NewLink Genetics Announces Clinical Trial Abstract Presentation at AACR Annual Meeting

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AMES, Iowa, Feb. 27, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NewLink Genetics Corporation (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced that a late-breaking abstract reporting results from a Phase 2 study of NLG207, a nanoparticle formulation of the topoisomerase 1 inhibitor, camptothecin, has been accepted for poster presentation at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2019 being held at the Georgia World Congress Center, March 29 - April 3, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Abstract 7933 (Poster 17) entitled, *A phase II study of NLG207 (formerly CRLX101) in combination with weekly paclitaxel in patients with recurrent or persistent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer*, Duska, L., *et al*, will be presented during the poster session entitled, “Phase II-III Clinical Trials: Part 1,” in Exhibit Hall B, Poster Section 16 on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET.

The complete text of this abstract will be posted to the AACR website on Friday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m. ET.

About NLG207

NLG207 (formerly CRLX101) is an investigational nanoparticle-drug conjugate (NDC) composed of a cyclodextrin-based polymer backbone conjugated to camptothecin, a topoisomerase-1 inhibitor. NDCs enhance drug delivery to tumors where gradual payload release inside cancer cells augments antitumor activity while reducing toxicity. Topoisomerase 1 inhibitors are a class of drugs that modify DNA damage responses in cancer cells. NewLink Genetics is evaluating NLG207 in a series of clinical trials in advanced refractory ovarian cancer patients.

About NewLink Genetics Corporation

NewLink Genetics is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel oncology product candidates to improve the lives of patients with cancer. NewLink Genetics’ nanoparticle drug candidate, NLG207, conjugated to camptothecin, a topoisomerase 1 inhibitor, is designed to interfere with DNA damage responses to combat refractory malignancies. NLG207 is being evaluated in advanced refractory ovarian cancer. NewLink Genetics' immunotherapeutic candidates, indoximod and NLG802, a prodrug of indoximod, are investigational, orally available small molecules targeting the IDO pathway and are designed to harness multiple components of the immune system to combat cancer. 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 radiation, chemotherapy, checkpoint blockade, and cancer vaccines across multiple indications including DIPG, recurrent pediatric brain tumors, and AML. For more information, please visit www.newlinkgenetics.com and follow us on Twitter @NLNKGenetics.

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