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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* GORLIN STEVE | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NantKwest, Inc. [NK] | | | | | | | | | | olicable) | g Person(s) to | Issuer Owner |
|--|--|---------|---------|------------------------------|-------|---|-----|--|----------------|-------|---|---|--|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | (Fir | INC. | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/30/2018 | | | | | | | | | Offic belov | er (give title w) | Othe belo | r (specify w) |
| 3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) SAN DIE | CGO CA | A 9 | 2121 | | | | | | | | | | | X | | n filed by Mor | e Reporting Pe re than One Re | |
| (City) | (St | ate) (2 | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/ | | | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. | | | | | | ount of ities icially d Following ted | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | ͺ Tra | | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock 05/30/20 | | | | 2018 | .8 | | S | | 2,724 | D | \$3.87 | 3.8781(1) | | 01,176 | I | By spouse | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 46,280 | D | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | | | 4. Transa Code (8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | sable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of Shares | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Charles Kim, as Attorneyin-Fact

06/01/2018

** 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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^{1.} Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 2,724 shares sold in the price range of \$3.86 to \$3.89 by the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.