

NewLink Genetics Announces Publication of Abstracts for Presentation at the Society for Immunotherapy for Cancer (SITC) Conference

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AMES, Iowa, Nov. 06, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [NewLink Genetics Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced that the following abstracts have been published and are now available on the [Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer \(SITC\) Conference 2018](#) website.

Abstracts for poster presentation at the SITC Annual Meeting, November 7-11, 2018

- Abstract 11213: *A phase 1a clinical trial of NLG802, a prodrug of indoximod with enhanced pharmacokinetic properties*, Rixe, O., et al. ([Poster #P331](#)). Author will be present Friday, November 9th, 12:45-2:15 PM and 6:30-8:00 PM.
- Abstract 10294: *The immunogenomic impact of indoximod on the tumor microenvironment of melanoma patients*, Yu, J., et al. ([Poster #P142](#)). Author will be present Saturday, November 10th, 12:20-1:50 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM.
- Abstract 10304: *Effects of indoximod plus gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel on tumor microenvironment of patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer*, Yu, J., et al. ([Poster #P706](#)). Author will be present Saturday, November 10th, 12:20-1:50 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM.

Posters will be accessible Friday, November 9th, and Saturday, November 10th, from 8 AM to 8 PM, in Exhibition Hall E of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

About Indoximod

Indoximod is an investigational, orally available small molecule targeting the IDO pathway. The IDO pathway is a key immuno-oncology target, suppressing immune response and allowing for immune escape by degrading tryptophan with the resultant production of kynurenine. Indoximod reverses the immunosuppressive effects of low tryptophan and high kynurenine through mechanisms that include modulation of the AhR-driven transcription of genes that control immune function. This results in increased proliferation of effector T cells, increased differentiation into helper T cells rather than regulatory T cells, and downregulation of IDO expression in dendritic cells. Indoximod is being evaluated in combination with treatment regimens including chemotherapy, radiation, checkpoint blockade and cancer vaccines across multiple indications including recurrent pediatric brain tumors, DIPG, and AML.

About NLG802

NLG802 is a prodrug of indoximod. NLG802 has been shown in preclinical trials to increase bioavailability and exposure to indoximod above the levels achievable by direct administration of indoximod. NLG802 is currently being evaluated in clinical trials.

About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focusing on developing 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 and follow us on Twitter [@NLNKGenetics](#).

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