

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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Next PLRC Virtual Seminar on January 19 at 12:00pm

The next PLRC Virtual Research Seminar **will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 12:00 pm.** [**Click here for Zoom Link.**](#) [**Dr. Bokai Zhu,**](#) Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of Pittsburgh, will be presenting and the title of the talk will be, “Musica Universalis” of the cell: revealing the hidden reality of mammalian 12-hour ultradian rhythms.”

If you have any questions regarding this seminar, please email Amanda Bytzura at [**bytzuraam@upmc.edu**](mailto:bytzuraam@upmc.edu)

Dr. Paul Monga awarded NIH grant to study HCC (with MPI Dr. Xin Chen from UCSF)

Dr. Xin Chen and Dr. Paul Monga, PLRC member, receive a new competing NIH award for their work entitled, "Investigating multifactorial beta-catenin activation in hepatocellular cancer."

LyGenesis, co-founded by Dr. Eric Lagasse, receives FDA clearance for Phase 2a Trials

Article by LyGenesis Inc. - LyGenesis Receives FDA Clearance to Begin Phase 2a Trial of its Cell Therapy for Patients with End Stage Liver Disease, and also Closes \$11 Million Convertible Debt Financing.

[Please click here for full article](#)

GI Research Rounds lecture on Friday, Jan. 15 at 12-1pm

Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen, Associate Professor of Pathology, and PLRC Enrichment Director, will present at the GI Research Rounds with a talk entitled, "***Therapeutic Implications of Modulating Beta-Catenin in Cholestasis.***"

Please [click here for more information and Zoom Link.](#)

Workshop for GSBC users on Next Generation Sequencing

Dr. Silvia Liu, Manager of GSBC will be presenting in part a Next-Generation-Sequencing Workshop hosted by the CRC.

Important links to get more information on the workshop and for registering:

<https://crc.pitt.edu/CRC-Spring-2021-Next-Generation-Sequencing-Workshops>

<https://crc.pitt.edu/crc-spring-2021-ngs-workshop-trainer>

<https://crc.pitt.edu/NGS-Spring-2021-Workshops-Register>

Keystone Symposium-Hepatobiliary Cancer: Pathobiology and Translational Advances

Keystone Symposium will be held virtually March 22-24, 2021. Details for prospective attendees concerning Registration, Financial Aid, Abstract Submission, and Current Program are given at Keysym.us/VKSHepatoCancer21 (indicated in the flyer).

[Please click here for Registration](#)

KEYSTONE SYMPOSIA
eSymposia
Joint with: Fatty Liver Disease and Multi-System Complications
Hepatobiliary Cancers: Pathobiology and Translational Advances
March 22-24, 2021 | 10:00AM EDT | 2:00PM UTC*
*Program is in development and subject to change

SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZERS:
Alphonse E. Sirica, Gregory J. Gores and Lopa Mishra

Register at: keysym.us/VKSHepatoCancer21

Update Information

Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, manuscripts, other news) with us, as it relates to PLRC mission, so we can share with all members. Please visit **[PLRC website here](#)**. We expect the website experience to be even more dynamic through postings of relevant videos, blogs, spotlights, and images. We hope to depend on you to provide us such resources and links. Please contact AJ Singh (singha16@upmc.edu) if you have specific questions and suggestions.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Notice of Special Interest: Alcohol-induced Tissue-specific and Organ System Diseases

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Judith Graham Pool (JGP) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)

Pilot and Feasibility Studies to Facilitate the Use of Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support to Improve Diabetes Care (R34 Clinical Trial Required)

(RFA-DK-20-032)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): June 22, 2021; June 22, 2022; June 22, 2023.

Limited Competition: Revision to the Coordinating Center for Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

(RFA-DK-20-508)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Application Receipt Date(s): Not Applicable

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