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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Link Matthew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7475 LUSK BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/17/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, Strat/Tech/Corp Dev

(Street)
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2018 | | M | 500 A \$ 34.82 | 79,616 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2018 | | F | 327 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 53.15 | 79,289 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.82 | 12/17/2018 | | M | 500 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 500 \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Link Matthew 7475 LUSK BLVD. SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | President, Strat/Tech/Corp Dev | |

Signatures

/s/ Nathaniel B. Sisitsky, Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew W. Link
 12/19/2018
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Shares directly held by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person also holds conditional rights to receive shares pursuant to previously disclosed Issuer equity awards.
- (2) Payment of exercise price by Issuer's withholding of shares incident to the respective option exercise.
- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 500 shares, was granted on January 2, 2009 and is fully vested.

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