

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Monday - Tuesday
5-6th August 2019

Translational Research Institute

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION TALK SCIENCE TO ME



THE 2019 TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

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Session	Time	Location
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Special Guest Keynote Speaker: Ken Dutton-Regester	4:00pm	Auditorium
Awards Ceremony and Close	4:45pm	Auditorium

TRS 2019 SCIENCE COMMUNICATION TALK SCIENCE TO ME

The 2019 theme is Science Communication. Join us, as our special guest keynote speaker **Nasim Amiralian** (Monday, 5th August; 12:15pm - 1:00pm), the special guest discussion panel with **Madeleine Kersting Flynn, Jesse Thomas, Alison Rice** and **Carl Smith** (Monday, 5th August; 3:30pm - 5:00pm), and with special guest keynote speaker **Ken Dutton-Regester** (Tuesday, 6th August; 4:00pm - 4:45pm) share their experiences in a range of science careers.

There are 12 oral presentations, almost 170 poster presentations over 3 poster sessions, newly introduced opportunities for oral presentations in the 'Two Minute Tease' talks, the Translational Research Prize is up for grabs, and we get the competition going in this year's special session - Talk Science to Me with special guest judges, budding scientists to be, from three schools across Brisbane.

We welcome all special guests, attendees, presenters, judges, sponsors and volunteers from around Brisbane to the Translational Research Institute, and thank you for being part of TRS 2019.

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The committee would like to thank all sponsors and institutes for helping to fund this event. We would also like to extend the welcome to attendees and participants from external institutes to TRI.

If you are interested in being part of the committee for 2020, please contact the current committee at trs2019.info@gmail.com.

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TALK SCIENCE TO ME

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This year the Translational Research Symposium organising committee chose SCIENCE COMMUNICATION as the theme of the 2019 Translational Research Symposium. Effective communication is paramount to a successful career in science, whether it is getting your publications into high impact journals or securing investors, speaking with industry partners, convincing a prospective employer that you are the best candidate, spreading the word about your work with the general public, or teaching the budding young scientists of the future. The audience you are communicating with dictates how you communicate your work.

In the world of "Fake News" how do we communicate effectively to make sure as researchers and clinicians our message gets accurately and effectively communicated to other scientists, the media and the lay public? How do we navigate the myriad of media platforms so that our message cuts through, without compromising our research integrity? Increasingly, research demands that we negotiate, liaise, and ultimately communicate effectively with multiple stakeholders from industry, to academia, political and lay public. Furthermore, there are a myriad of metrics and new measures of research impact that gauge how well our work is being garnering interest in the "real world". With these and many other challenges facing scientists we have curated a program designed to promote discussion and insight into science communication for the modern age with TRS2019.

In line with this we have chosen an exciting array of panellists and keynote speakers from broad ranging backgrounds to bring attendees insights, tips, and to explore the intersection between research, the media, industry and how we as researchers can communicate to have impact. The key sessions where we explore science communication are: with special guest keynote speaker **Nasim Amiralian** (Monday, 5th August; 12:15pm - 1:00pm); the special guest discussion panel with **Madeleine Kersting Flynn, Jesse Thomas, Alison Rice** and **Carl Smith** (Monday, 5th August; 3:30pm - 5:00pm); and with special guest keynote speaker **Ken Dutton-Regester** (Tuesday, 6th August; 4:00pm - 4:45pm). Please join us, and take advantage of the range of experiences of our special guests.

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SPECIAL GUEST DISCUSSION PANELLISTS



Alison Rice
Deputy Leader,
Synthetic Biology Future Science Platform,
CSIRO

Dr Alison Rice has a Bachelor of Science with Honours from the University of Adelaide and a PhD in biological sciences from the University of Bordeaux II in France. She has worked as a senior research scientist leading research groups focused on new therapeutic options for the complications of haematopoietic stem cell transplantation in Medical Research Institutes in Sydney and Brisbane respectively.

In 2012, she made the successful transition to a career in research development, incorporating research policy, research management and business development at Griffith University. In 2018 she took up a role as a Principal Policy Officer in the Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office (HIIRO; Queensland Health). She has drawn on her experience as a research scientist and research development expert to bring content specific knowledge about research, researchers and the research sector to the government sector.

Her experience in medical research, the higher education sector and government has provided me with experience in strategy development and execution, leading and managing complex projects and teams, knowledge creation, data analysis and the opportunity to engage with and develop meaningful relationships with stakeholders; all of which are essential for her current role as Deputy Director, Synthetic Biology Future Science Platform at CSIRO.

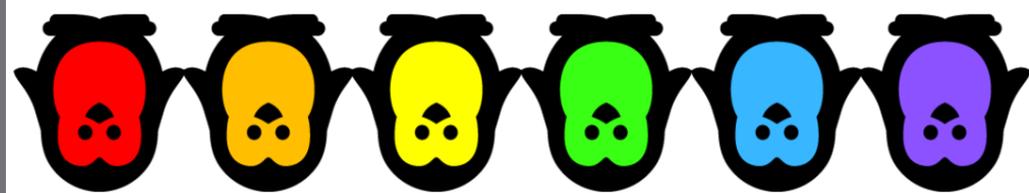


Jesse Thomas
Program Manager
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Dr Jesse Thomas completed his PhD in Molecular Biology & Immunology through the University of Melbourne and CSIRO in Therapeutic Innovation for Animal Health. Understanding early on that academia was not for him, he transitioned to private industry where, following a brief stint in Protein Purification R&D with CSL, he moved to a Drug Screening position at Biota Holdings in pre-clinical Hep C drug development. Managing lab scale drug screening, data generation / analysis and reporting results that directed the business to management, this role reinforced the criticality of soft skills and human interaction. Skills that have been a pillar for success in his career since.

A strategic career change took him from lab work to full-scale commercial production of opiate derived Narcotic Raw Material within GSK and understanding how science runs as a business. An understanding of yield, throughput, and cost are at the heart of a Technical Experts role in a production environment. Designing, implementing and imbedding novel value adding processes with multi-faceted teams was an enjoyable and fulfilling challenge as Process Owner.

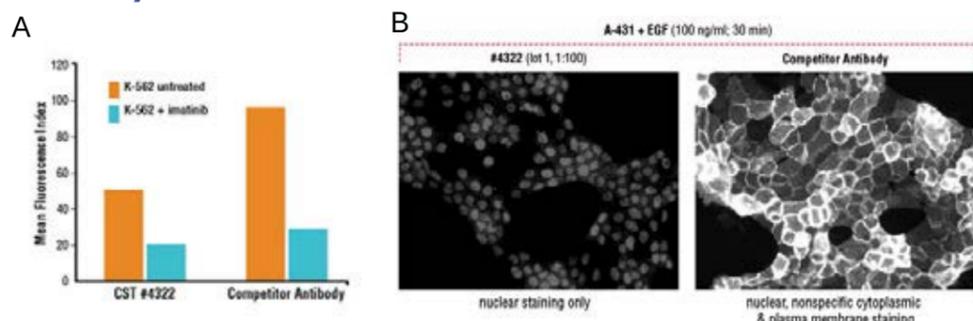
Now, as a Program Manager at Patheon, part of ThermoFisher Scientific in Brisbane, he contracts manufacture clinical trial biologics as per cGMP for small - medium sized biotech companies around the globe. With customer facing responsibilities, managing project finance, timelines and teams he finds himself even further from my distant technical base. At the core of my being he firmly believes in work / life balance, sharing wisdom, being bold, enjoying the journey and treating others well.



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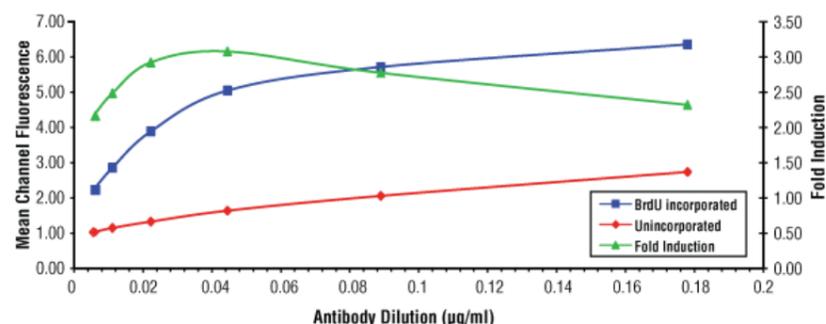
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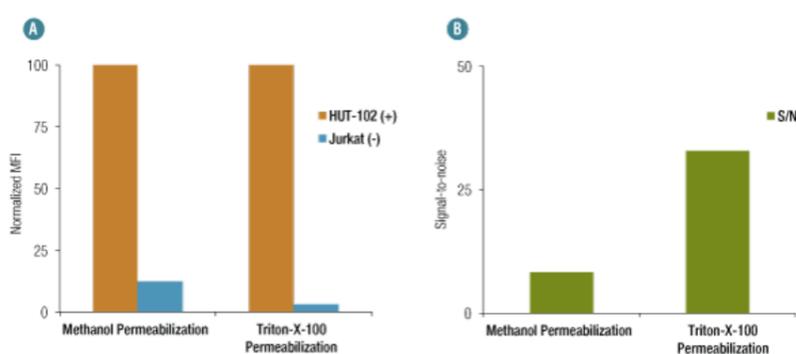


Flow cytometric analysis suggests a brighter signal from a competitor's Phospho-Stat5 (Tyr694) antibody compared to a lower fold induction with Phospho-Stat5 (Tyr694) (D47E7) XP® Rabbit mAb #4322 (A). However, immunofluorescent analysis reveals that the competitor antibody inappropriately stains the cytoplasm and plasma membrane, while #4322 demonstrates only the appropriate nuclear staining (B).

CST determines the optimal concentration and staining protocols for each antibody.



Flow cytometric analysis of Jurkat cells, unincorporated (red) or after 30 minutes of BrdU incorporation (blue), using serial dilutions of BrdU (Bu20a) Mouse mAb #5292. The fold-induction ratio is shown in green. Optimal concentration of #5292 was determined to be 0.044 µg/ml.



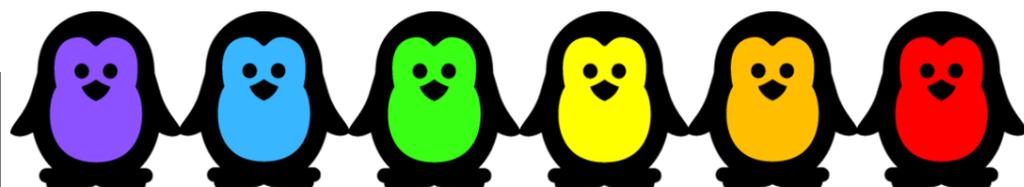
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Carl Smith
Walkley Award-winning science journalist
ABC Science Journalist

Carl is a Walkley Award-winning science journalist and kids' presenter at the ABC, working for RN and ABC Science. He makes radio documentaries for RN's science programs, The Science Show, The Health Report, All in the Mind, and Science Friction. He also co-presents the kids' podcasts Short & Curly and Pickle.

Before joining the ABC, Carl worked briefly as a scientist and ran the University of Queensland's student radio station. In 2014 he moved to Canberra to train as an ABC News cadet, and in 2015 he joined the ABCME program Behind the News as a reporter.

He presented the ABCTV series Minibeast Heroes, and has collaborated with the BBC and WNYC on stories. Carl has won multiple awards for his work, including a Young Walkley Award in 2017, 'Young Journalist of the Year 2015' from the SA Press Club, 'Best New Australian Journalist 2014' from the Lizzies Tech Journalism Awards, and two Queensland Clarion Awards.



Madeleine Kersting Flynn
Biomedical illustrator,
Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR)

Madeleine Kersting Flynn has been a biomedical illustrator for over 23 years, and has been at her current position at QIMR Berghofer for the past 12 years. She specialises in both scientific and medical illustration, creating for researchers and clinicians. Traditionally trained, she has also adopted 3D modelling and animation techniques as new technology advances in the field, and is now expanding into more experimental ways of communicating science and medicine for a mainstream audience.

She is a devoted advocate of science communication and education, and is the President of the Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Medical and Biological Illustrators. She has organised workshops on biomedical illustration at the Queensland Museum, World Science Festival and the UQ School of Medicine.

Currently she is writing scripts for a children's show "Worms and Germs", which she hopes to launch in 2020. Future plans also include creating large-scale immersive environments and sculpture to achieve her goal of bringing science and medicine to the masses in an engaging and entertaining way.



Fiona Simpson (Master of Ceremonies)
Senior Fellow of the Queensland Head and Neck
Cancer Centre
Group Leader, UQDI
Affiliate Senior Lecturer, SCMB, UQ

Fiona completed her PhD on cellular trafficking with Prof. Margaret Robinson at the University of Cambridge, UK. She was then a Wellcome Trust Prize Post-doctoral fellow at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA in the laboratory of Prof. Sandra Schmid working on trafficking and endocytosis of RTKs. Fiona then joined UQ as a Juvenile Diabetes International Fellow in the laboratory of Prof. David James working on insulin receptors and trafficking. Fiona is currently a Fellow of the Queensland Head and Neck Cancer Centre and heads a laboratory focused on the response prediction and improvement of tumour therapeutics.

The Simpson lab research program is focused directly on the translation of research findings into new cancer therapies and has generated a novel method for antibody-mediated cancer therapy and associated companion diagnostic methods which are covered by two international patent applications (2012 priority) and a third provisional patent application filed in 2015. Fiona was the Lead scientific investigator on a Phase I proof of concept study of the novel therapy in head and neck cancer (HREC/15/QPAH/48), now successfully completed and the Lead scientific Investigator on forthcoming Phase II clinical trials in advanced cancer.



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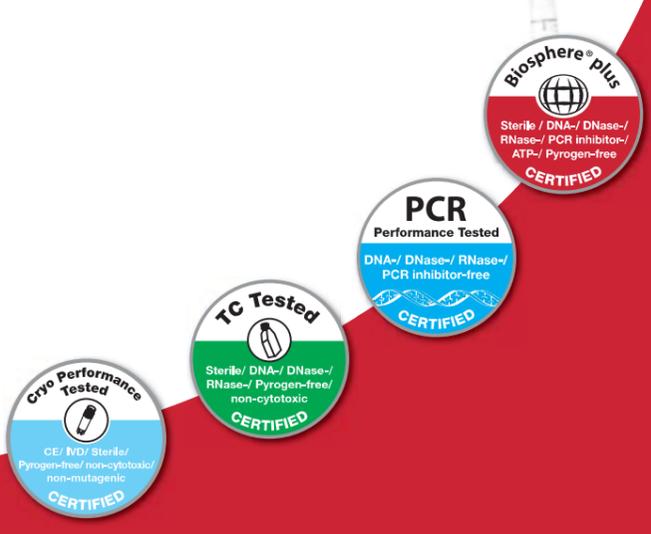
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Ken Dutton Regester
*Research Officer,
Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR)
QLD Tall Poppy Scientist*

Affectionately known as 'The Funky Dr', Dr Ken Dutton-Regester is a Research Officer at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute exploring functional genomics in melanoma. After completing his PhD at the Queensland University of Technology in 2012, Ken was awarded a NHMRC Early Career Fellowship to learn genome-wide functional approaches at the Broad Institute of Harvard MIT and Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Ken returned to QIMR Berghofer in 2016 and is continuing his research into drug resistance mechanisms and novel drug targets in melanoma. He is an AMP Tomorrow Fund fellow, a Young Investigator on a Melanoma Research Alliance Team Science Award, and a past-chairperson of the Associate Member Council for the American Association for Cancer Research.

Besides his research, Ken is extremely passionate about science communication. A national finalist in Famelab and a 'Queensland Young Tall Poppy Scientist' Awardee in 2017, Ken has spoken at a variety of events including Pint of Science, Science Nation, Melanoma March, and the 'Wonder of Science' Flying Scientist program. Ken has explored unique ways to communicate his research including 'full body poses' to talk about different melanoma subtypes, UV cameras to demonstrate how sunscreen works and in 2018 entered the Science 'Dance your PhD' competition. On his latest venture, Ken is embarking on a new science education and outreach project to create the world's first cancer-themed Puzzle Room (escape room) that will launch in National Science Week 2019.



Nasim Amiralian
*UQ Amplify Research Fellow,
Australian Institute of Bioengineering and
Nanotechnology,
University of Queensland*

Dr Nasim Amiralian specialises in processing and structure-property performance of novel materials, renewable-based polymers and nanocomposites.

During her PhD, she discovered and patented a unique high-quality nanocellulose from spinifex, an Australian native arid grass, using simpler and more environmentally friendly methods. The outcome of her PhD project has resulted establishment of Australia's first nanocellulose pilot production plant. Building on her innovations in spinifex nanocellulose, she is utilising the unique properties of nanocellulose to produce novel conductive hydrogel systems which could lead to improved conductive hydrogel technology.

In recognition of her contribution to the field of nanomaterials engineering and research excellence she has received a number of awards including; one of Australia's Top 5 Scientists (ABC/UNSW, 2018), Queensland Women in STEM Prize- judges choice award (2017) and Women in Technology Life Sciences and/or Infotech Rising Star Award (2016).

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Oral Presentation Session One

Monday, 5th August
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Oral Presentation Session Two

Tuesday, 6th August
10:45am - 12:00pm
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Awards Ceremony

Tuesday 6th August
4:45pm
TRI Auditorium
Winner and Runner Up Prizes

Format

6 Speakers Per Session
8 Minute Presentations
2 Minutes Question Time

In 2019, over 200 abstracts were received. These abstracts were received from the Translational Research Institute, as well as Queensland Institute of Medical Research Berghofer (QIMRB); Queensland University of Technology Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at Kelvin Grove (QUT); University of Queensland institutes Australian Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN), Institute of Molecular Biosciences (IMB), Queensland Brain Institute (QBI), and others at St Lucia; and Griffith University Institute for Drug Discovery and Institute for Glycomics, and many others.

Abstracts were judged by title, abstract (250 words) and translational relevance statements (60 words). Of the 200 abstracts received, the highest scoring 12 abstracts were offered an oral presentation.

**Congratulations to the selected
Oral Presenters for 2019!**

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1

The effect of transvaginal prolapse surgery on anorectal function

Rachel Colbran (On behalf of Monica Ding)
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital

Pelvic floor dysfunction can manifest as a spectrum of conditions including anorectal dysfunction, vaginal prolapse and urinary incontinence. Sacrospinous fixation combined with vaginal repair is typically performed by gynaecologists to treat vaginal prolapse. Given the proximity of the pelvic viscera and their shared connective tissue supports, it is conceivable that this surgery may affect anorectal function. This study aimed to evaluate the impact of transvaginal prolapse surgery on anorectal function.

A retrospective audit of patients who underwent sacrospinous fixation between 2014 and 2018 was conducted. Of these, patients with anorectal dysfunction who had been evaluated by the colorectal pelvic floor service preoperatively and postoperatively were included for analysis. These patients were assessed with symptom-specific validated questionnaires. Changes in symptoms of obstructive defaecation and faecal incontinence were analysed.

Fifteen patients were included, with a median follow up of 194 days. Prior to evaluation, 33.3% had undergone previous vaginal prolapse surgery and 13.3% rectal prolapse surgery. All evaluated patients underwent transvaginal sacrospinous fixation, and 93.3% also had a posterior vaginal repair. There was a statistically significant improvement in the Faecal Incontinence Severity Index score, the embarrassment and lifestyle components of the Faecal Incontinence Quality of Life Score, the Constipation Scoring System, Obstructed Defaecation Score and the satisfaction component of the Constipation Quality of Life Score.

Transvaginal prolapse surgery leads to a favourable effect on anorectal function with improvements in both obstructed defaecation and faecal incontinence symptoms in this small series.

Translational Relevance: Anorectal dysfunction and pelvic organ prolapse significantly affects quality of life. Our results strongly support development of interdisciplinary connections between gynaecologists and colorectal surgeons to improve patient outcomes. These results directly impact clinical practise and may change the existing care pathway, as transvaginal prolapse surgery could be considered as first line therapy in patients with vaginal prolapse and anorectal dysfunction.

2

Development of theranostic agents for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma

Thomas Kryza, Yaowu He, Tashbib Khan, Simon Puttick, Stephen Rose, Tahleesa Cuda, Cameron Snell, Brian Tse, Kamil Sokolowski, Andrew Barbour, Marina Pajic, John Hooper
Mater Research Institute, The University of Queensland, Translational Research Institute. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. Mater Health Services. Pre-clinical imaging facility, Translational Research Institute. Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Darlinghurst, New South Wales

"Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) is the fourth most common cause of cancer death with 5 year survival of <10%. Only 20% of cases are eligible for surgery which offers the only option for cure. Inter- and intra-tumour heterogeneity present significant barriers to effective treatment as tumours rapidly evolve cells that are resistant to chemotherapies and targeted agents. To facilitate more accurate detection of PDAC by PET-CT imaging, and better delivery of therapies to overcome tumour heterogeneity, we aim to develop a library of theranostic agents for specific detection and treatment of PDAC tumours.

We have developed a novel bioinformatics pipeline to identify putative theranostic targets in PDAC tumours. Those potential targets are subsequently validated by immuno-histochemistry on human normal and PDAC samples. Then, monoclonal antibodies directed against most promising candidates are evaluated in vitro and in preclinical models for detection and treatment of PDAC.

We have identified several novel PDAC markers which present all the characteristics require to be used as theranostic targets. In pre-clinical models, theranostic agents directed against those targets allow a specific and sensitive detection of PDAC tumours by PET/CT imaging and can be used to deliver cytotoxic compounds specifically to PDAC cells significantly reducing tumour burden and increasing survival.

We generated the proof-of-concept that our approach can successfully identified theranostic targets and agents. In the future, we expect that a combination of our agents could be used to offer to the majority of patients a specific and effective method to detect and treat pancreatic tumours."

Translational Relevance: Our ultimate goal is to develop a set of targeting agents for both detection and treatment of pancreatic cancer. The agents that we are developing and evaluating have significant potential to be translated into clinically useful agents for detection of tumours based on imaging, and for delivery of anti-cancer drugs specifically to pancreatic cancers.

3

Infant body composition predicts childhood obesity

Abirami Ratnasingham, Timothy Donovan, Yvonne Eiby, Marloes Dekker Nitert, Barbara Lingwood
UQ Centre for Clinical Research, The University of Queensland. Division of Neonatology, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. School of Chemistry and Molecular Biosciences, The University of Queensland

Background: Early identification of infants at risk of obesity may allow early intervention to reduce later cardiometabolic risk. While low birth weight is associated with poor health in later life, early body composition (fat mass [FM] and lean mass [LM]) may be a better predictor.

Aims: This study aimed to determine: (1) whether infant body composition is a better predictor of childhood obesity than birth weight, (2) which infant body composition factors predict childhood obesity and (3) what other early life factors predict childhood obesity.

Methods: This was an observational follow-up study of 130 children recruited as newborns at RBWH in 2007-2010. Body composition was measured by air displacement plethysmography using the PEA POD® during infancy (at birth, 6 weeks, 3 months and 4.5 months old) and the BOD POD® at 8-11 years old. Maternal risk factors (e.g. maternal body mass index [BMI]) and infant feeding information were also recorded. Backward stepwise multiple regression analysis was used to identify significant predictors of childhood obesity.

Results: Childhood percentage fat (%Fat) was not associated with either birth weight or birth weight z-score. Increased %Fat at 6 weeks old was a significant predictor of increased childhood %Fat as were higher maternal BMI and earlier exposure to formula feeding.

Conclusions: Adiposity at 6 weeks old may identify infants at risk of developing childhood obesity. This may enable timely intervention to prevent obesity before it develops. Interventions aimed at reducing maternal BMI before pregnancy and facilitating continued breastfeeding may also help reduce childhood obesity risk."

Translational Relevance: Children represent an important target for the prevention of obesity as childhood obesity tracks into adulthood. Interventions are more successful when introduced early, however this requires early identification of at-risk children. Establishing routine use of the PEA POD® in clinical settings to measure adiposity at 6 weeks could help identify infants at later risk of obesity and enable early intervention.

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IL-22-based therapies ameliorate hepatic steatosis associated with high-fat diet induced diabetes in mice.

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"Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is strongly associated with type-2 diabetes (T2D), with >70% of patients with T2D having NAFLD.

Interleukin-22 (IL-22) is an immunomodulatory cytokine which acts on non-immune cells via receptor-induced STAT3 phosphorylation; with receptor expression in pancreatic islets, gut and hepatocytes. IL-22 treatment in high-fat diet (HFD)-induced diabetic mice improves islet oxidative/ ER stress, insulin secretion, hyperglycaemia, and insulin sensitivity. IL-22 therapies targeted to pancreas and/or liver can maintain these benefits while preventing unwanted off-target effects. We assess their effect on hepatic steatosis in HFD-induced diabetic mice.

HFD-induced obese mice were treated with IL-22-based biologics (IL-22 and IL-22 fusion protein) for 2 weeks.

Glycaemic control was assessed by oral glucose tolerance test. Hepatic mRNA expression of genes involved in lipid metabolism, hepatocellular lipid accumulation, and triglyceride content were assessed.

Glycaemic ctrl was significantly improved on day 10 of the treatment with a significant reduction in fat mass in mice treated with IL-22 fusion protein. Hepatic steatosis was reduced to NCD levels and SREBP-1c, HMGCR and FAS mRNA expression was significantly reduced by IL-22 fusion protein but not IL-22. Hepatic triglyceride content was lowered with IL-22 fusion protein but not IL-22. There was no evidence of NASH in any group.

In conclusion, targeted-IL-22- therapy improves NAFLD in HFD-induced diabetic mice. More work is needed to elucidate if the main driver of efficacy is improvement in beta cell function (and, hence, glycaemia), or a direct effect on hepatic lipid metabolism, supported by the high level of hepatic STAT3 phosphorylation."

Translational Relevance: We have discovered that Interleukin-22 (IL-22), reduces cellular stress in the pancreas and reduces blood sugar levels in diabetes models. We generated an IL-22-based fusion protein which is targeted to both the pancreas and liver which has anti-diabetic effects and improves NAFLD. This preclinical work informed us whether IL-22 can transition to clinical use as an anti-diabetic and anti-NAFLD drug.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS SESSION ONE

5 Laser dermabrasion: A potential preventative treatment for BCC recurrence

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"Despite significant efforts in treating Basal cell carcinomas (BCC), surgical excision of the tumour is still the primary mode of treatment. The high risk of recurrence post-excision (~70% within 5 years) imposes a heavy burden on the health care system costing approximately \$700 million annually in Australia.

Accumulation of ultra-violet induced mutations in the basal layer of the epidermis is the primary risk factor for BCC occurrence. Therefore, we hypothesise that laser ablating the mutation bearing basal layer using laser dermabrasion will allow skin cells from the deeper layers to re-populate the UV damaged epidermis with mutation free tissue preventing further BCC recurrence. Evaluation of tumour mutation load followed by next generation sequencing revealed striking differences between dermabraded and non-dermabraded epidermis in patients with recurrent BCCs. None of the screened disease associated mutations were found in 4/5 patients of the dermabraded cohort whereas on average 25 mutations per megabase were present in the non-treated skin. To further examine the efficacy of epidermal abrasion in preventing BCC recurrence, our well established murine models were subjected to chronic UVB irradiation followed by laser dermabrasion. A significant reduction in the number of BCC lesions was found in skin subjected to epidermal abrasion ($0.35 \text{ bcc/mm}^2 \pm 0.04$ compared to $0.07 \text{ bcc/mm}^2 \pm 0.03$).

Overall, these data propose the potential for a novel therapy for patients with recurrent BCCs by effectively targeting the mutation bearing epidermal layer and allowing the natural repair processes to repopulate the damaged epidermis.

Translational Relevance: A potential for a novel therapy for patients with recurrent BCCs by effectively targeting the mutation bearing epidermal layer and allowing the natural repair processes to repopulate the damaged epidermis.

6 Vascular niche E-selectin plays a key role in leukaemia chemoresistance

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Acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) is a haematopoietic malignancy that can resist chemotherapy by hijacking the bone marrow niche, a specialised microenvironment essential to support haematopoietic stem cells. We recently found that the vascular adhesion molecule E-selectin is a key niche component mediating AML chemo-resistance, highlighting E-selectin as a promising therapeutic target.

In this study, we characterised the E-selectin receptors involved in this niche-mediated chemo-resistance. We found that CD44 and CD162 were crucial for E-selectin adhesion, as mouse AML cells lacking both receptors failed to bind to E-selectin. Furthermore, we found that in vitro adhesion to E-selectin uniquely boosts mouse AML cell survival to chemotherapy, but only when CD44/CD162 were present. Likewise when transplanted into recipient mice, CD44/CD162^{-/-} AML cells were significantly more sensitive to chemotherapy compared to wildtype AML. Together these results suggest that CD44 and/or CD162 are key E-selectin receptors involved in AML chemo-resistance.

To validate these findings in human, we used CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing to selectively suppress CD44 or CD162 from the human AML cell line KG1a. Interestingly we found that in the absence of CD162, E-selectin could not promote AML survival to chemotherapy in vitro, but was still able to do so in the absence of CD44. This suggests that CD162 could be the main receptor mediating E-selectin's effects.

To conclude, we described a novel form of niche-mediated chemo-resistance, and identified key AML cell surface receptors involved. These findings highlight blockade of E-selectin or its receptors as a novel strategy to improve the treatment of AML."

Translational Relevance: AML is an aggressive blood cancer with a high rate of relapse after treatment. The relapse is caused by rare leukemic cells that survive chemotherapy and re-establish leukaemia. In this work, we study the mechanisms through which these cells can resist chemotherapy. This can lead to the discovery of new therapeutic targets to improve clinical outcomes of patients with AML.

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ORAL PRESENTATIONS SESSION TWO

7 Evaluation of weight based enoxaparin dosing on anti-Xa concentrations in patients with obesity

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Background: Treatment dose of enoxaparin is based on total body weight (TBW) however, dosage in obesity remains unclear. "Dose capping" commonly occurs when TBW > 100 kg minimising bleeding risk, but this may cause under-dosing and increasing embolisation risk. Rationale: The primary objective evaluated efficacy of current dosing strategies in obesity by evaluating resultant anti-Xa concentrations (aXaC). The secondary objective investigated if an uncapped 0.75-0.85 mg/kg (TBW) twice daily dose, advocated by previous authors, results in therapeutic aXaC (0.5-1.0 IU/ml). Methods: A multicentre, retrospective cohort study cross-matched steady-state peak aXaC with enoxaparin dose for obese patients (TBW > 100kg) between January 2000 and February 2017. Results: 133 patients were included with a mean TBW of 128kg, producing 59% therapeutic, 15% sub-therapeutic and 26% supra-therapeutic aXaC. Approximately 60% of patients in each dose group (<0.75, 0.75-0.85 and >0.85 mg/kg) had a therapeutic aXaC, however sub-therapeutic versus supra-therapeutic frequency was higher in the <0.75 (27% versus 9%) and >0.85 mg/kg (10% versus 34%) groups respectively. Most patients weighing 100-119 kg (TBW) received doses >0.85 mg/kg, however 32% had toxic aXaC. Those between 120-139 kg (TBW) had a high percentage of therapeutic aXaC (87%) when dosed <0.75 mg/kg and a high percentage of supra-therapeutic aXaC (71%) when dosed >0.85mg/kg. Patients >140kg (TBW) received reduced doses, however <0.75 mg/kg resulted in sub-therapeutic aXaC (42%). Conclusion: Dosing at 0.75-0.85 mg/kg results in highest frequency of therapeutic aXaC. This appears to be a "safe" starting dose-range, however all obese patients should have aXaC monitoring due to high inter-patient variability.

Translational Relevance: Enoxaparin is dosed on total body weight, but dosage in obesity is unrepresented in literature. As obesity is a growing epidemic in Australia, thus, it is imperative these patients are dosed appropriately. Overdosing increasing the risk of bleeding where under-dosing increases embolisation risk. This research was used to update Metro South prescribing guidelines for dosage of enoxaparin.

8 DNA methylation is significantly different between Ankylosing spondylitis cases and healthy controls

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Background: Ankylosing spondylitis (AS) is an inherited chronic immune-mediated arthropathy, with a complex genetic and immunological basis. Limited understanding of the fundamental biology of AS has impeded the development of novel AS-specific treatments. Our current study aims to describe the functional impact of previously identified AS-associated genetic variants by examining transcriptional and epigenetic changes. We focus on five cell types thought to mediate disease: CD4 T-cells, CD8 T-cells, $\gamma\delta$ T-cells, NK cells and CD14 monocytes.

Methods: 50 AS patients and 50 HLA-B27 matched healthy controls were recruited. PBMCs were FACS sorted into the cell types of interest. DNA and RNA were extracted for DNA methylation analysis using the Illumina Human MethylationEPIC Beadchip, and transcriptional analysis using total RNAseq, respectively. Linear regression was used to examine cell-specific interactions between transcription and genotype, DNA methylation and genotype, and interactions between all three.

Results: Cell type differentiated samples in both DNA methylation and transcription. When examined within each cell type, DNA methylation was significantly different between cases and controls in CD4 T-cells, CD8 T-cells and CD14 Monocytes ($p < 0.05$). The most significant differentially methylated position was within a TSS1500 for WNT10B, which promotes osteoblastogenesis (regulating bone density), and was previously identified as differentially expressed in AS[1]. Differential expression analysis is underway.

Conclusion: This is the first study to show that DNA methylation patterns differ in AS cases and controls in a cell type-dependent manner, and provides a basis for the functional impact of AS-associated genotypes.

1. Talpin, A et al. Arthritis Res Ther 2014;16(4):417."

Translational Relevance: A lack of understanding of the fundamental basis of AS has prevented development of targeted treatments. This study provides preliminary evidence for DNA methylation changes in AS, that may explain the functional mechanism of AS-associated loci. This will provide a basis for future functional work and potential drug candidate selection.



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9 Improving the efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors in a mouse model of melanoma

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Immune checkpoint inhibitor antibodies such as α PD-1 (Pembrolizumab) have achieved unparalleled efficacy against a range of tumour types in human patients by 'lifting the brakes' on anti-tumour immunity by increasing activation of cytotoxic CD8+ T cells. However, responses are seen in only 20-30% of patients. Dendritic cells (DCs) as professional antigen-presenting cells with unique T cell stimulatory capacity represent a potential means by which to improve response rates. We have developed a humanized mouse model of melanoma, where DC targeting and other novel immunotherapies can be evaluated, by engrafting immunodeficient NSG-SGM3 mice with CD34+ hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) from umbilical cord blood. Mice were tested for human immune engraftment (%huCD45+) in peripheral blood before they were challenged with patient-derived melanoma cells between 8 and 12 weeks of age. In this model, the anti-tumour effect of α PD-1 was enhanced by expanding and activating DCs with Flt-3 ligand (Flt3L) and polyI:C. To determine the DC subset/s responsible for this effect, we sorted CD11c+/CD141+ (Type I) and CD11c+/CD141- (Type II) DCs from spleen and bone marrow of Flt3L-treated humanized mice, treated cells in vitro with polyI:C, then injected activated DCs into tumour-bearing mice. Injection of Type I DCs, but not Type II DCs, resulted in reduced tumour growth in combination with anti-PD-1 treatment. These results provide rationale for further studies targeting human Type I DCs to increase response rates to immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy. Further, our model allows the efficacy of human-specific immunotherapies to be tested against human tumour cells.

Translational Relevance: Recent developments in immunotherapy which use the patient's own T cells to kill eliminate cancer has revolutionised the treatment of late-stage melanoma. However, only 20-30% of patients respond to this treatment, as T cells are often excluded from the tumour. Dendritic cells are another immune cell which can attract T cells to tumours; we targeted them to enhance immunotherapy responses.

10 A 12-week multidisciplinary integrated treatment approach is superior to standard care for symptom improvement in functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGID) patients: a case-control study.

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Background: FGIDs generally result from complex biological, psychological, and social interaction. However, current treatments target the biologic disease mechanism in contrast to multidisciplinary integrated treatment approaches that target various potential disease mechanisms.

Rationale: However, thus far the efficacy of such treatment approaches has been little studied. We aimed to examine whether a multidisciplinary approach, the Integrated Care Clinic (ICC), reduced the overall symptom burden in FGID patients compared to standard treatment.

Methods: We recruited 52 consecutive gastroenterology outpatients with a severe manifestation of FGID and matched them with 52 control FGID patients (based upon diagnosis, age, gender). ICC patients received standardised assessment and treatment by a gastroenterologist, general practitioner, psychologist, dietician, and exercise physiologist. Control patients received standard care by a gastroenterologist. The validated Structured Assessment of Gastrointestinal Symptoms scale (SAGIS), measured the intensity of 22 upper and lower gastrointestinal symptom burden, 0= no problem to 4= very severe problem. Primary outcome was the change in total SAGIS symptom burden score in ICC patients post intervention compared to standard treatment patients. Within-subject changes were compared within the matched pairs using the Wilcoxon Signed-Ranks test.

Results: The total SAGIS score was reduced by 36% in ICC patients compared to 8% in controls (Median ICC = 9 vs. control = 1; $p = 0.001$). Clinically significant reductions in total SAGIS score were present in 57% of ICC patients compared to 23% of controls.

Conclusion: A 3-month multidisciplinary treatment approach results in superior symptom improvement as compared to the standard treatment approach."

Translational Relevance: Research highlights the importance of understanding the complex interactions between the brain and the gastrointestinal system in Functional gastrointestinal disorders. However, integrated psychosocial and medical care treatment approaches are limited. My project examines an innovative biopsychosocially informed model of care involving medical professionals translating evidence cooperatively into health care improvements and change in practice through multidisciplinary integrated personalised treatments.

11 Establishing a novel preclinical model for perineural invasion of cutaneous SCCN

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Perineural invasion (PNI), defined as the invasion of tumour cells into the perineural space of peripheral nerves, is one of the high-risk features of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (cSCCHN) and prognosticates poor outcomes. PNI cases are usually asymptomatic, only detectable by microscopy, and managed by surgical excision and/or radiotherapy. However, the disease often spreads to sensory and/or motor nerves, particularly the trigeminal or facial nerves. PNS is associated with high morbidity and mortality, 1/3 patients succumb to this disease after approximately 30 months and there is no current targeted therapy for these patients. The aim of this project is to establish a humanised model that mimics the process of PNI of cSCCHN. A431-Luc2 cells were subcutaneously injected on the whisker pad of NSG-A2 mice. Tumours were surgically resected when they reached 200-500mm³. PNI was observed by IVIS imaging system. Mice were euthanized on the second week post-surgery; their heads were removed, fixed and decalcified. Processed samples were sectioned at 90° to the plane of the maxillary division of the trigeminal nerve. Analysis by haematoxylin and eosin stain and immunohistochemistry using anti-cytokeratin AE1/AE3 and S100 were performed. Preliminary results showed that 2/7 mice developed PNI. Cancer cells surrounding the nerve was observed in another mouse. Two mice also developed tumours in the neck region, suggesting lymph node metastasis. Further optimisation of this model is still required. The next step is to inject the mice with human immune cells and treat them with combination therapy after surgery.

Translational Relevance: Based on previous data, our hypothesis is that mAb therapies, such as anti-EGFR, in combination with prochlorperazine could be efficient in treating perineural disease. Using this model we will be able to identify potential therapeutic targets for perineural disease. Ultimately, demonstration of therapeutic efficacy in the preclinical animal models will provide data to support a clinical trial application.

12 Harnessing Anti-inflammatory Gut Bioactives to Modulate the Immune Response in IBD

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Introduction: Under homeostatic conditions, the gut immune system exists in a tolerogenic state with the microbiota. In this study, the ability of bioactives produced by anaerobic gut bacteria cultured from healthy human fecal samples to modulate NF-κB activity, their biochemical properties and their ability to alleviate colitis were investigated.

Methods: The NF-κB suppressive effects of culture supernatants (CSs) from 23 different isolates were tested on colonic epithelial cell lines containing a NF-κB luciferase reporter. The ability of CSs to suppress IL-8 production from human-derived whole peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) and human-derived colonic organoids from IBD patients and healthy controls was tested. Furthermore, CS from strain AHG0001 was also tested in the Winnie spontaneous colitis model.

Results: Stimulation of LS174T and Caco-2 reporter cells with TNFα and IL-1β respectively, resulted in increased NF-κB dependent luciferase activity. Of the 23 isolates screened, CS from five isolates significantly suppressed NF-κB activation. The selected CSs also suppressed IL-8 secretion in PBMCs and gut organoids from both UC and CD patients, as well as healthy controls, with notable individual variation. Rectal gavage of CS from AHG0001 also reduced disease activity, improved histologic inflammation and reduced the proinflammatory gene expression in Winnie mice.

Conclusions: Our anaerobic culturing and NF-κB reporter assay system allows for the rapid identification of bacteria producing immunomodulatory bioactives. Our in vivo and ex vivo testing utilizing spontaneous colitis model and patient derived organoids demonstrates the potential of precision medicine-based approaches for bacterial based therapeutics."

Translational Relevance: The establishment of the immuno-modulatory assays using cell lines and patient derived organoids allows for rapid identification of bacteria producing immuno-modulatory bioactive, which could lead to the future development of novel personalised therapeutics.

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Tuesday, August 6th

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Tuesday 6th August

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9 Anne-Sophie Bergot

Anne-Sophie Bergot, Irina Buckle, Meghna Talekar, Jeniffer Loaiza Naranjo, Sumana Cikaluru, Emma E. Hamilton-Williams and Ranjeny Thomas

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Islet-specific Liposomes Induced Diabetes Protection is Dependent on Islet-specific Regulatory T cells Reprogramming

These preliminary pre-clinical evidence support the first in-human T1D trial in at-risk children with the use of liposomes delivered subcutaneously, encapsulating calcitriol/D3 and one single islet peptide, with cell immunomonitoring in peripheral blood using tetramers. This trial has been funded by a JDRF/Helmsley Charitable Trust (HCT) grant and has started this year.

58 Raymond Ho

Raymond Ho, Zhiyong Li

School of Chemistry, Physics and Mechanical Engineering, Science and Engineering Faculty, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Innovative Cardiovascular Engineering Technology Laboratory Clinical Services, The Prince Charles Hospital

Characterisation of Gaseous and Solid Embolic Pathlines During Cardiopulmonary Bypass: A Numerical and Invitro Study

The significance of these results provides information to assist the surgical team's decision making at workup and during surgery of how emboli movement can be affected by specific aortic cannulation variables. The importance of this study provides an increase in quality and better procedures by assisting in developing a consistent cannulation approach and contributing to more informed guidelines.

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Natali Naude, Gorane Santamaria, Chris Foster, Aaron Urquhart, Graham Galloway, Saadallah Ramadan, Scott Quadrelli, Lisa Rich, Jessica Buck, Peter Malycha, Ian Bennet, Thomas Lloyd, Carolyn Mountford.

Translational Research Institute. Queensland University of Technology. Princess Alexandra Hospital. The University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia.

Chemical deregulation in breast tissue of women at familial high risk correlates with IBIS risk calculator

Application of the method has the potential to allow screening in high risk populations in a non-invasive manner, without the use of Gadolinium-based contrast agents.

91 Patrick Thomas

Patrick Thomas, Inge Seim, David Cruden, Ian Vela, Elizabeth D. Williams

Queensland Bladder Cancer Initiative (QBCI). Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre-Queensland, Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Integrative Biology Laboratory, College of Life Sciences, Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China. Department of Urology, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Detection of gonorrhoeae in prostate cancer tissues

Our proposed study has major public health implications. It provides important pilot data that will form the basis of analyses addressing the potential interplay between a common, often-multi-drug resistant sexually transmitted infection and the most common cancer in Australian men. Identifying factors that contribute to the initiation and/or progression of clinically significant PCa is key to developing novel therapeutic approaches.

100 Tania Duarte

Tania Duarte, Lachlan Coin, Derek Sarovich, Erin Price, Son Nguyen, Thuy-Khanh Nguyen, Tamiaka Fraser, Scott Bell

Institute for Molecular Bioscience, The University of Queensland. GeneCology Research Centre, University of the Sunshine Coast. QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. Metro North Hospital and Health Service, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. The Prince Charles Hospital, Chermside.

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77 Shannon Ryan

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Serena Ekman, Robert Flower, Catherine Hyland, Stephen Mahler, Martina Jones, Xuan Bui

Centre for Biopharmaceutical Innovation, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, University of Queensland. Australian Red Cross Blood Service R&D Department

Screening for novel monoclonal antibodies recognizing glycoprotein b antigens via biopanning

The ultimate goal of this project is to produce routine screening reagents that are able to identify antigen-negative red blood cells, thus reducing the risk of haemolytic transfusion reactions.

16 Lisa Gillinder

Princess Alexandra Hospital

Making our EDs 'sharps safe'; Understanding staff attitudes and current use of sharp safety devices

This results of this work can be rapidly translated into clinical practice, creating a new differential diagnosis for the management of epilepsy and potential new treatment avenues for patients who currently have few options.

17 Kai Dun Tang

Kai Dun Tang, Yunxia Wan, Natalie Bozyk, Xi Zhang, Liz Kenny and Chamindie Punyadeera

The School of Biomedical Sciences, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, Queensland University of Technology and The Translational Research Institute. School of Medicine, University of Queensland; Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, Brisbane; Central Integrated Regional Cancer Service, Queensland Health

A "needleless" approach to detect HPV16-driven oropharyngeal cancer.

This project demonstrates a model of care that successfully translates evidence based treatments for acute coronary syndrome into improved outcomes for a disadvantaged group of patients.

18 Lucia Zacchi

Lucía F. Zacchi, Dinora Roche Recinos, Cassandra Pegg, Toan K. Phung, Ellen Otte, Tony Hunt, Christopher B. Howard, Yih Yean Lee, Benjamin Schulz

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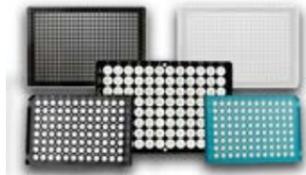


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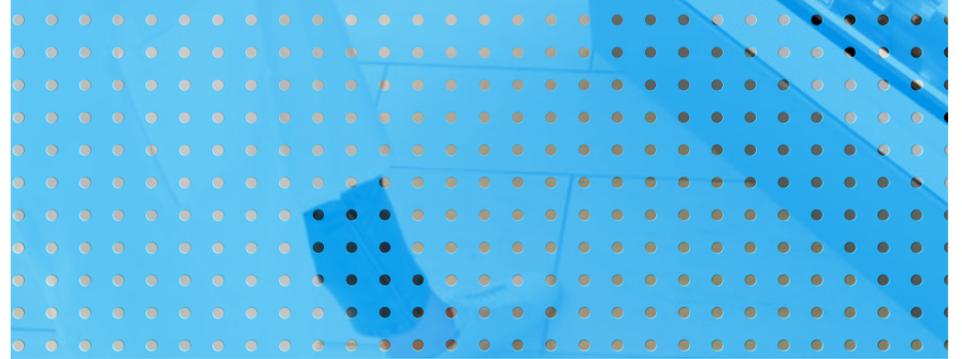
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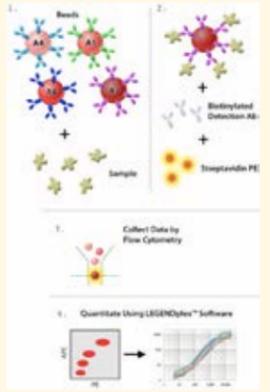
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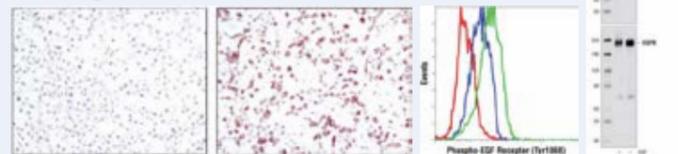
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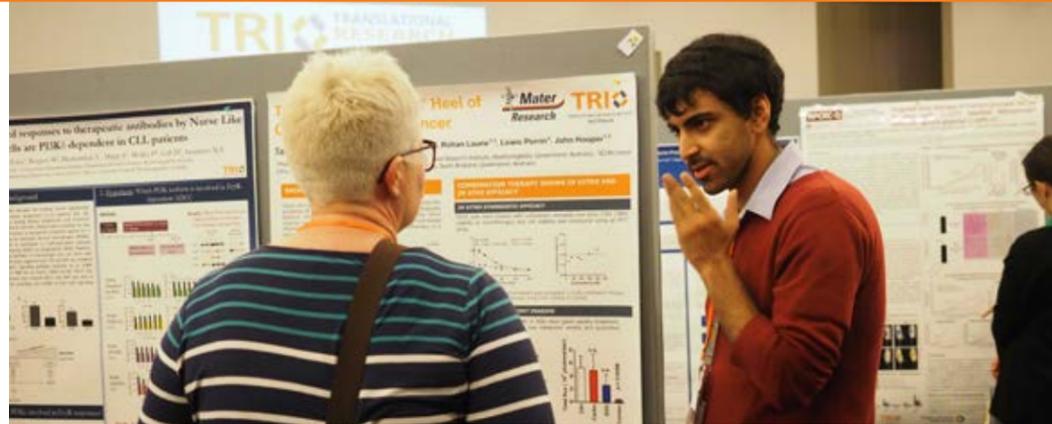
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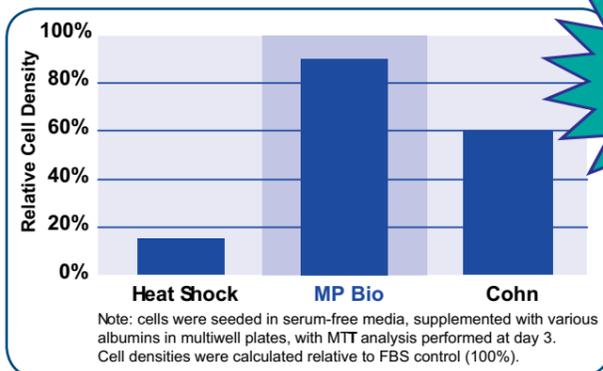
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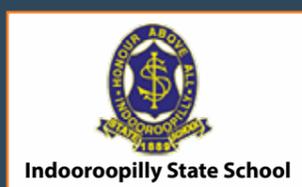
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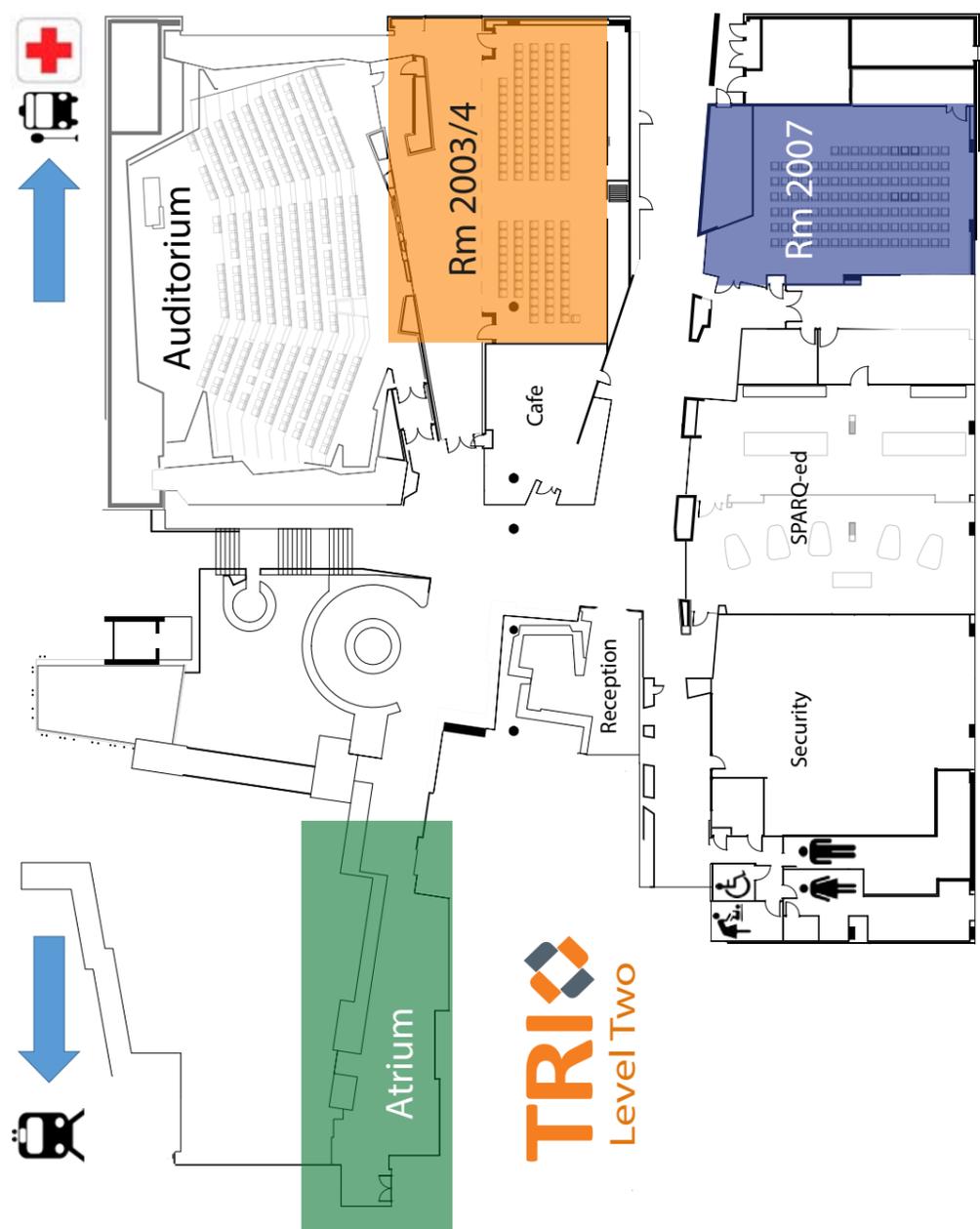
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