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NewLink Genetics Announces the Presentation of Indoximod Data in Phase 1 Study for Children

AMES, Iowa, Nov. 20, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>NewLink Genetics Corporation</u> (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced the presentation of data from a Phase 1 study of indoximod, in combination with radiation, for children with progressive brain tumors. These data were presented at the Society for NeuroOncology, 22nd Annual Meeting, in San Francisco, CA, on November 19, 2017, by Theodore S. Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Augusta University.

The presentation entitled, "Radio-chemo-immunotherapy using the IDO-inhibitor indoximod for children with progressive brain tumors in the phase 1 setting" showed the combination of indoximod plus radiation was well-tolerated.

"We are very pleased with early study data combining salvage radiation therapy with indoximod. This combination seems to be well-tolerated in children with recurrent brain tumors, despite their previous treatment with high-dose radiation plans," said Theodore S. Johnson, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Augusta University. "We applied NewLink Genetics for providing access to indoximod for the children enrolling in this first-in-children study."

A link to the presentation slides can be accessed through the NewLink Genetics website at www.NewLinkGenetics.com in the "Investors & Media" section under <a href="Events & Presentations." A second presentation, complete with scan images, given by Dr. Johnson at the Texas Children's Neuro-oncology Conference on November 10, 2017 can be found listed in the same location on NewLink's website. Additional information for this study, NLG2105 for pediatric patients with refractory malignant brain tumors, may be found here.

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. Indoximod is being evaluated in combination with treatment regimens including anti-PD-1/PD-L1 agents, cancer vaccines, and chemotherapy across multiple indications such as melanoma, pancreatic cancer and other malignancies. For more information, please visit www.newlinkgenetics.com and follow us on Twitter @NLNKGenetics.

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