

Lion Biotechnologies to Join Russell Global Index

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LOS ANGELES, June 24, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Lion Biotechnologies, Inc. (Nasdaq:LBIO), a biotechnology company that is developing novel cancer immunotherapies based on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL), today announced that it will join the Russell Global Index on June 26, according to a list of final additions posted June 19 on the [FTSE Russell website](#).

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About Lion Biotechnologies

Lion Biotechnologies, Inc. is focused on the development of cancer immunotherapy products for the treatment of various cancers. The company's lead product candidate is an adoptive cell therapy using tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) for the treatment of patients with refractory metastatic melanoma, and is based on a clinical Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the National Cancer Institute. TIL therapy is also being evaluated in physician-sponsored clinical trials at MD Anderson Cancer Center and Moffitt Cancer Center. For more information, please visit <http://www.lionbio.com>.

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