

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 6, 2018

**NewLink Genetics Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35342**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**42-1491350**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2503 South Loop Drive**  
**Ames, IA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**50010**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(515) 296-5555**

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

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**Section 8 - Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 6, 2018, NewLink Genetics Corporation issued a press release titled "NewLink Genetics Announces Publication of Abstracts for Presentation at the Society for Immunotherapy for Cancer (SITC) Conference."

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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**Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated November 6, 2018, entitled " <a href="#">NewLink Genetics Announces Publication of Abstracts for Presentation at the Society for Immunotherapy for Cancer (SITC) Conference.</a> "

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 6, 2018

**NewLink Genetics Corporation**

By: /s/ Carl W. Langren  
Carl W. Langren  
Its: Chief Financial Officer



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

Ames, Iowa, November 6, 2018-- [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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:20-1:50 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM.

Posters will be accessible Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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](https://twitter.com/NLNKGenetics).

**Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*This press release contains forward-looking statements of NewLink that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements contained in this press release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "guidance," "upcoming," "will," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "approximate," "expect," or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements about NewLink Genetics' financial guidance for 2018; results of its clinical trials for product candidates; its timing of release of data from ongoing clinical studies; its plans related to moving additional indications into clinical development; NewLink Genetics' future financial performance, results of operations, cash position and sufficiency of capital resources to fund its operating requirements; the effects of its organizational realignment; and any other statements other than statements of historical fact. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements that NewLink makes due to a number of important factors, including those risks discussed in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in NewLink Genetics' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and other reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The forward-looking statements in this press release represent NewLink's views as of the date of this press release. NewLink anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause its views to change. However, while it may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing NewLink Genetics' views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.*

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