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Positive Phase 1b Data for NewLink Genetics' IDO Pathway Inhibitor, Indoximod, in Combination with Chemotherapy for Patients with Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) Presented at the European Hematologic Association (EHA) Congress in Madrid, Spain

AMES, Iowa, June 23, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [NewLink Genetics Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:NLNK) today announced the presentation of data from the Phase 1b portion of a study of indoximod, an IDO pathway inhibitor, in combination with idarubicin and cytarabine for patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). [Abstract E-912, Indoximod in Combination with Idarubicin and Cytarabine for Upfront Treatment of Patients with Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia \(AML\): Phase 1 Report](#), is being presented by Ashkan Emadi, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, during the European Hematology Association (EHA) Congress in Madrid, Spain on Friday, June 23, 2017, 9:30 AM to Saturday, June 24, 7:00 PM CET.

These data indicate indoximod does not appear to add significant toxicity to standard therapy for patients with newly diagnosed AML, and no regimen-limiting toxicities (RLT) have been observed to date. Initial data show that the morphological complete remission (CR) rate is as expected after one cycle of induction chemotherapy. Seven of seven patients who achieved CR were found to have no minimal residual disease (MRD-neg).

"While from a small number of patients, these data show an encouraging MRD negativity rate and may offer the potential for measurable clinical benefits for patients," said Dr. Emadi, Principal Investigator of this study.

About Indoximod

Indoximod is an investigational, orally available small molecule targeting the IDO pathway. The IDO pathway is one of the key immuno-oncology targets involved in regulating the tumor microenvironment and immune escape.

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 agents, cancer vaccines, and chemotherapy across multiple indications such as melanoma, prostate cancer, acute myeloid leukemia, and pancreatic cancer. For more information, please visit <http://www.newlinkgenetics.com>.

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