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# SETTING THE BAR & MOVING ON FAST

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It has been roughly 2 months since the celebrations of Day of Immunology across Australia. We are now well and truly into the second half of 2019 - all those grant deadlines, review due dates, abstract submissions... they're all happening! *Speaking of deadlines, have you registered for the ASI Perth Annual Meeting to be held on 8th-12th December this year? It is not too late! But before you all get carried away with pending stress - make sure to check out some of the winning science communication posters designed by our creative ASI students at the recent DOI outreach events!*

2019 has been without question a fast paced and an exciting year for ASI. We saw many new

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initiatives and changes led by our current council – officially renaming as the Australian and New Zealand Society for Immunology, reinvigorating the Women's Initiative, refining the Gender Equity policies... It has been an absolute pleasure to be on the receiving end of these great changes and to relay these exciting changes to you as editor. But fear not, there are still more exciting news in this issue!

We have now launched a brand new [ASI website](#) with a sleek and modern touch. The new website is designed to be more streamlined and user-friendly for ASI members to apply for awards and stay up to date with society news.

ASI's flagship journal *Clinical & Translational Immunology* has also achieved a ground-breaking new impact factor! Make sure you check out the CTI special column in this issue!

We also get to hear from the well-deserved recipients of the

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Gordon Ada Senior Award and the Jared Purton Award. These rising stars have shared with us some of their exciting new research. I hope their stories will be a real inspiration to all you early career researchers out there!

If you think there are certain news, editorials, featured articles that you think would benefit the ASI community, I am always open to receive suggestions and interesting leads! Send me an email ([newsletter@immunology.org.au](mailto:newsletter@immunology.org.au)) and let's have a chat! ■



# NEWER AND BETTER

## OUR NEW ASI WEBSITE AND SOME GREAT CHANGES

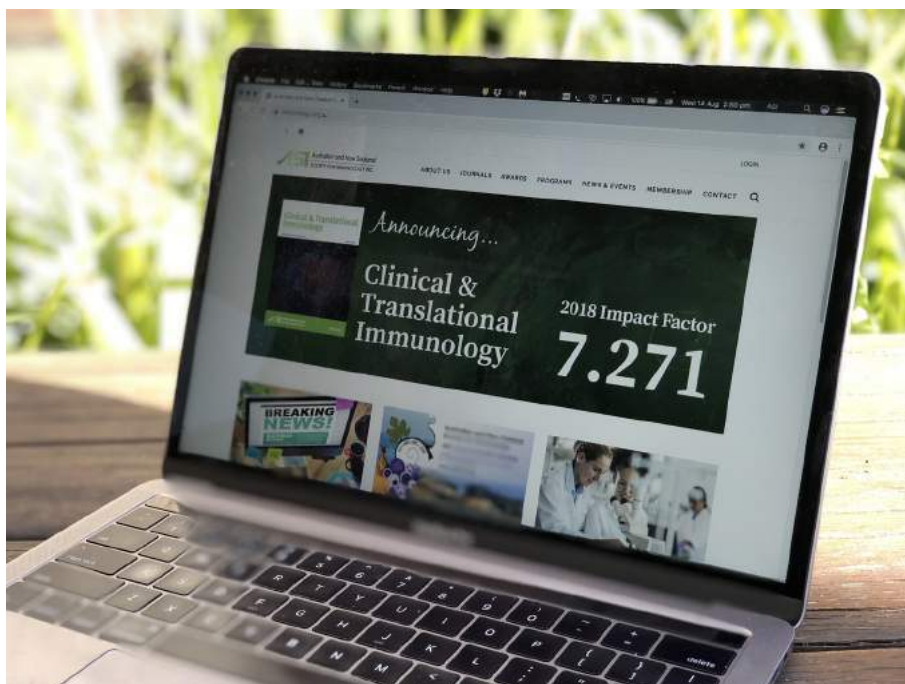
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It is with much excitement that I inform you of some major changes here at ASI. To name a few, in the past 18 months we have established our ASI Strategic Goals, changed our name, engaged AES as our administrative support company, and launched our brand new website on the 28th June 2019.

The move to a new website platform will undoubtedly improve the efficiency of how we operate on a daily basis and also set us up for longer-term sustainability on several levels. A project spanning 18 months, the new website was not implemented purely for aesthetic reasons but rather to address some major ongoing issues surrounding efficiency, security and accuracy of our membership management processes.

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We hope that you take a minute to explore the new website (<https://www.immunology.org.au>).

[Click here](#) log in to your member profile by resetting your password if this is your first visit. All members will have an account already, so please log in and check that your member details are current. You'll notice you can indicate your interest in contributing to ASI, being included on the member directory, or being listed on the

Women Speakers Database.

In case you missed the emails, here they are again:

- First-timers: [Click here](#) for instructions on how to log in for the first time
- Women Speakers: [Click here](#) for how to join the Women Speakers Database
- Members on auto-renew: [Click here](#) for some important instructions about our change in payment processor



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Your comments and feedback are always welcome – just drop me a line on [generalmanager@immunology.org.au](mailto:generalmanager@immunology.org.au) ■



## SO WHAT ARE THE KEY FEATURES OF OUR NEW WEBSITE?

### 1. The FAQs

Useful information is now contained within your member profile! You'll be able to look this up in a matter of seconds.

We are frequently asked:

- "What is my ASI member number?"
- "Am I a financial member?"
- "Am I eligible to apply for this ASI award?"

### 2. Where did the payment go?

Payments received from now on will generate tax invoices that can be downloaded later.

### 3. Award Status Tracking

We've now included a award status tracking in your profile, giving you greater confidence that we have received your award application, plus the ability to track the progress of your application.

### 4. Reimbursement Status Tracking

If your award application was successful, you are now able to see that your reimbursements are being processed.

### 5. Better user experience as you navigate through our website.

### 6. Significantly improved website security.

### 7. Automated registrations for new members

Quicker turnaround time for new members to join and start receiving member communications.

### 8. Mobile-friendliness for the 30% of you that enjoy viewing our website on your phones.

### 9. So much more that won't fit here!



# CTI RECEIVES ITS FIRST EVER IMPACT FACTOR

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It's a momentous time in history when your society's journal receives its first ever Impact Factor.

[Clinical & Translational Immunology](#) (CTI) was founded in 2012 in response to a growing need for publishing clinically-orientated research papers in the field of immunology.

CTI is an open-access, fully peer-reviewed ASI journal, covering clinical investigations and trials of novel immune-based therapy, cancer immunotherapy, autoimmune disorders, immunodeficiency, transplant immunology, gene therapy, vaccine development and disease pathogenesis and therapy.

Over the past year we had been anxiously awaiting the release of the 2018 Journal Citation Reports, the annual publication by Clarivate Analytics that

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## Clinical & Translational Immunology

Impact Factor 7.271

### Cutting-edge advances in biomedical research

Editor-in-Chief: Rajiv Khanna

*Clinical & Translational Immunology* is an open access, online-only journal, seeking to cover basic, translational and clinical studies in all aspects of human immunology, including experimental models specific to human diseases.

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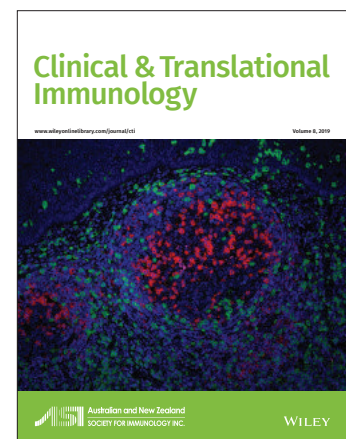
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[www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/cti](http://www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/cti)



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provides the latest impact factors and other information about academic journals.

There were certainly some key indicators that we'd receive some fantastic news. For 2017, [CTI received a Scopus CiteScore of 3.55](#); a new metric that evaluates serial citation impact over a three-year period. When this figure [doubled in a year to become 7.27](#) in 2018, CTI was ranked as number 13 of 198 Immunology journals, placing CTI in the 93rd percentile within the Immunology category. It was clear that CTI was increasing in citation impact.

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This fantastic Impact Factor placed our journal 22/158 in the Immunology category, and well above other immunology journals such as Journal of Clinical Immunology (4.128), Oncoimmunology (5.333), Clinical and Experimental Allergy (4.741), European Journal of Immunology (4.695), and the Journal of Immunology (4.718).

ASI congratulates the [CTI Editorial Board](#) on this outstanding achievement.

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Please don't hesitate to contact CTI Editorial Office to seek presubmission enquiries. We are looking forward for younger leading members of ASI to play an important role in contributing their ground breaking research in CTI.

We will continue to raise the profile and awareness of both our ASI Journals, to further increase readership, citations and submissions, both nationally and internationally.

As CTI continues to grow, we can't wait to bring you further exciting updates in the near future. ■

# Altmetric Awards

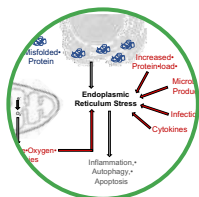
**AUD500** award for the publication with the highest Altmetric Attention Score.

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Catch up on recent Special Features from *Clinical & Translational Immunology*, including:

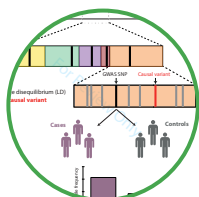


## CTI Special Feature on Endoplasmic Reticulum and Oxidative Stress in Immunopathology

Special Feature Coordinator: Sumaira Z Hasnain

Endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress and related molecular programs, which occur when proteins misfold during biosynthesis in the ER, are important components of the pathophysiology of several diseases including cancer, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease and multiple forms of respiratory inflammation. Despite this, our understanding of the molecular programs that regulate ER stress, ER-associated degradation pathways, oxidative stress and the unfolded protein response are limited. In this Special Feature of *Clinical & Translational Immunology*, we highlight the complex relationship between cellular stress pathways and inflammation and the potential strategies that could pave the way for specific drugs designed to improve protein folding, manipulate the unfolded protein response to reduce inflammation and restore homeostasis.

(July 2018)

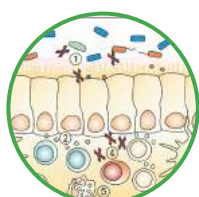


## CTI Special Feature on Genome-wide Association Studies and Immunity

Special Feature Coordinator: Manuel Ferreira

This Special Feature of *Clinical & Translational Immunology* marks 10 years since genome-wide association studies (GWAS) were first applied to immune-related diseases. The five reviews cover findings from ankylosing spondylitis, asthma, Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis and type-1 diabetes. Topics covered include a summary of genetic associations reported to date, the likely target genes underlying those associations, novel insights into disease aetiology, and challenges and opportunities that will shape our field in the next 10 years.

(June 2018)

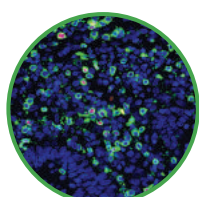


## CTI Special Feature on Microbiota and immune cell crosstalk: dialogues across health and disease

Special Feature Coordinator: Erika Duan

The therapeutic potential of correcting microbiota dysbiosis has galvanised researchers and clinicians alike. Immune cells can selectively sense and eliminate microbial species, interact within a local microenvironment and migrate into the periphery or distal organs following co-ordinated activation. This renders them as prime candidates in the endeavour to understand how a localised microbiome can broadly influence organism health and disease susceptibility. Specific commensal microbes can induce tolerogenic or tissue reparative immune cells to maintain organ health, whilst unintentional microbe translocation can initiate disease pathology. Critically, bi-directional communication exists as certain immune cell products can sequester microbial species. Since immune cell contributions to acute and chronic diseases are extensively studied, insight into the mechanisms of immune cell and microbiota crosstalk may provide new leads in the development of superior therapeutic agents. In this Special Feature of *Clinical & Translational Immunology*, we present four reviews which address and summarise the evidence for immune cell and microbiota crosstalk during different acute and chronic diseases.

(May 2018)



## CTI Special Feature on Regulatory T cell heterogeneity

Special Feature Coordinators: Ajithkumar Vasanthakumar and Kirsten Ward Hartstonge

Distinguishing self from non-self is a unique feature of the immune system. While negative selection rigorously eliminates auto-reactive T cells, the few cells that escape could trigger severe auto-immune responses. Regulatory T cells (Tregs) however, keep these auto-reactive T cells and other inflammatory T cells in check to preserve immune homeostasis. Paucity of Tregs leads to fatal autoimmunity in both mice and humans. While most Tregs develop in the thymus, they adapt and populate multiple lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissues. Besides suppressing auto-reactive T cells, Tregs also perform non-canonical functions, which include tissue repair and regulation of organismal metabolism. Tregs therefore are heterogeneous in their tissue localization and function. A small fraction of Tregs that differentiate from conventional CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in the periphery further adds to this heterogeneity. In this special feature, we have collated reviews from experts to highlight Treg cell heterogeneity from the perspective of their origin, phenotype, tissue localization, function and the complexity in regulation of these features.

(March 2018)

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# SPECIAL FEATURE ON CELL AND GENE THERAPY

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PAUL BEAVIS AND PHILLIP DARCY, Special Feature Coordinators

Adoptive cellular immunotherapy involving the transfer of autologous chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells has resulted in remarkable responses in relapsed B cell malignancies such as acute lymphoid leukaemia (ALL), often resulting in long-term remission in these patients. These results have led to recent FDA approval of two CAR T cell products for the treatment of CD19+ ALL and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. However, the broad use of this type of therapy for other cancers, in particular solid tumors, has been precluded by both intrinsic and extrinsic factors. This includes the immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment, poor trafficking and infiltration of CAR T cells into the tumor site and heterogenous expression of antigen on the tumor cells.

In this [Special Feature of Clinical & Translational Immunology](#), we have invited leading experts in the adoptive immunotherapy field to discuss recent innovative developments for potentially

increasing the function, trafficking and safety of CAR T cell therapy and for broadening the utility of this specialised form of immunotherapy for treatment of cancers that have failed conventional treatments. ■

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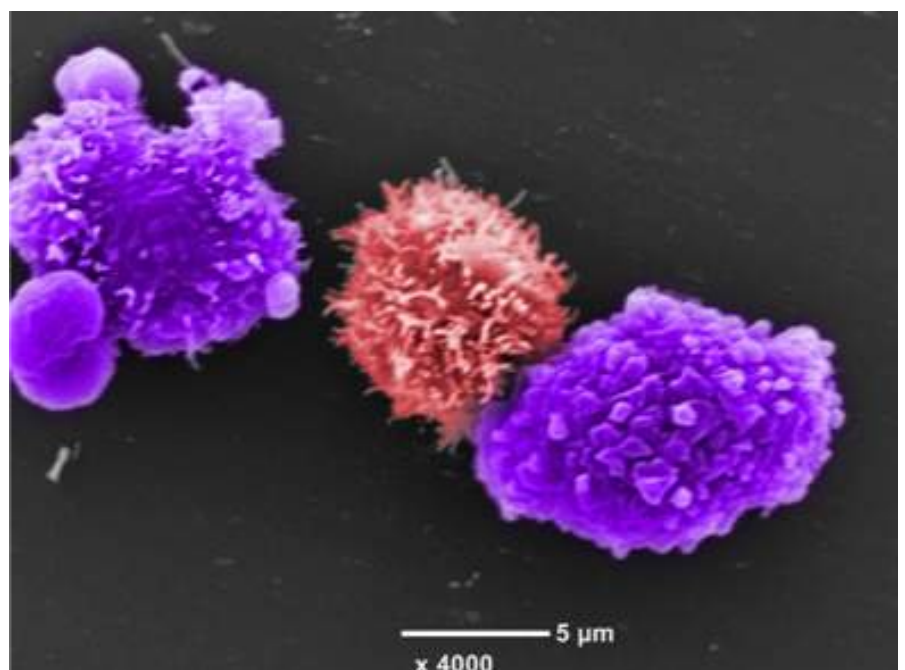


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# 48th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australian and New Zealand Society for Immunology

Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia  
8 - 12 December 2019

[www.asi2019.org](http://www.asi2019.org)

The Organising Committee cordially invite you to participate in the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australasian Society for Immunology taking place from 8-12 December 2019 in Adelaide, South Australia. The Conference aims to provide another innovative and dynamic scientific program.

We are putting together a varied and balanced program spread over 5 days to showcase the best immunological research from Australia and around the world. With a wide-range of topics from tumour immunology, inflammation, autoimmunity, infectious disease, translational immunology and more, we will ensure there is something for everyone.

Preparations are well underway and we anticipate an intellectually challenging time, as well as an enjoyable opportunity to experience South Australia and its unique environment. The Organising Committee are preparing an engaging social program to give you a flavour of South Australian culture and cuisine.

Adelaide is a modern, dynamic, vibrant and lifestyle city with direct access to Australia's best wine regions and stunning scenery, making it an ideal destination for pre and post-Conference touring. It is home to world-class restaurants, a diverse nightlife, stylish shops and more.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide!**

## Adelaide Convention Centre

The Adelaide Convention Centre is conveniently located in the heart of the city centre and nestled within the beauty of the Riverbank Precinct, surrounded by parklands and the River Torrens.

Close proximity to the medical hub, entertainment, cultural and sport precinct, the Centre is a short walk to international and boutique hotels and accommodation. Public transport, the Adelaide Railway Station and a taxi ramp are on our doorstep.

**SAVE  
THE DATE**  
8-12 December 2019  
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## Key Dates

Registration Open  
**3 May 2019**

Call for Abstracts Open  
**3 May 2019**

Call for Abstracts Close  
**30 August 2019**

Abstract Notifications  
**27 September 2019**

Early-bird / Presenter Registration Close  
**4 October 2019**

Special Interest Group Workshops  
**8 December 2019**

ASI2018 Conference  
**8 - 12 December 2019**





# 48th Annual Scientific Meeting of The Australian and New Zealand Society for Immunology

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## *Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December* Workshops Featuring our ***Special Interest Groups!***

*Postgraduate Workshop*

*SIG Workshop 1: Mucosal Immunology*

*SIG Workshop 2: Tumour Immunology*

*SIG Workshop 3: Infection & Immunity*

*SIG Workshop 4: Stromal Immunology*

*SIG Workshop 5: Systems Immunology*

*SIG Workshop 6: Clinical Immunology*



# WOMEN'S INITIATIVE NEWS

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In this newsletter, I want to highlight two initiatives that you can get involved with: the Women's Initiative Session at the 2019 Annual Meeting and the ASI Women Speakers Database.

## Women's Initiative Session at the ASI Annual Meeting

At the upcoming 2019 Annual Meeting in Adelaide, we will have a Women's Initiative Session.

Everyone is welcomed but the session arose because a number of men within ASI got in contact to say they wanted to act to support gender equity initiatives. The aim of the session is therefore to give all ASI members, but particularly men, some evidence-based tools and practices that folks can use within ASI and in daily life.

We have Prof Karen Farquharson (University of Melbourne) joining us to lead the session. Prof Farquharson is an expert in evidence-based practices that support equity and diversity. We've lined the session up at the

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beginning of the Annual Meeting, so that everyone will have lots of opportunities to put her suggestions to good use!

So, if you are keen to proactively support gender equity and diversity within ASI and keen to learn about what works, please make sure to register and join us at this event- on the first day of the conference during morning tea (10-11 am).

And many thanks to Tessa Gargett

from the Centre for Cancer Biology in Adelaide, who has been helping to organise the session!

## A New and Improved Women Speakers Database

The new ASI website is looking great – go check it out if you haven't already. Your ASI profiles have also moved online and one of the big advantages to our new system is that you can load your ASI profile directly into the Women Speakers database.

## HOW TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WOMEN SPEAKERS DATABASE?

If you want to be included on the database, follow these few simple steps:

1. Log into your ASI member profile via the ASI website ([www.immunology.org.au/members/](http://www.immunology.org.au/members/))
2. Fill out your details (making sure to select your "Discipline field of interests") and then scroll to the bottom of the "Profile 2" tab. You can tick a box there to load your profile onto the Women Speakers database, but don't forget to scroll a bit further down to fill out the rest of your profile!
3. If you have accounts for Google Scholar, ResearchGate, LinkedIn or ORCID or an institutional website, these can all be added to your profile.

You can also upload a bio picture and a brief biography to highlight your skills and achievements. I highly encourage you to personalise your profile and we have some great looking profiles on there already if you need some inspiration.



A key benefit of the database is that you can now update your details at any time. If you move, have new research interests or skills, or new accolades, just change it on your ASI profile and the database will be updated.

We envision that this database will be used in many different ways- conference and event organisers looking for a speaker or panellist; media outlets looking for expert commentary; scientific journal editors looking for people to invite for articles or reviewing; educators looking for an expert to communicate to their classes; policy makers looking for experts. To enhance the visibility of the database, we will circulate a description and link to the database to a number of outlets on the 1st October 2019.

### If you are looking to increase your visibility, these are some great resources to do it.

If you are keen to be featured on the database, please make sure to update your profile before then.

Fortunately, ASI is not alone in promoting women in science with access to databases:

The Australian Academy of Science has recently launched "STEM Women" (<https://www.stemwomen.org.au>), which is an online database of women in STEM in Australia.

500 Women Scientists website has "Request a Women Scientist" (<https://500womenscientists.org/request-a-scientist>), which is an international online database of

women in STEM.

Scimex have the "Find and Expert" database (<https://www.scimex.org/find-an-expert>), which aims to connect science journalists and scientific experts in Australia and New Zealand, with a lot of great women on this website.

If you are looking to increase your visibility, these are some great resources to do it.

Finally, ASI members can now also access an online Membership Directory under your profile that enables you to contact all other ASI members. If you are looking for a diverse array of women and men in our community for speaking or other opportunities, this is a great resource too. ■



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After finishing my undergraduate degree, I admittedly started my honours year at RMIT with much hesitation. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do and so a year's experience in the wet-lab seemed like a good move for future employment. My project involved using phage display to identify influenza epitopes, and this is where my passion for studying viruses began. I found my honours year tough due to the steep learning curve, but as the year progressed I became more persistent, resilient and resourceful. Most importantly,

**The highlight of my PhD was being the first to determine the structure of the HN protein from hPIV3, and this in turn led to a structure of HN with RELENZA®**

I learnt quickly to ask the right questions of the right people.

After honours I was certain a PhD wasn't for me...and then I started one. In between my two extremes I had stumbled across an advertisement for a PhD student in the newspaper. The position was located at the

CSIRO in Parkville and I was enrolled through the University of Melbourne under the supervision of Jenny McKimm-Breschkin and Margot Anders. The project was to study the structure and function of a surface glycoprotein called HN (haemagglutinin-neuraminidase) from human parainfluenza virus type 3 (hPIV3). This project captured my interest as it enabled me to continue my love for viral research whilst exposing me to X-ray crystallography. The highlight of my PhD was being the first to determine the structure of the HN protein from hPIV3, and this in turn led to a structure of HN with RELENZA® (Figure 2), the influenza virus neuraminidase inhibitor, bound to its active site. The study provided insights into the receptor-binding and neuraminidase functions of HN, and highlighted to me the power that visualising a molecule holds towards understanding how it works.

Following on from my PhD I joined Jamie Rossjohn's laboratory at Monash University. I wanted to continue using X-ray crystallography as a study tool and this position provided the

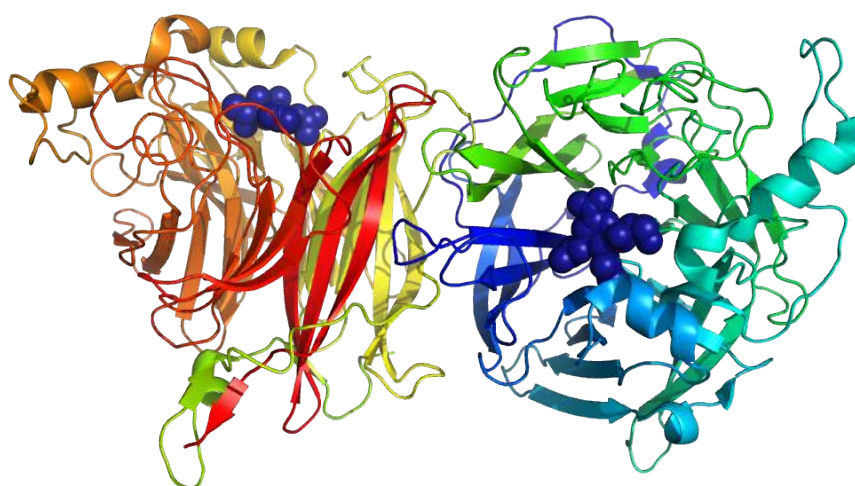


FIGURE: THE STRUCTURE OF HN IN COMPLEX WITH RELENZA®



perfect opportunity to do so, as the Protein Crystallography Unit had just been established at Monash University. My research focus was to understand the cornerstone of adaptive immunity - how T Cell Receptors (TCRs) recognise peptide antigens displayed by Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) molecules. This research later extended to understanding how Natural Killer T (NKT) cells recognise glycolipid antigens displayed by MHC-like molecules. A major highlight was being one of the first ever to visualise how TCRs recognise glycolipid antigens - this was significant because at the time we had only ever visualised how TCRs recognise peptide antigens. It was predicted that TCRs might recognize glycolipid-antigens in a similar way to peptide-antigens, but our structure proved otherwise. An added bonus was that the structure was published in *Nature*, and received a write up in *Nature* 'News and Views'. The article continues to attract interest as since 2007 it has accrued over 530 citations. I have very fond memories of this time.

My PhD and post-doc outputs

**My research vision is to advance knowledge of host- and microbial-dependent regulation of innate immunity, and build on this to enable new strategies to combat microbial infections.**

culminated in the award of an NHMRC Peter Doherty Fellowship, and later I received an NHMRC Career Development Award and a L'Oréal Australia for Women in Science Fellowship. I used these fellowships to launch my own laboratory within the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Monash University.



MY RESEARCH TEAM. LEFT BACK - MICHELLE AUDSLEY, RIGHT BACK - SARAH ATKINSON; FRONT LEFT - JACINTA WUBBEN, FRONT CENTRE - NATALIE BORG, FRONT RIGHT - MELISSA SWEENEY.

Now faced with finding my own research niche, I came full circle and combined my love of X-ray crystallography with my previous research exposures. Although I am now focused on innate immunity, my major research interests include host-pathogen interactions and understanding the role pathogens play in blocking or manipulating host proteins to aid their replication. I also have an interest in the role of ubiquitination and nucleocytoplasmic transport in regulating the function of host/pathogen-derived proteins. To address our research questions we use a diverse portfolio of structural/biophysical tools combined with high-resolution imaging and cell-based infectious assays. My group started with a single PhD student, but has steadily expanded, and I was awarded an ARC Future Fellowship during this time.

We are in an era where infectious disease remains a significant global challenge due to a lack of

treatment options or emerging drug resistance. My research vision is to advance knowledge of host- and microbial-dependent regulation of innate immunity, and build on this to enable new strategies to combat microbial infections. To this end, the biggest highlight of my career so far has been the road to translating an arm of our basic academic research. This venture is in collaboration with David Jans, and has been supported financially by Monash University, BioCurate and Therapeutic Innovation Australia. I'm very much enjoying this journey, and observing the stark differences between academic and translational research. My first exposure to the translational process has re-jigged my way of thinking about basic research, and I hope to spin-off new translational projects in the future. My ultimate aim is to develop therapeutics that will make a lasting contribution to human health. ■



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DR LUCY SULLIVAN

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I completed my Bachelor of Science (Honours) and PhD at the University of Adelaide. My early research focused on comparative aspects of lung physiology and during this time I developed a keen interest in immunity. This prompted a change in direction for my postdoctoral research where I joined the lab of Professor Andrew Brooks at the University of Melbourne.

**My current research investigates the immune system following lung transplantation with a focus on defining parameters that can improve survival rates.**

A major focus of my post-doctoral studies focused on understanding how viruses shape immune responses during lung transplantation. Through my work at the Brooks lab, I made a significant contribution to understanding the role of natural killer (NK) cells in immunity to viruses following lung transplantation. In recognition of my contribution to transplantation research, I was commended with a joint Research Fellowship at The Alfred Hospital with the Lung Transplant Service and with the Peter Doherty Institute at The University of Melbourne in 2017. Since then I have received several awards during my career, including an NHMRC Peter Doherty Fellowship, NHMRC Career Development Award, a University of Melbourne Research Fellowship and the Josette Eris Memorial Award

from the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ). My ability to link basic laboratory research with translational clinical activities saw me convening the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ). I am currently chair of the Scientific Program and Education Committee of TSANZ and a member of the Transplantation and Immunogenetics Research Advisory Committee. I am also a strong advocate for women in medical research, being an executive member of the Women in Science Parkville Precinct (WiSPP) group, where we are establishing programs to promote gender equity in medical research.

My current research investigates the immune system following lung transplantation with a focus on defining parameters that can improve survival rates. We have several active and ongoing projects focused on reducing rejection and controlling infection following lung transplantation.



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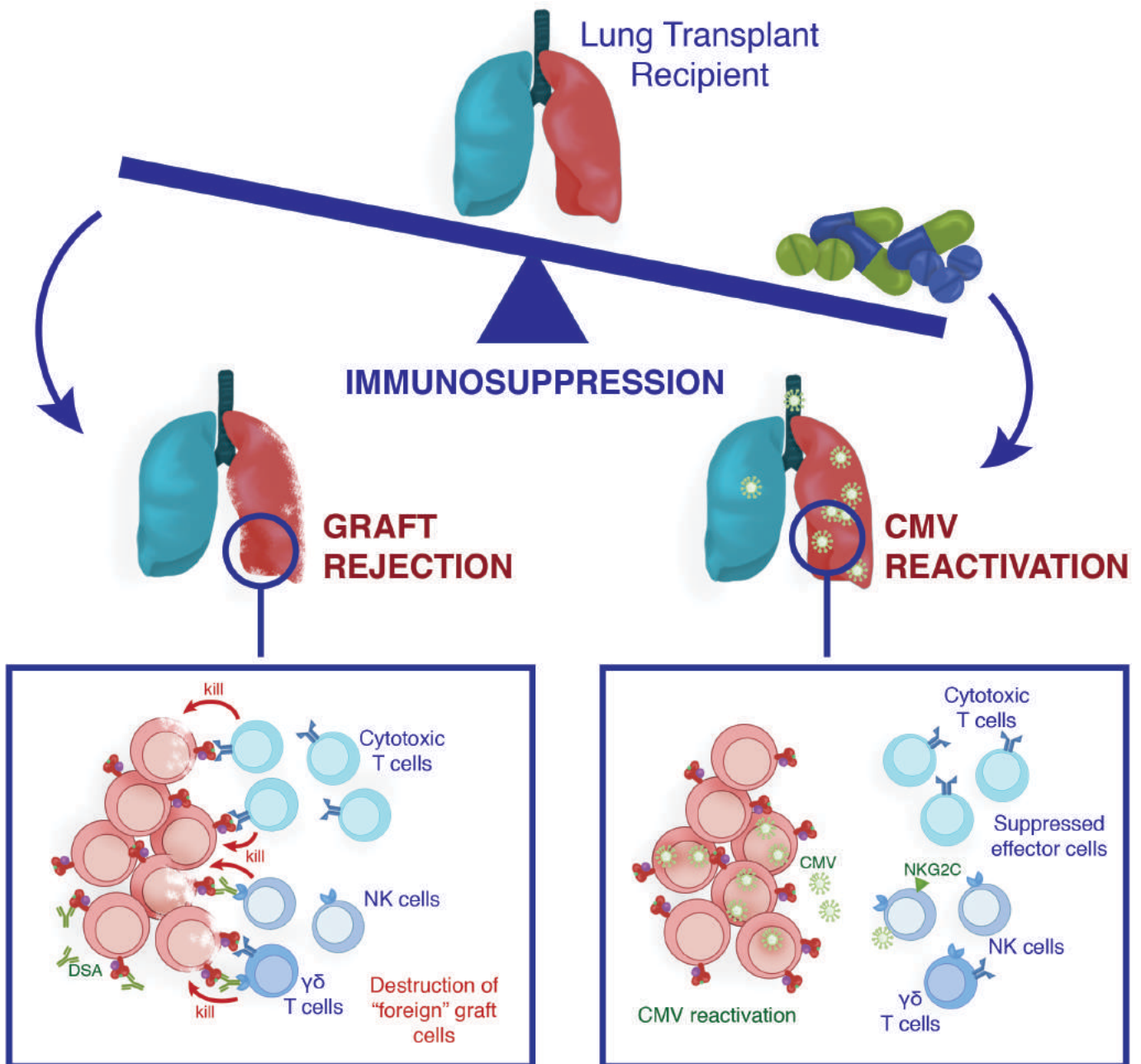


FIGURE : MY RESEARCH FOCUSES ON THE CONTROL OF REJECTION AND INFECTION FOLLOWING LUNG TRANSPLANTATION. LUNG TRANSPLANTATION IS A LIFE-SAVING THERAPY FOR PEOPLE WITH END-STAGE LUNG DISEASE. HOWEVER, LOGISTICAL AND TIME CONSTRAINTS DICTATE THAT LUNG-TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS ARE NOT HLA-MATCHED TO THEIR ORGAN DONOR, RESULTING IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR LIFE-LONG IMMUNOSUPPRESSION. FIGURE BY DR PHILIPPA SAUNDERS.

**Left panel:** Donor-recipient mismatches result in the stimulation of cellular (T cell) and humoral (antibody) alloreactivity. Whilst T cell alloreactivity is an established risk factor for rejection, there is an increasing recognition of anti-HLA donor specific antibodies (DSA) against the lung allograft also contributing to rejection. One stream of our research focuses on the identification and the mechanisms of DSA formation and determining the role of natural killer (NK) and gd T cells as effectors of antibody-mediated rejection.

**Right panel:** Post-transplant immunosuppression, required to prevent rejection, results in impaired ability to control infections. Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most significant pathogen causing post-transplant complications. Our research investigates the immune cells that control CMV following transplantation, with a focus on NK and gd T cell subsets. Our study aims to ultimately guide diagnostic tests to predict CMV infection and to harness immune cells for cellular therapy in recipients with CMV disease.





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have future utility in novel cell therapy for post-transplant CMV disease. We are also developing diagnostics to predict recipients who are at most risk of CMV disease. (Figure 4)


With the help of the Jared Purton Award, in April 2019 I attended the annual meeting of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) in Orlando, Florida. This is the world's largest lung transplantation meeting with attendance by clinicians, scientists and commercial companies. We are currently

refining pilot experiments with the objective of commercially marketing an assay that aims to improve the clinical management of transplant patients. The Jared Purton Award allowed present this research at ISHLT, helping to raise my research profile at this crucial point in my career. With the help of the Jared Purton Award, I have established new collaborations that will enable me to extend our research into multiple lung transplant centres. Most importantly, this award assisted me towards my ultimate goal: to extend the lives of transplant recipients. ■

One project aims to identify and understand the mechanisms of antibody-mediated destruction of the lung allograft, for the purpose of ultimately designing targeted therapies to prevent rejection. In an exciting new development in this project we now believe that the antibodies that are produced by the donor's immune cells can also contribute to antibodies present in transplant recipients. We will continue to pursue this area of research as

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it has the potential to cause a paradigm shift in the way we think about antibodies that can damage a transplanted lung. Another project is focused on the control of cytomegalovirus (CMV) following lung transplantation. CMV disease is a major problem following transplantation and uncontrolled CMV replication can result in organ loss and death. Our research in this area has identified subsets of immune cells that



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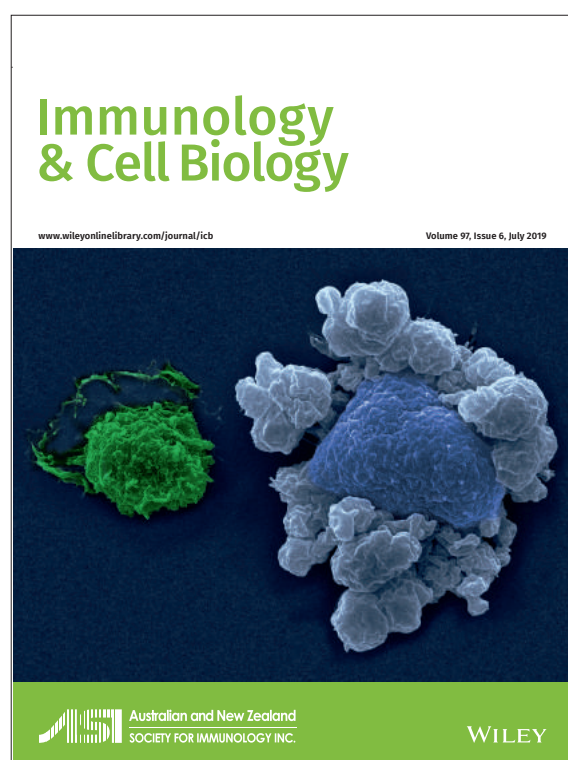
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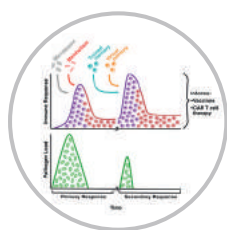
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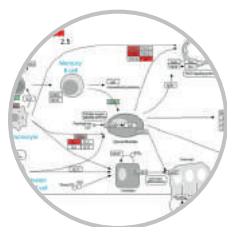
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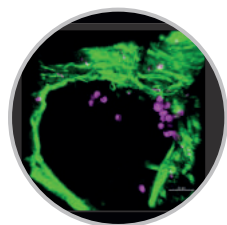
### Special Feature on Immunological Memory

The August 2019 issue of *Immunology & Cell Biology* contains a Special Feature on Immunological Memory. The term "Immunological Memory" refers to the phenomenon that, after an initial exposure, immune mechanisms respond more vigorously to subsequent exposure to a pathogen. This is fundamental to the concept of immunity; it is a cornerstone many immune-based therapies and it has been documented in human history for thousands of years. However, there remains much to be learned about the basic biology underlying this phenomenon. This series of articles explores recent advances in immunological memory, by examining our current understanding of CD4 T cell memory differentiation pathways, evaluating the impact of the microbiome on developing B and T cell memory and exploring the role of metabolism in control of memory cell development. The articles also highlight how our understanding of the basic biology of immunological memory can be used to refine the design of immunotherapies, including vaccines and cell-based cancer therapies. Finally, several articles explore the broadening definition of immunological memory, with an exploration of trained immunity and virtual memory cells. *Immunology & Cell Biology* thanks the coordinators of this Special Feature – Joanna Kirman, Kylie Quinn and Robert Seder – for their planning and input.



### Special Feature on Primary Immunodeficiencies

The April 2019 issue contains a Special Feature on Primary Immunodeficiencies. Inborn errors of immunity, or primary immunodeficiency disorders (PID), are monogenic diseases of the immune system. These affections give rise to complex diseases with a wide range of susceptibility to infections. The advent of next-generation sequencing has ushered in a Golden Age of PID research. The number of genes identified as responsible for PID has been rapidly rising, with a new PID gene identified on average every week for the past 10 years. Despite the recent explosion of knowledge, 90% of the estimated 3000 PID genes have yet to be studied. This Special Feature discusses recent advances in PID research, and what it means for our understanding of human immunology. *Immunology & Cell Biology* thanks the coordinators of this Special Feature – Adrian Liston & Stephanie Humblet-Baron – for their planning and input.



### Special Feature on Macrophages in Tissue Repair

The March 2019 issue of *Immunology & Cell Biology* contains a Special Feature on Macrophages in tissue repair. In the late 18th century, Metchnikoff proposed the 'phagocytosis theory' in which he controversially placed the contribution of macrophages to organismal biology as being of even greater importance than their role in bactericidal defence. His view still prevails today, with macrophages appreciated as playing a fundamental role in the process of tissue repair. The present series of articles explores recent advances in this area, highlighting the importance of macrophage heterogeneity, plasticity, tissue specificity, activation status and cellular metabolism on the outcome of tissue repair. Finally, in a broader view of the repair process, the role of neutrophils as well as eicosanoids as supporting macrophage migration and polarisation is discussed. *Immunology & Cell Biology* thanks the coordinators of this Special Feature – Tiffany Bouchery and Nicola Harris – for their planning and input.



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# ASI-ADVANCED IMMUNOLOGY SCHOOL

22-25TH JULY, 2019, ILUKA RETREAT, RAWSON, VICTORIA

SARAH DART, Immunology and Microsurgery Group,  
University of Western Australia

STEVEN HEATON, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology,  
Monash University



On July 22nd-25th, ASI hosted the inaugural Advanced Immunology School at Iluka Retreat in Mornington Peninsula, Victoria. There was genuine warmth on display that cut through the winter air, leading to new friends and great discussions between early career researchers and established experts in the field.

Centred on the theme 'Immune Life', we heard from some of Australia's best scientists through expert seminars, panel discussions and skills workshops. Early career researchers had the chance to present their latest research, all the while being encouraged to challenge dogma, discover our passion and consider what type of scientist we are.

Among the most memorable advice in crafting our own 'Immune Life' were the words of



BONDING OVER A MORNING COFFEE

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A/Prof Kim Jacobson, reminding us to "be your own FACS Aria; sort advice into collection or

dump channels". Dr Joanne Reed also reflected on some great life lessons we can borrow from immunology, including "learn through positive and negative feedback", and "build diverse and collaborative teams".

The unique opportunity to present work to all delegates without judgement for prizes allowed us to present in a relaxed environment and get to know





AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WAS THE NAME OF THE GAME

others at the School, to find overlapping themes, techniques or areas of interest to discuss over our next meal. Throughout the week we had the opportunity to meet each and every person in our cosy camp group of 58, allowing for many great conversations.

**Hopefully this will be the first of many Advanced Immunology Schools and we encourage all early career researchers to watch this space in 2020!**

In true camp style, our evenings were filled with (immunology-related) fun including quizzes, campfires and the lab Olympics, during which we got to see just how good some of our 'immunology experts' were at filling tip boxes (with cryogloves on, because, who doesn't fill tip boxes like that?).

Overall, the Advanced Immunology School was a wonderful week, mixed with lots of learning and discussing of immunology. It was also

a great opportunity to meet other early career researchers in immunology, forging life-long friendships and potential future collaborations. Hopefully this will be the first of many Advanced Immunology Schools and we encourage all early career researchers to watch this space in 2020!

Thank you to the organising committee: Susanne, Odilia, Jess and Nick, for this wonderful initiative, and to the subcommittees for all their help in making the event possible.

A huge thank you also to the inspiring faculty team for their advice, guidance and expertise. ■



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# POSTER SHOWCASE: DOI 2019

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Students were encouraged to put together a poster to explain their research project in the manner of communicating their scientific work to the public during Day of Immunology. These posters were on display during the public lectures throughout Dol and the public voted on their favourites across continent! Here is a compilation of the wonderful work these students have made and they look great!



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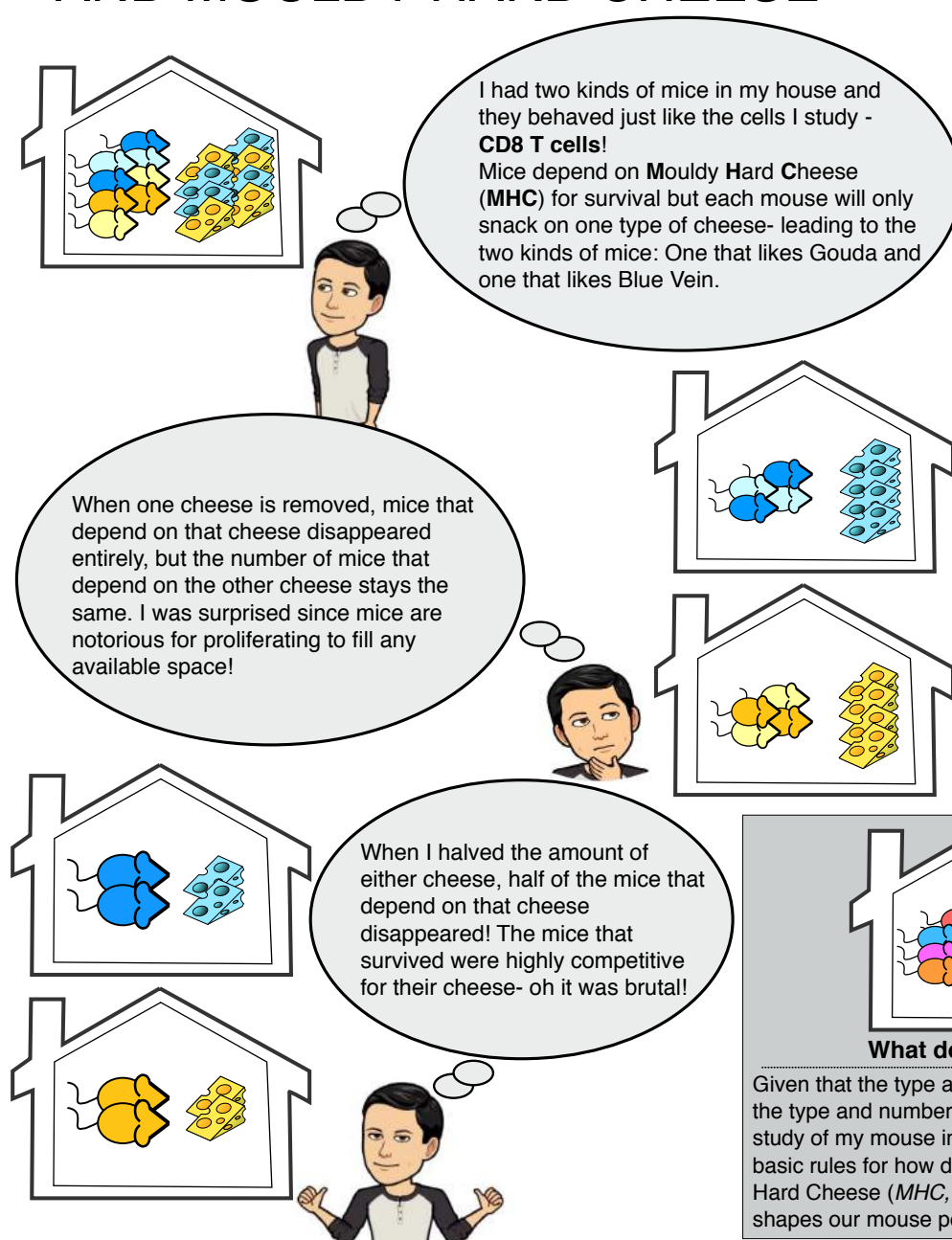
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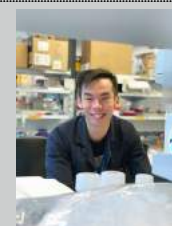
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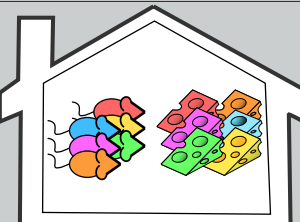
## DoI2019 BREAKING NEWS: SCIENTISTS DISCOVER LINK BETWEEN MOUSE SURVIVAL AND MOULDY HARD CHEESE



Xavier Sng



Xavier Sng is a 3rd year PhD student in Prof. Nicole La Gruta's lab at Monash University, co-supervised by Dr. Kylie Quinn, with a long-standing interest in CD8 T cell biology. His research focuses onto how MHC1 gene dosage dictates the level of MHC1 expression and delimits the size and quality of resulting naive CD8 T cell population in the periphery. This study has significant implications for the composition of naive CD8 T cell populations in individuals with diverse haplotype.



**What does this mean?**

Given that the type and amount of cheeses limit the type and number of mice (*CD8 T cells*), my study of my mouse infestation gives us some basic rules for how diversity and amount of Mouldy Hard Cheese (*MHC, up to six different varieties!*) shapes our mouse population (*CD8 T cell pool*).

FIGURE 1: WINNING POSTER BY XAVIER SNG



# MARSUPIAL IMMUNOLOGY



**Andrea L. Schraven<sup>1</sup>, Hayley J. Stannard<sup>2,3</sup>, Oselyne T.W. Ong<sup>4</sup>, Julie M. Old<sup>1</sup>**

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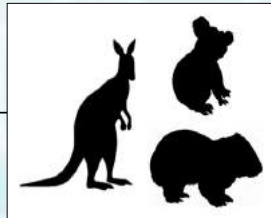
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**Marsupials**

~148 mya



**Eutherians**



- Humans complete their development in a sterile uterine environment
- marsupials are born into a non-sterile environment
- Marsupials are highly underdeveloped & without a fully functional immune system at birth.

- Immune tissues and cells develop at different stages in marsupials from the time of birth.
- Spleen and lymph nodes involved in specific immune defences are developed after birth
- Bone marrow and thymus are the main sites of blood cell development, developing much later in marsupials.

**Marsupials have the ability to survive (and thrive) outside the mothers' uterus with little development whereas humans cannot!**

**Human**



9 month gestation

**Tammar Wallaby**

vs.



26 day gestation

IMAGING POSTERS

FIGURE 2: RUNNER-UP POSTER BY ANDREA



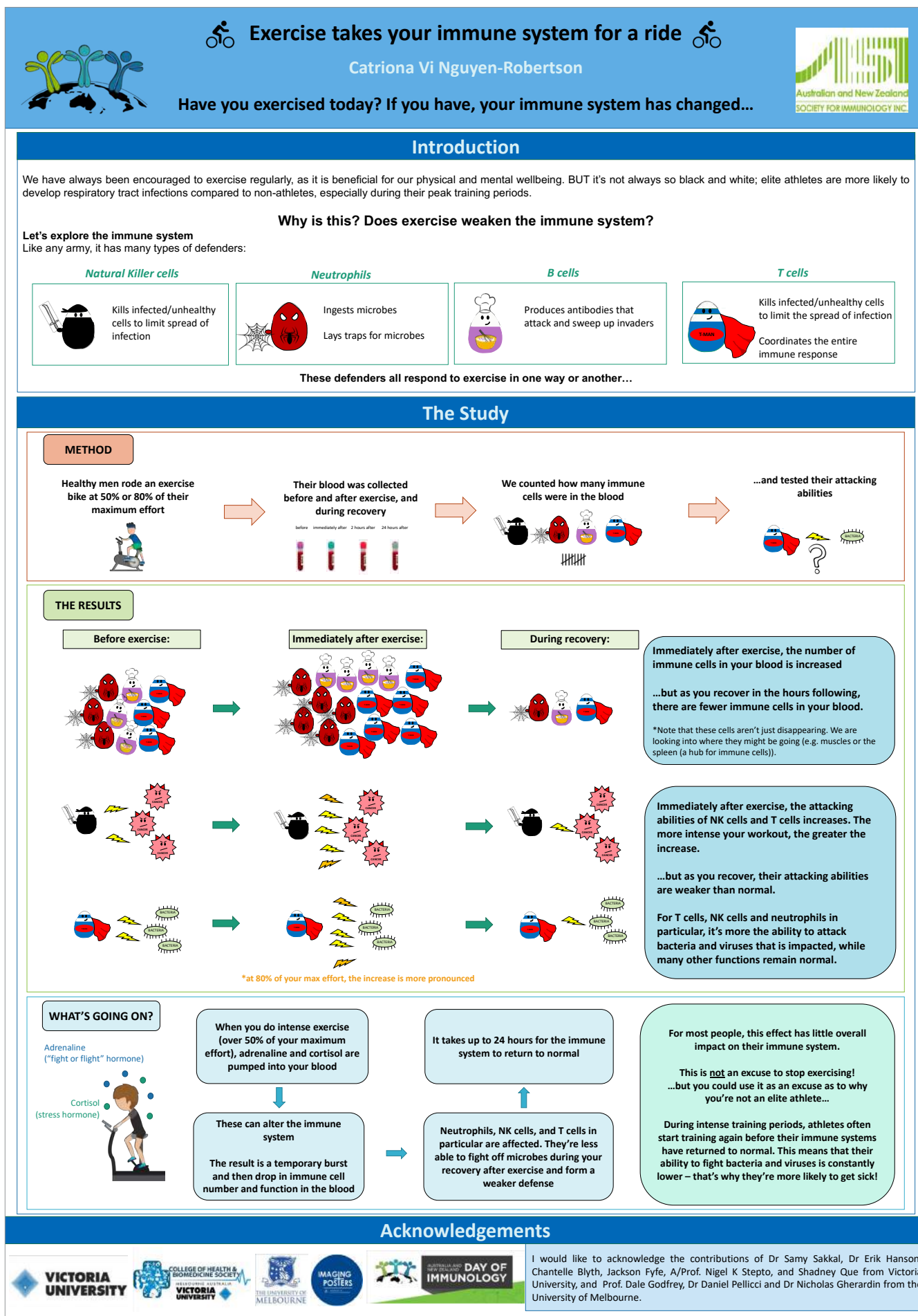
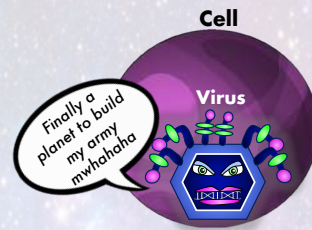


FIGURE 3: RUNNER-UP POSTER BY CATRIONA VI NGUYEN-ROBERTSON



# Alien VS Predator: An epic battle between viral infection and NK cells

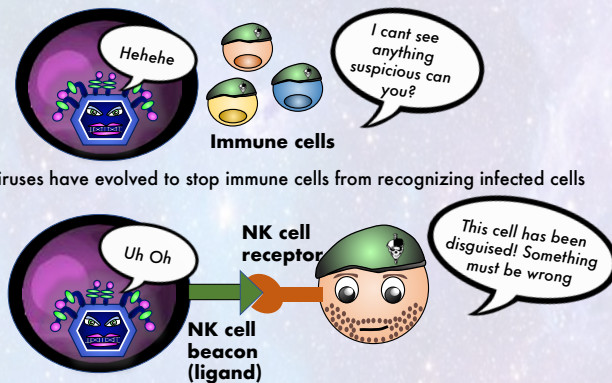
- In a galaxy far far away... an alien known as **Violet the Virus** was looking for a new planet to inhabit, so it could build a mega alien army to take over the body galaxy
- The human body is like a galaxy, except instead of stars the body is comprised of billions of **cells**
- **Viruses** like aliens need a place to inhabit to gain resources. Viruses can not produce more of themselves alone, they need **cells to infect**, so they can use the cells machinery to produce more virus



## The immune system is the bodies defense force

- Our bodies have an **immune system** to help defend against viruses
- It comprises of innate and adaptive arms
- **Innate** immune response
  - **Rapid** form of defense to help quickly recognize and control viral infection
  - It comprises physical barriers, inflammation and innate immune cells like natural killer (**NK**) **cells**
  - Can **detect** pathogen presence
- **Adaptive** immune response
  - Comprises of T and B cells which are **slower** to respond but can act in a more **specific** manner
  - These cells are special because they can also **remember** how to respond to different pathogens
  - Can **recognize** specific pathogens

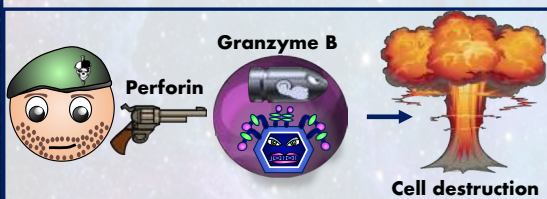
## Viruses can hide from the immune system: NK cells to the rescue



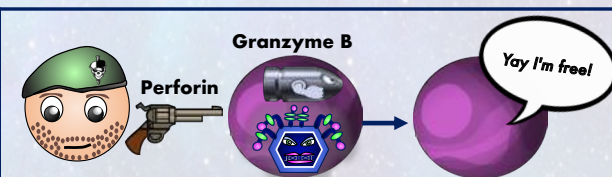
- Viruses have evolved to stop immune cells from recognizing infected cells
- **Natural killer (NK) cells** are specialist innate immune cells which can detect virally infected cells which have been tampered with
- This is because they use **different receptors** to recognize beacons or **ligands** on infected/ damaged cells

## NK cell killing of virally infected cells

- Once an NK cell has **recognized** a virally infected cell it has a **variety of weapons** in its arsenal to kill infected cells to **stop the virus from spreading**
- The NK cell comes into close contact with the infected cell through the formation of a **immunological synapse** to ensure only infected cells are killed
- **Perforin** is released and acts as a gun, puncturing the cell membrane and allowing granzyme B (the bullet) to enter the cell
- **Granzyme B** causes the cell to self destruct and can also damage the virus without inducing cell death



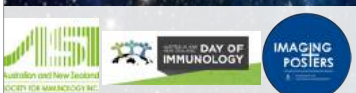
Induction of cell destruction by Granzyme B



Induction of virus destruction by Granzyme B

## An evolutionary arms race between viruses and NK cells

- NK cells are pretty good at eliminating virally infected cells however, some **viruses are able to disable NK cell killing** and manipulate their function
- The **complex interaction** between viruses and NK cell function makes this topic **super interesting** to research, as there is a lot more to discover!
- Researching this interaction may provide treatment targets for viruses which impact on human health



Interested in talking to me about viruses, NK cells or cell death?  
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FIGURE 4: WINNING POSTER BY CHELSEA GERADA



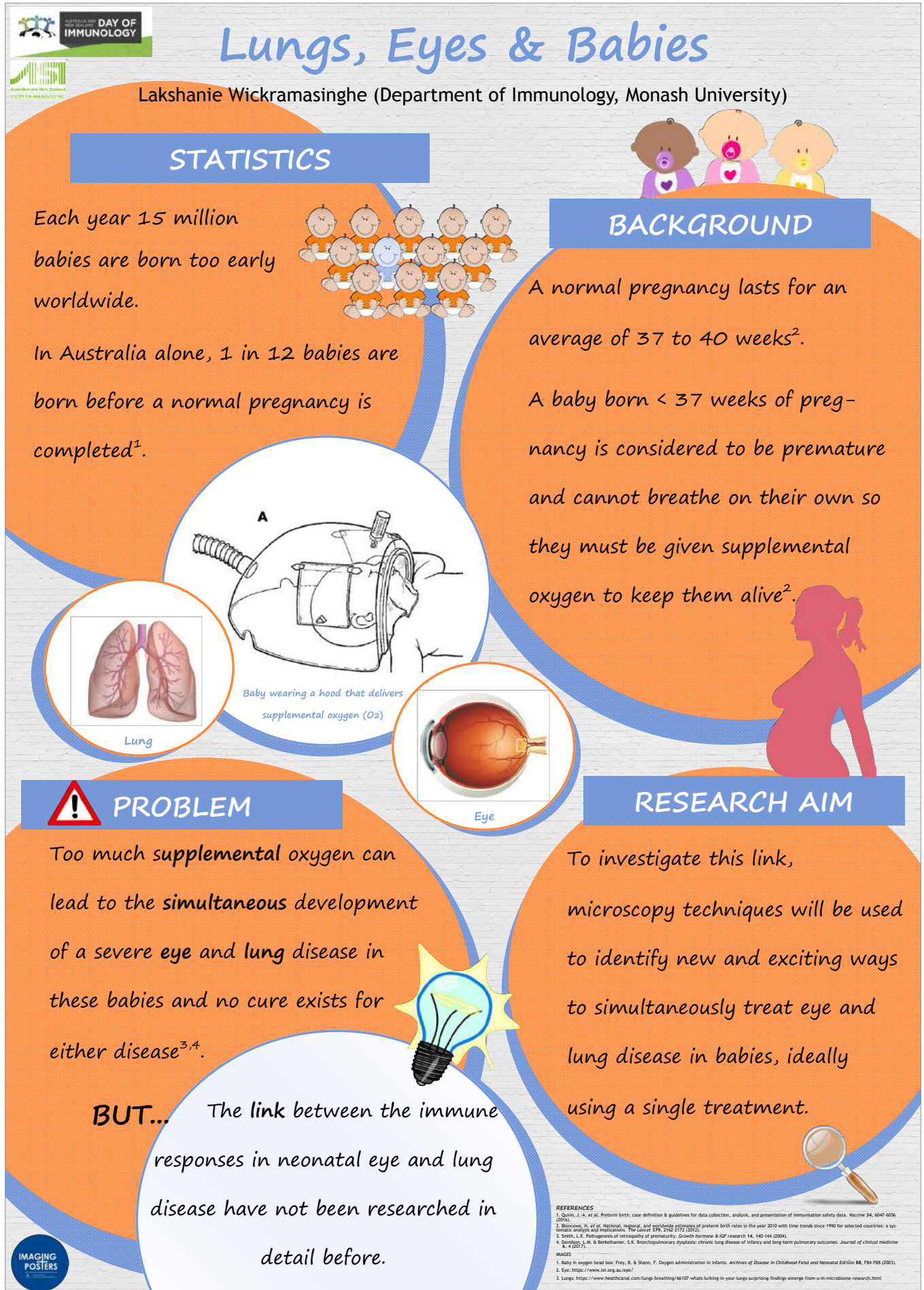


FIGURE 5: RUNNER-UP POSTER BY LAKSHANIE WICKRAMASINGHE



# How drug resistant bacteria hide from the immune system

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## Have you heard of Golden Staph?

Golden Staph refers to the infection with a bacteria known as *Staphylococcus aureus*. These infections are constantly circulating Australian hospitals, and represent one of the most commonly diagnosed hospital acquired blood-stream infections. *Staphylococcus aureus* also causes serious infections in the community setting- including toxic shock syndrome and infections of the skin such as cellulitis.

### 1 in 5

#### Hospital diagnosed blood infections



## The post-antibiotic era

Since the discovery of penicillin and its first use in 1942, the way in which we manage infections has changed dramatically, with improved prognosis for patients. However, more recently we are faced with the increasing threat of resistance to penicillin, and indeed many newer antibiotics- a threat referred to as the post-antibiotic era.

Infections such as *S. aureus* are often able to be treated with antibiotics. Based off their sensitivity to the antibiotic methicillin, these infections are classified as methicillin sensitive *S. aureus* (MSSA), or methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA). The fatality rate of a resistant infection is more than double that of an antibiotic sensitive infection.

#### Methicillin Sensitive



#### Methicillin Resistant



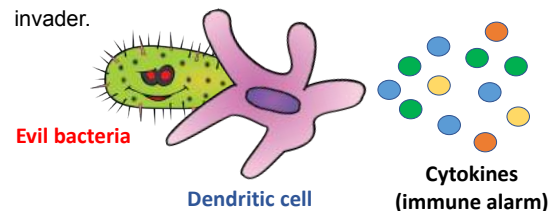
## How does immunity come into play?

With antibiotic resistance on the rise, almost two thirds of *S. aureus* infections are characterised as methicillin resistant (MRSA), of which some are broadly resistant to all of our available antibiotics. It is therefore more important than ever to understand how the immune system is normally able to see these bacteria and clear them from our bodies.

## Dendritic cells: the eyes of the immune system

To understand how the immune system can 'see' and respond to infection, we must consider a specialist immune cell type known as the dendritic cell. These cells constantly circulate between our organs, tissues and blood stream on patrol for pathogen.

Upon detection an invading pathogen such as *S. aureus*, a dendritic cell should phagocytose or 'eat' the bacteria, and subsequently produce signalling molecules called cytokines, which call out to and alert the rest of the immune system of the invader.

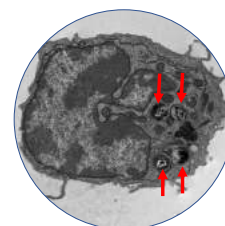


## Dendritic cells struggle to see drug resistant MRSA

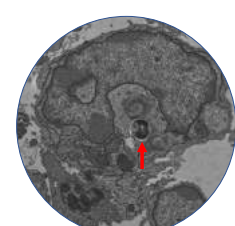
In our laboratory, we investigate how dendritic cells respond to various strains of *S. aureus*, isolated from patients suffering multi-drug resistant infection.

To date, some of our most notable findings have shown that dendritic cells tend to phagocytose or 'eat' less bacteria if the bacteria are multi-drug resistant. This results in the dendritic cells making less cytokines (the immune alarm messengers), and therefore an overall weaker immune response.

#### Sensitive *S. aureus*



#### Multi-drug resistant



Each image shows a dendritic cell interacting with a different strain of *S. aureus*. Red arrows indicate phagocytosed 'eaten' bacteria

Understanding how antibiotic resistant bacteria avoid detection by dendritic cells will be critical as we navigate the post-antibiotic era. With broad resistance to new antibiotics on the rise, enhancing our own immune system with new vaccines and immunotherapies may be our best weapon in the treatment and prevention of these infections.



# BD SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AWARD RECIPIENT

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I was grateful to receive this award in conjunction with Catriona Nguyen-Robertson from a very strong field of other researchers. In a fortunate turn of events, the 2018 ASI ASM, held in Perth, was shortly after the West Coast Eagles were victorious in the AFL Grand Final. I used this to my advantage in presenting the work of my PhD looking at the influence of tissue-resident lymphocytes on solid organ transplantation outcome. From that I was able to have a couple of innocent digs at Collingwood supporters by a happy coincidence.

I'm currently completing my

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PhD at The University of Western Australia under the supervision of Prof Michaela Lucas, Prof Axel Kallies, A/Prof Silvana Gaudieri and Prof Gary Jeffrey. Our small team is associated with the Western Australian Liver and Kidney Transplant Service, affording us a unique position to access human samples and for translation of our findings to patients. We have several extremely talented microsurgeons who perform solid organ transplants in mice, which is technically extremely challenging. I've previously worked in many areas of immunology as a research assistant however transplantation has really grabbed my focus.

To overcome end-stage disease by surgical engraftment of a fully functioning organ is one of the greatest modern medical achievements and a fascinating field of immunology to work in. Unfortunately for many transplant recipient patients,



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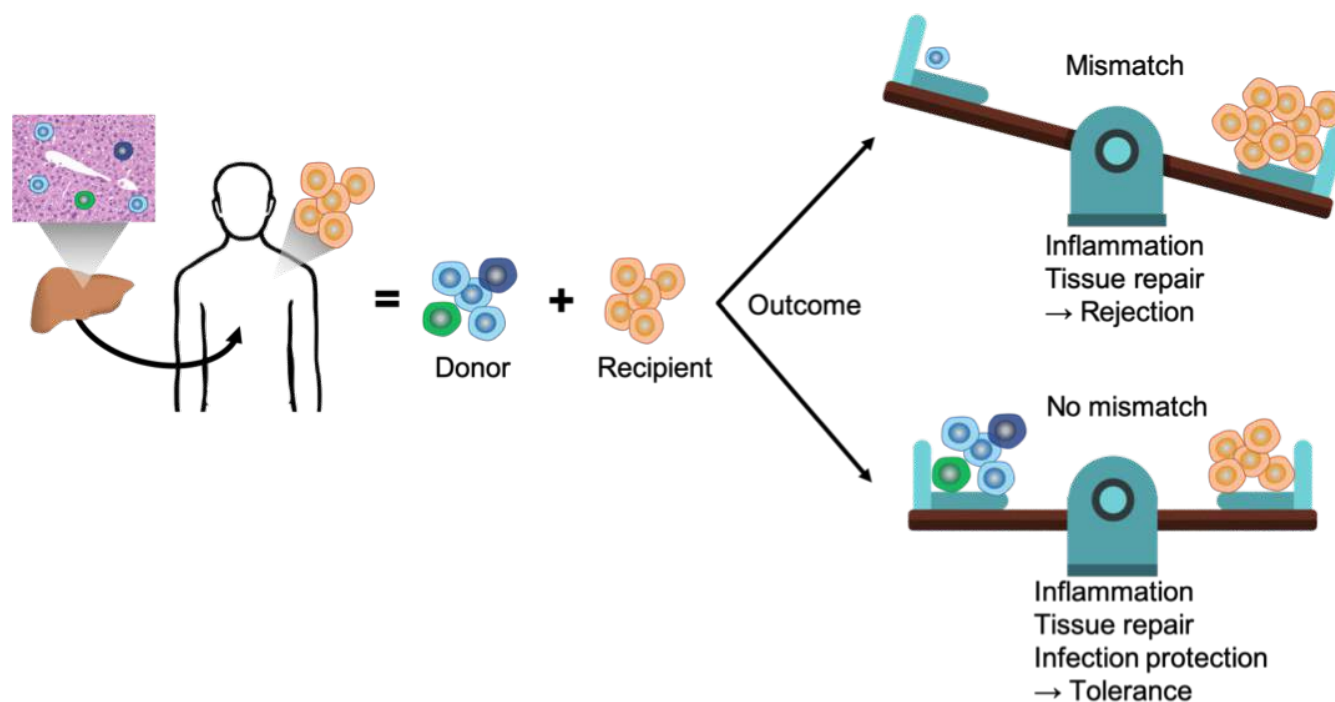


FIGURE: TRANSPLANTATION OF A SOLID ORGAN INVOLVES SIMULTANEOUS ENGRAFTMENT OF THE TARGET TISSUE AS WELL AS DISTINCT 'PASSENGER' AND TISSUE-RESIDENT LYMPHOCYTES. DONOR-DERIVED AND RECIPIENT-DERIVED IMMUNE CELLS INTERACT BOTH IN THE GRAFT AND IN THE PERIPHERY OF THE ORGAN TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT. WHEN THE DONOR AND RECIPIENT ARE MATCHED, DONOR LYMPHOCYTES SURVIVE AND CAN INFLUENCE INFLAMMATION, TISSUE REPAIR, INFECTION PROTECTION, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TOLERANCE. IN A MISMATCHED DONOR AND RECIPIENT COMBINATION THESE DONOR CELLS ARE DEPLETED AND LARGE NUMBERS OF RECIPIENT-DERIVED LYMPHOCYTES INFILTRATE INTO THE GRAFT, ALSO INFLUENCING INFLAMMATION, TISSUE REPAIR, AND LIKELY LEADING TO REJECTION.

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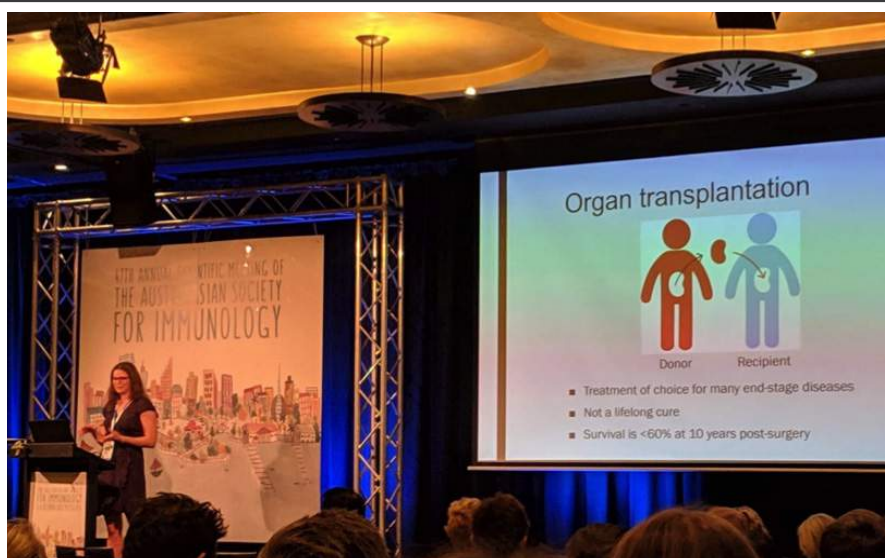
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their (usually long) wait for a suitable organ does not result in a lifelong cure. Chronic graft rejection remains one of the primary causes of low long-term (>1 year) survival, though the immunology underpinning this outcome remains poorly understood. Additionally, the lifelong immunosuppression these patients must undertake convey significant adverse side effects and remains ineffective at ultimately preventing rejection.

**We have found some crucial pieces of evidence that may question some of the dogma currently accepted within the field. Further confirming and developing these findings will bring new knowledge to this understudied field.**

With recent acknowledgement of tissue-resident lymphocytes as characteristically and functionally different to their circulating counterparts, their location within organ tissue makes them prime candidates as key influencers of transplantation outcome. With this in mind, my PhD has focussed on characterising the donor and recipient immune response to matched and mismatched liver transplants in mice. We have found some crucial pieces of evidence that may question some of the dogma currently accepted within the field. Further confirming and developing these findings will bring new knowledge to this understudied field. In the future, we will expand these to identify potential targets for the prevention of rejection and optimisation of immunosuppressive therapies to improve the outcome for transplantation patients. ■



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Here is a brief update of the news coming from IUIS. If you wish to follow the news coming directly from the IUIS, visit the [www.iuisonline.org](http://www.iuisonline.org) and/or register for the Newsletter.

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## IUIS 2019 is fast approaching

The Scientific Programme for the IUIS International Congress of Immunology is online! Take a look at the over 100 sessions covering today's immunology hot topics, workshops and poster presentations: [Scientific Programme](#).

## IUIS New Council

During IUIS 2019, the 68th IUIS Council meeting will take place and a new Council will be elected in the course of the 17th IUIS General Assembly on Saturday, October 19, 2019. It will consist of the Executive (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) and 16 Council members representing the member societies.

We are looking forward to the new team lead by elected president Immunologist Faith Osier. Faith will be the first African

and second woman to be elected president of the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) and she will begin her three-year term in October. During her presidency, Osier, who holds faculty appointments at Heidelberg University Hospital in Germany and the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya, will oversee an effort to train 1,000 African PhD students in immunology over the next 10 years. This training, dubbed the Federation of African Immunological Societies (FAIS) Legacy Project initiative, aims to bolster the representation of African scientists in immunology. Her ambitious program is detailed in this [link](#).

## Immunopaedia Ambassadors

We have now two Australian ambassadors working with [Immunopaedia](#) in its effort to

help with generating teaching and popularising material to spread the knowledge of Immunology. They are Richard Charlesworth and Natkunam Ketheesan from University of New England.

Natkunam Ketheesan has produced a video entitled [The Immune System In 333 Seconds](#) which you may wish to watch as an introductory general audience material.

## Frontiers in Immunology

[Frontiers in Immunology](#) is an open access journal published by Frontiers, launched in 2010 and it is the official journal of the IUIS. It has become a leading journal in its field, publishing rigorously peer-reviewed research across basic, translational and clinical immunology.

Frontiers in Immunology current impact factor is 5.511, it is currently the world's 6th most-cited journal – and most-cited open-access journal – in the JCR category of Immunology for number of absolute citations, and one of the leading journals in its field.

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## UPCOMING IUIS CONGRESSES

**IUIS 2022**, Cape Town, South Africa. August 15-20

**IUIS 2025**, hosting society will be chosen in the course of the coming IUIS Council meeting and confirmed by the General Assembly. Bidders are:

- Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI) - Toronto
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Allergologie und Immunologie (ÖGAI) - Vienna
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## VISITING SPEAKERS FOR REMAINDER OF 2019

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We had a great time hosting Kate Jeffrey, Michael Gerner and Donna Faber who visited multiple cities in the past few months to share their research. Coming up we have Mirjam van der Burg and Joachim Schultze, who will be visiting in October and November- so watch this space!

### Mirjam van der Burg



Hosted by Emily Edwards from Monash University. Mirjam will visit, Victoria, South Australia and NZ. Mirjam will be

here 6th to 19th October. She will be visiting Adelaide (6th - 10th Oct), Melbourne (10th to 16th Oct) and Auckland (16th to 19th Oct).

#### Research Interests

Mirjam has made seminal contributions to two topics of immunology: B cells and Primary Immunodeficiencies (PIDs). Mirjam has specific interests and expertise in V(D) J recombination and the impact of defects in this pathway on B cell differentiation and function, with a focus on severe combined

immunodeficiency (SCID) and predominantly antibody deficiency (PAD). The most significant contributions to the field were the identification of four new candidate genes for PIDS (genes mutated in PIDS). Two related to SCID and two related to PAD. Mirjam's research contributed to Erasmus MC being recognized as a Jeffrey Mondell Foundation Centre for Excellence in PIDS in 2010.

### Paul Kubes

Hosted by Tonia Woodberry, ANU. Paul's trip has been delayed for personal reasons. We're expecting him to visit in 2020.

[Click here](#) to stay up to date with our VSP program on the ASI website!

### Joachim Schultze



Hosted by Stephen Turner from Monash University. Joachim will visit Queensland, NSW, ACT and

Victoria. He arrives in Brisbane on November 10th and leaves from Adelaide after attending the ASI meeting.

#### Research Interests

Prof Schultze is Director of Genomics and Immunoregulation research program, at the LIMES (Life and Medical Sciences Bonn) Institute at the University of Bonn. In addition, he is the Founding Director of the Single Cell Genomics and Epigenomics platform at the University of Bonn and the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases. Since 2018, he is also the Speaker of the Bonn site of the newly formed West German Genome Center, a center with more than 70 groups focusing on genomics research. Furthermore, he is



the designated coordinator of the national NGS competence network, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). He has a sustained track record in developing new systems biology approaches for unravelling complex transcriptional and epigenomic programs within immune cell lineages. He has applied these approaches to generate paradigm shifts in our understanding how transcriptional heterogeneity at a single cell level contributes to myeloid and lymphoid immune cell differentiation and development. He has also applied these approaches to gain new insights into many disease states such as COPD, obesity, cancer, and neurodegeneration.

#### Kate Jeffrey



Hosted by Joanna Groom, from WEHI, Kate visited WEHI 6th August (VIC), Hudson Institute 8th August (VIC), Garvan 13th August (NSW) and UQ 15th August (QLD).

#### Research Interests

Dr Jeffrey has made significant contributions to our understanding of the intersection of chromatin accessibility, epigenetics, non-coding RNAs and transcriptional control in innate immune cells and how dysregulation of these events can lead to immunological disease. Her publication record in multiple high impact journals reflects her important contributions to these fields. In particular, Kate is recognized for the discovery of the first inhibitor of the bromodomain and extra terminal (BET) family of epigenetic readers and the demonstration of its protective effects in inflammation (Nicodeme, Jeffrey et al Nature, 2010, cited >950 times). This manuscript laid the ground for what is now an extremely active area in both academia and industry. The bromodomain inhibitor that

was discovered by Dr. Jeffrey in collaboration with GlaxoSmithKline is currently in clinical trials. Now as an independent investigator, Kate has discovered a novel immune-restricted epigenetic reader protein, SPI40, essential for macrophage identity (Mehta et al, Science Immunology, 2017). Importantly, mutations within this epigenetic protein associate with 3 immunological diseases: Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis and CLL.

#### Michael Gerner



Hosted by Cameron Bastow, from University of South Australia. Michael visited Melbourne from

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August 2019, followed by Adelaide from Saturday 24th August. Michael arrived Sydney on Tuesday 27th August and returned home from Sydney on Saturday 31st August.

#### Research interests

Michael Gerner, has made a significant contribution to the field of dendritic cell and lymphocyte biology. He has established the analytical technique of histo-cytometry. Briefly, histo-cytometry combines the high-quantitative analysis and robust cell identification capabilities of flow cytometry with the spatial information provided by regular immunofluorescence imaging techniques. Utilising this technology, Michael has published a number of high-impact papers in Nature, Cell, and Immunity centred around the precise microanatomical locations of immune cells and how this relates to their function, information that is lost upon normal tissue dissociation required for flow cytometry. Michael's microscopy expertise further branches out to include tissue clearing techniques which best preserve reporter protein and fluorophore detection, whole-organ confocal

microscopy and 2-photon intravital microscopy.

#### Donna Faber



Hosted by David Tarlinton, Monash University. Donna visited Victoria, NSW, ACT and Queensland.

She arrived in

Melbourne on August 14th, after attending the IgV meeting on she travelled to Sydney (18th, 19th Aug), then to Canberra (20-21st Aug) and finally to Brisbane (22-23rd Aug).

#### Research Interests

Donna has made seminal contributions to two areas of Immunology. One is in resident memory T cells (Trm), a topic of great interest to ASI members. Her specific interests and expertise in localisation and function of Trm in the lung, and their requirement for anti-viral responses have made important contributions. Equally her analysis of the transcriptional networks required for the development and activation of these cells have been major achievements that have provided a basis for the field to progress. Perhaps of greater significance is Donna's contribution to the 5-centre program entitled "Tissue compartmentalization of human lymphocytes", which is a truly remarkable undertaking to map lymphocytes to tissues over the lifespan of humans using a remarkable resource, tissues from organ donors. Part of this work was published this year and last year in Immunity and in the last year in Science Immunology. It is easy to see how this study is going to be the basis of many future studies. Equally important is that Donna is particularly interested in collaborating with groups that have an interest in the data she and her colleagues are generating.





# BRANCH REPORTS

## NEW ZEALAND REPORT

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### NZ Branch Meeting – 30 June to 2 July

This year the New Zealand Branch Meeting returned to Wellington after several years travelling around the regions. A hands-on Spectral Cytometry Experience, hosted by Cytex, preceded the Opening Mixer. This was followed by two days of presentations from NZ members at all levels and from all around the country. A big thank you to guest speakers Prof Axel Kallies, Prof Ruth Ganss, Dr Joanna Groom, Dr Rob Weinkove for taking time out to participate in our meeting and helping make it such a great event. And a special thanks to our Watson Orator, Prof Anne La Flamme. The meeting was organized by members from

**The Glenn Buchan (Buck) Award for best student presentation went to Theresa Pankhurst with Hamish Angus as runner-up. Dr EJ Loef won the Barbara Heslop Award for best post-doctoral presentation and Dr Johannes Mayer came in a close second.**



NZ BRANCH MEETING AWARD WINNERS (LEFT TO RIGHT) EVERT JAN LOEF, HAMISH ANGUS, JOHANNES MAYER, MELANIE PROUT, THERESA PANKHURST, AND YASMIN NOURI.

Victoria University of Wellington and the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research - Lisa Connor (Chair), Angela Jones, Katharina Robichon, Olivier Lamiabie, Laura Ferrer Font, and Katherine Woods. Thank you to the local organizing committee for putting on another fantastic meeting. Thank you to Mediray, In Vitro Technologies, Miltenyi Biotech, Lonza/peprotech, Cytex, BD Bioscience, Abacus ALS, Abcam, and the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research for sponsoring the meeting.

The Glenn Buchan (Buck) Award for best student presentation went to Theresa Pankhurst with Hamish Angus as runner-up. Dr EJ Loef won the Barbara Heslop Award for best post-doctoral presentation and Dr Johannes Mayer came in a close second. The John Marbrook Award for best technician presentation was awarded to Melanie Prout and the runner-up in this category was Yasmin Nouri. Well done to all our winners and to everyone else who participated. The caliber of presentations was outstanding across the board.



### NZ Branch Banner Competition

You will have noticed that the ASI website has had an excellent redesign. We now have a new Branch page too that currently sports a generic immunology-image banner. The NZ Branch is running a competition for its members to design a new NZ banner that reflects NZ and our immunology. Check out the top of the [NZ Branch](#) page of the website to see where the banner sits (Required dimensions: 1140px wide x 420 px deep). Send your entries to me [r.langley@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.langley@auckland.ac.nz) before the end of the year.



THE NZ BRANCH MEETING LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LEFT TO RIGHT) LISA CONNOR (CHAIR), ANGELA JONES, KATHARINA ROBICHON, OLIVIER LAMIABLE, LAURA FERRER FONT, AND KATHERINE WOODS.

The NZ Branch provides travel assistance for its student, technician, and early career scientist members to attend VSP events. Please provide me with a short justification for the travel if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Visiting Speaker to New Zealand

Mirjam van der Burg will be visiting Auckland from 17-19 October 2019. She will be speaking at the NZCIAG meeting on 18th October. Please contact me or the local host Maia Brewerton [ArihiaB@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:ArihiaB@adhb.govt.nz) for more information or if you wish to meet with Mirjam. The NZ Branch provides travel assistance for its student, technician, and early career scientist members to attend VSP events. Please provide me with a short justification for the travel (why you want to go and what it would mean for your research) if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity. ■

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## QLD BRANCH REPORT

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**Brisbane  
Immunology  
Group Meeting  
2019**

**1-2nd August**

**- Novotel Twin Waters Resort,  
Sunshine Coast**

**BIG committee:** Sumaira Hasnain (MRI-UQ), Rajiv Khanna (QIMR), Ray Steptoe (UQDI), Kate Stacey (SCMB-UQ), Matt Sweet (IMB-UQ), Margaret Jordan (JCU), Danielle Stanisic (Griffith)

**Events Management:** QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute; Dr Nancy Cloake

The one-and-a-half-day BIG meeting kicked off on Thursday



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morning at the Sunshine Coast, attended by more than 120 people. We had some big names attending the meeting including Prof. Phil Hodgkin (Joint Head of the Immunology Division, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of

Medical Research) who gave the Jonathan Sprent Oration (whilst Prof. Jonathon Sprent was in the audience!).

Thank you to our interstate plenary speakers who travelled to be with us at the Sunny Coast and helped us judge the best postgraduate presentation:

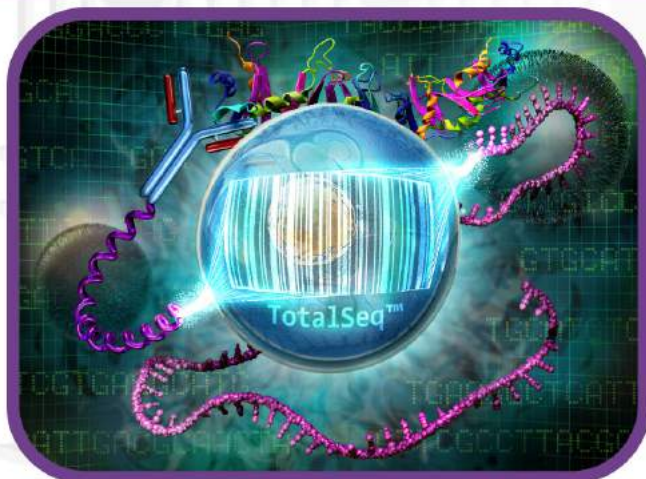
- Dr Shalin Naik, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
- Associate Professor Roslyn Kemp, University of Otago
- Associate Professor Kim Good-Jacobson, Monash University

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- Best Poster Presentation 2: Denuja Karunakaran (IMB-UQ)

The committee would like to thank events at QIMRB and in particular Nancy Cloake for organising everything and making the event such a success. We would also like to thank our sponsors (below):

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## NSW BRANCH REPORT

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Immunology has come to NSW in a big way recently! We've enjoyed a really jam-packed schedule

of visiting speakers in August, hosting A/Prof Kate Jeffrey, Prof Donna Farber and A/Prof Michael Gerner. All gave fascinating talks, and were very pleased they included NSW on their Australasian tour.

We are thrilled that this momentum of immunology celebrations has continued immediately with our joint ACT/NSW Branch retreat, held at Sebel Harbourside, Kiama 5th & 6th September, with around 90 delegates. Many sincere thanks to our wonderful invited speakers Dr Anne Bruestle (John Curtin School, ANU), A/Prof Antje Blumenthal (University of Queensland) and A/Prof Daniel Gray (Walter and Eliza Hall Institute), which we enjoyed along with some fantastic presentations, largely from our budding student ASI ACT/NSW membership.

Special thanks to our sponsors, my fellow councillor Anselm



AUGUST SAW ALIGNMENT OF THE STARS WITH VISITS FROM A/PROF KATE JEFFREY, PROF DONNA FARBER AND A/PROF MICHAEL GERNER



ASI NSW ACT JOINT BRANCH MEETING, THE SEBEL, KIAMA 5TH-6TH SEPTEMBER 2019

**Immunology has come to NSW in a big way recently! We've enjoyed a really jam-packed schedule of visiting speakers.**

Enders and our organising committee (below) with registration & website support from Tyani Chan and ASI admin staff.

#### ASI ACT/NSW Branch Meeting Organising Committee

- Helen McGuire
- Anselm Enders
- Kirstie Bertram
- Ron Sluyter
- Alicia Wilson
- Anne Bruestle
- Debbie Watson
- Felix Marsh-Wakefield

We look forward to publishing a full report, including prize recipients in the next ASI newsletter addition!

As a branch we also embraced the World Congress of Immunology, being held this month, Sept 15th until 19th. For NSW ASI members registered to attend the World Congress on Inflammation received further subsidies to attend the ASI NSW/ACT Branch

Retreat. 7 students received fully complementary registration to the branch retreat, and 5 non-students receiving half their registration cost additionally subsidised.

In the lead up to ASI2019 in Adelaide, the remaining immunology events on the NSW calendar include ASI International Speaker visits from

Steven Albelda (Penn Institute for Immunology), October 24th - 25th.  
<https://www.med.upenn.edu/apps/faculty/index.php/g20001880/p14450>

Joachim Schultze (Bonn University), November 19th - 20th.  
<https://www.limes-institut-bonn.de/en/research/research-departments/unit-2/schultze-lab/schultze-lab-home/>

Stay tuned to email blasts about talk locations and times!

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to get more information or make any suggestions for upcoming events ([helen.mcguire@sydney.edu.au](mailto:helen.mcguire@sydney.edu.au)). I'm always keen to hear the thoughts of ASI members. ■



# PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

## OUR SUSTAINING MEMBERS



Recombinant Anti-PD-L1 antibody [28-8] ([ab205921](#))

(<https://www.abcam.com/pd-l1-antibody-28-8-ab205921.html>)

Li Z et al. (2019). Cancer-associated fibroblasts promote PD-L1 expression in mice cancer cells via secreting CXCL5. Int J Cancer. DOI: 10.1002/ijc.32278

Recombinant Anti-Thiophosphate ester antibody [51-8] ([ab133473](#))

(<https://www.abcam.com/thiophosphate-ester-antibody-51-8-ab133473.html>)

Shehata SN et al. (2019). Identification of novel PCTAIRE-1/CDK16 substrates using a chemical genetic screen. Cell Signal. DOI: 10.1016/j.cellsig.2019.03.012

Recombinant Anti-Topoisomerase I antibody [EPR5375] ([ab109374](#)) (<https://www.abcam.com/topoisomerase-i-antibody-epr5375-ab109374.html>)

Zimmermann M et al. CRISPR screens identify genomic ribonucleotides as a source of PARP-trapping lesions. Nature. DOI: 10.1038/s41586-018-0291-z



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Li et al, 2019, Development of the triazole-fused pyrimidine derivatives as highly potent and reversible inhibitors of histone lysine specific demethylase 1 (LSD1/KDM1A). Acta Pharmaceutica Sinica B. DOI: [10.1016/j.apsb.2019.01.001](#)

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Wong et al, 2019, Genomic mapping of the MHC transactivator CIITA using an integrated ChIP-seq and genetical genomics approach. 4 Genome Biology. DOI: 10.1186/s13059-014-0494-z



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Zhou et al. (2019). The testicular soma of Tsc22d3 knockout mice supports spermatogenesis and germline transmission from spermatogonial stem cell lines upon transplantation. *Genesis*. doi: 10.1002/dvg.23295

**Knock-in mouse model**

(<https://www.ozgene.com/services/knock-in-mice>)

Tsai et al. (2019). GDF15 mediates adiposity resistance through actions on GFRAL neurons in the hindbrain AP/NTS. *International Journal of Obesity (Lond)*. doi: 10.1038/s41366-019-0365-5

**Knockout mouse model**

(<https://www.ozgene.com/services/knockout-mice>)

Pereira et al. (2019). The GCN2 inhibitor IMPACT contributes to diet-induced obesity and body temperature control. *PLoS One*. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0217287

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