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Publications of the Week

TMEM30A Loss-of-Function Mutations Drive Lymphomagenesis and Confer Therapeutically Exploitable Vulnerability in B-Cell Lymphoma

First Author: Daisuke Ennishi I Senior Author: Christian Steidl Nature Medicine | BC Cancer and UBC



Integrative genomic and transcriptomic analysis of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) uncovered recurrent biallelic transmembrane protein 30A (TMEM30A) loss-of-function mutations, which were associated with a favourable outcome and uniquely observed in DLBCL. Using TMEM30A-knockout systems, increased accumulation of chemotherapy drugs was observed in TMEM30A-knockout cell lines and TMEM30A-mutated primary cells. Abstract

Identification of Gene Signature for Treatment Response to Guide Precision Oncology in Clear-Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma

First Author: Ninadh D'Costa | Senior Author: Alan So (pictured) Scientific Reports | Vancouver Prostate Centre and UBC



A recently published Phase II clinical trial observed a correlation between clear-cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC) patients' clustering and their response to targeted therapy. However, the clustering of these groups was not distinct. The authors analyzed the gene expression profile of 469 ccRCC patients using featured selection technique, and have developed a refined 66-gene signature for improved sub-classification of patients. Abstract

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Awards

February 2020 Award Winners



Dr. Patrick Keeling (pictured), a Professor in the Department of Botany at UBC, has been awarded UBC's top research accolade, the Jacob Biely Faculty Research Prize. Dr. Keeling studies protists, which are single-celled organisms with a complex evolutionary history. Find out which other Vancouver researchers won grants, awards, fellowships and scholarships in our February Award Summary! **Read More**

2020 LifeSciences BC Annual Award Winners Announced LifeSciences BC



LifeSciences BC has announced the recipients of the 22nd Annual LifeSciences BC Awards, presented by FARRIS. These awards are presented annually to recognize talented individuals and organizations that represent the life sciences ecosystem in B.C. Among the recipients is Dr. Aly Karsan (pictured), who has received the Genome BC Award for Scientific Excellence. Read More

Genomics in Clinical Health Care Genome BC

BC Researchers Secure \$10M in Funding to Examine the Effectiveness of



Genomics is transforming the way Canadians receive medical care — precise diagnoses and treatment based on each patient's genetic makeup. However, widespread adoption as a standard of clinical care is still a work in progress. Two BC based projects, led by Drs. Anna Lehman and Dean Regier (pictured), aim to answer outstanding questions about the clinical and cost-effectiveness of genomics to benefit patients of rare disease and cancer. Read More

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SFU Team Helps Discover Potential Superbug-Killing Compound Simon Fraser University



Researchers in Dr. Fiona Brinkman's (pictured) laboratory at SFU are collaborating with U.S. researchers to test a new drug that can kill a wide range of superbugs – including some bacteria now resistant to all common antibiotics. Known as AB569, the drug contains two inexpensive chemicals that the researchers discovered work together to effectively kill disease-causing bacteria without harming human cells. **Read More**

Dr. Lynn Raymond Appointed Director, Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for **Brain Health** Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health



The UBC Faculty of Medicine and the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute have announced the appointment of Dr. Lynn Raymond (pictured) as Director of the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health. This appointment reflects the commitment of the Faculty of Medicine and its partners to upholding the vision of Dr. Djavad Mowafaghian and his foundation. Read More

RNA Granules Meeting in Vancouver Looks to the New Frontier in Neurodegeneration

Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health



scientists to clinicians who are involved in this exciting area of research together in Vancouver. The goal of the conference is to discuss the latest advances in cell biology, neurobiology, microbiology and physical chemistry which have revealed insights into the role of RNA granules. Read More

The third RNA Granules meeting is set to bring experts ranging from basic

Podcast Episode 4 "Diabetes: From Beta Cells to Bicycles" BC Diabetes Research Network



podcast, "Diabetes: From Beta Cells to Bicycles". Dr. Angela Devlin (pictured), a Professor in the UBC Department of Pediatrics, talks about her multi-disciplinary approach to research in obesity and risk of type 2 diabetes in children, as well as early interventions in pregnancy and early childhood diets. Read More

The BC Diabetes Research Network has released the fourth episode of their

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Interesting Articles Roadmap for Open Science to Reduce Barriers and Speed Up Discovery

Government of Canada The Government of Canada is bolstering its efforts in making federal science open



recommendations delivered by Canada's Chief Science Advisor, Dr. Mona Nemer (pictured). The principles revolve around people, transparency, inclusiveness, collaborations and sustainability. Read More Canada's Stem Cell Network Investing in Advanced Research on Type 1

and accessible to all thanks to the Roadmap for Open Science -- a set of ten

Diabetes, Heart Diseases & Vision Loss Stem Cell Network

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into better health and economic growth for Canadians. The SCN will support a total of nine research projects and four clinical trials from across Canada, in areas such as type 1 diabetes, heart disease, severe burns and vision loss. Read More View All Interesting Articles 👂 | Submit an Article 😜

The Stem Cell Network (SCN) has announced \$6.9 million in funding for innovative stem cell and regenerative medicine research that will help advance discoveries

SFU and UBC Postdoctoral Association Career Networking Night 5:00 PM SFU Segal Building

Upcoming Events in Vancouver

Celebrate Research: Shaping our Knowledge of Chronic Disease March 10 6:00 PM St. Paul's Hospital

March 11 **Open Science Network – Open Lab** 6:00 PM MakerLabs March 12 **Three Minute Thesis Final**

March 14 **UBC Gender Equity & STEM Conference 2020** 9:30 AM Irving K Barber Learning Centre

Jack Poole Hall, Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre

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