NewLink Genetics Announces Updated Data for Indoximod Plus Radio-Immunotherapy in DIPG to be Presented at ISPNO 2018 Meeting

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AMES, Iowa, June 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>NewLink Genetics Corporation</u> (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced that updated data for patients with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) from <u>NLG2105</u>, a Phase 1 study evaluating indoximod in combination with radiation and chemotherapy for the treatment of pediatric patients with progressive brain tumors, will be presented at the <u>International Symposium on Pediatric</u> <u>Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO)</u> in Denver, Colorado. The presentation session and time are noted below.

 Poster Session 1: IMMU-25 – Radio-immunotherapy using the IDO pathway inhibitor indoximod for children with newlydiagnosed DIPG, to be presented by Theodore S. Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., Georgia Cancer Center, Augusta University, Sunday, July 1, 5:00PM – 6:30PM MT, Hyatt Regency Denver

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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