



Imara Added to Membership of U.S. Small-Cap Russell 2000® Index

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BOSTON, June 29, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Imara Inc. (Nasdaq: IMRA), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing and commercializing novel therapeutics to treat patients suffering from rare inherited genetic disorders of hemoglobin, today announced that it was added as a member of the U.S. small-cap Russell 2000® Index, effective after the U.S. market opens on July 1, as part of the 2020 Russell U.S. Indexes reconstitution. Membership in the Russell 2000® Index, which remains in place for one year, is based on membership in the broad-market Russell 3000® Index. The stock also was automatically added to the appropriate growth and value indexes.

"We are pleased to be added to the Russell 2000 Index following our successful IPO in March and the progress we've made in the months since," said Rahul Ballal, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Imara. "We expect to continue to grow as we advance IMR-687 to address these serious blood disorders and create value for patients and shareholders."

Russell U.S. Indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors for passive funds and investment products and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. Approximately \$9 trillion in assets are benchmarked against Russell U.S. Indexes. Russell U.S. Indexes are part of FTSE Russell's suite of index offerings.

For more information on the Russell 2000® Index and the Russell U.S. Indexes reconstitution, go to the "Russell Reconstitution" section on the [FTSE Russell website](#).

About Imara

Imara Inc. is a clinical-stage biotechnology company dedicated to developing and commercializing novel therapeutics to treat patients suffering from rare inherited genetic disorders of hemoglobin. Imara is currently advancing IMR-687, a highly selective, potent small molecule inhibitor of PDE9 that is an oral, once-a-day, potentially disease-modifying treatment for sickle cell disease and beta-thalassemia. IMR-687 is being designed to have a multimodal mechanism of action that acts on red blood cells, white blood cells, adhesion mediators and other cell types. For more information, please visit www.imaratx.com.

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