NewLink Genetics Announces Final Results from Phase 2 Studies of Indoximod in Advanced Melanoma and Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer to be Presented at ASCO 2018

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AMES, Iowa, May 16, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>NewLink Genetics Corporation</u> (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced that abstracts from two Phase 2 studies of indoximod, used in combination with other agents, are now available on the website of the <u>2018 American Society of Clinical</u> <u>Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting</u>. Presentation sessions and times are noted below. Additional data will be presented at ASCO.

Abstract 9512, Phase 2 trial of the IDO pathway inhibitor indoximod plus checkpoint inhibition for the treatment of patients with advanced melanoma, presented by Yousef Zakharia, MD, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center

- Poster Session "Melanoma/Skin Cancers" Poster Board #339 Mon, Jun 4, 1:15PM 4:45PM, McCormick Place, Hall A
- Poster Discussion Session Mon, Jun 4, 4:45PM 6:00PM, McCormick Place, Rm E451

Abstract 4015, Phase 2 trial of the IDO pathway inhibitor indoximod plus gemcitabine / nab-paclitaxel for the treatment of patients with metastatic pancreas cancer, presented by Nathan Bahary, MD, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Cancer Center Pavilion

- Poster Session "Gastrointestinal (Noncolorectal) Cancer" Poster Board #204 Sun, Jun 3, 8:00AM 11:30AM, McCormick Place, Hall A
- Poster Discussion Session Sun, Jun 3, 4:45PM 6:00PM, McCormick Place, Hall D2

About Indoximod

Indoximod is an investigational, orally available small molecule targeting the IDO pathway. The IDO pathway is a key immuno-oncology target involved in regulating the tumor microenvironment and immune escape. Indoximod is being evaluated in combination with treatment regimens including chemotherapy, radiation, checkpoint blockade and cancer vaccines across multiple indications such as AML, DIPG and melanoma.

About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focusing on discovering, developing and commercializing novel immuno-oncology product candidates to improve the lives of patients with cancer. NewLink Genetics' IDO pathway inhibitors are designed to harness multiple components of the immune system to combat cancer. For more information, please visit <u>www.newlinkgenetics.com</u> and follow us on Twitter <u>@NLNKGenetics</u>.

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