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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Nelson Sonja</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NANTKWEST, INC. 3530 JOHN HOPKINS COURT (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NantKwest, Inc. [NK]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ X Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2021	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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			
Common Stock	01/12/2021		M		11,364	A	\$3.07	31,774	D	
Common Stock	01/12/2021		s ⁽¹⁾		16,364	D	\$15	15,410	D	

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$3.07	01/12/2021		M			11,364	(2)	08/27/2028	Common Stock	11,364	\$0.00	165,907	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sale of shares reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into by the reporting person on September 4, 2020.
- Subject to the award recipient's continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable vesting date, the option shall vest as follows: twenty five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on August 27, 2019, and thereafter the remaining shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments over thirty six (36) months, such that the option will be fully vested and exercisable on August 27, 2022.

Remarks:

/s/ Sonja Nelson 01/13/2021
 ** 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).

** 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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