,500 |) \$ | 0 | 85,000 |) | D | |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$0.87 | 06/04/2018 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 5,407 | (3) | | 12/03/2026 | Common Stock | 5,407 | 7 \$ | 0 | 84,893 | 3 | D | |
| Stock option (right to buy) | \$2.32 | 06/05/2018 | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | | 5,630 | (2) | | 08/27/2022 | Common Stock | 5,630 | \$ | 0 | 79,370 | | D | |
| Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

\$0.87

1. The reported transaction was made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person on March 12, 2018.

06/05/2018

 $2.\ The\ options\ vest\ as\ follows: 20\%\ on\ August\ 27,\ 2012,\ the\ grant\ date; 20\%\ on\ December\ 31,\ 2012;\ 30\%\ on\ December\ 31,\ 2013;\ and\ 30\%\ on\ December\ 31,\ 2014.$

M⁽¹⁾

- 3. The options vested as follows: 25% on December 3, 2016, the grant date; 25% on July 1, 2017; and 50% on December 31, 2017.
- 4. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.15 to \$5.16. This amount represents the weighted average sale price of such transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

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5. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.15 to \$5.18. This amount represents the weighted average sale price of such transactions. The reporting person undertakes to provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

Remarks:

option (right to

4,294

\$<mark>0</mark>

Common

Stock

12/03/2026

80,599

D

** 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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