

## NewLink Genetics Announces Presentation of Abstracts at ASCO 2018 Annual Meeting

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AMES, Iowa, April 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [NewLink Genetics Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:NLNK) today reported that two abstracts pertaining to the company's indoximod program will be presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2018 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

- Poster Discussion Session: Poster Board #204 – [Abstract 4015](#) – *Phase 2 trial of the IDO pathway inhibitor indoximod plus gemcitabine / nab-paclitaxel for the treatment of patients with metastatic pancreas cancer* – to be presented during the discussion session, “Gastrointestinal (Noncolorectal) Cancer,” Sunday, June 3, 2018, 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM CT
- Poster Discussion Session: Poster Board #339 – [Abstract 9512](#) – *Phase 2 trial of the IDO pathway inhibitor indoximod plus checkpoint inhibition for the treatment of patients with advanced melanoma* – to be presented during the discussion session, “Melanoma/Skin Cancers,” Monday, June 4, 2018, 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM CT

The complete text of abstracts selected for presentation at the ASCO 2018 Annual Meeting will be posted to the [ASCO website](#) on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm ET.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to present the results at ASCO from both of these Phase 2 trials of indoximod in combination therapies for patients with pancreatic cancer and advanced melanoma. We continue to gather data supporting the potential for our differentiated IDO pathway inhibitor, indoximod, in multiple combinations to improve the lives of patients with cancer,” said Nicholas N. Vahanian, MD, President.

### 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 anti-PD-1/PD-L1 agents, chemotherapy, radiation and cancer vaccines across multiple indications such as melanoma, pancreatic cancer and other malignancies.

### About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics is a late-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 [www.NewLinkGenetics.com](http://www.NewLinkGenetics.com) and follow us on Twitter [@NLNKGenetics](#).

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