

LIVER DIGEST

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The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00pm

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, May 11 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. Dr. Melanie Scott**, PLRC member and Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, will be presenting. The title of the talk will be, “**Caspase-11 in hepatocytes: regulating inflammation not cell death.**”

Zoom Meeting: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342>

Passcode: 885456

Dr. Paul Monga and Colleagues publish in Cancers (Basel)

Dr. Monga and colleagues published a review article in Cancers (Basel), entitled, “ **β -Catenin Activation in Hepatocellular Cancer: Implications in Biology and Therapy.**” **Dr. Aatur Singhi**, PLRC member and director of **CBRPC** also contributed to this article.

Click here for the the Full Article.

Krutsenko Y, Singhi AD, Monga SP. β -Catenin Activation in Hepatocellular Cancer: Implications in Biology and Therapy. Cancers (Basel). 2021 Apr 12;13(8):1830. doi: 10.3390/cancers13081830. PMID: 33921282; PMCID: PMC8069637.

PhD Dissertation Defense: Laura Molina

Laura Molina, PhD student in Department of Pathology will be defending her Doctoral Thesis next week, Wednesday, May 12 on Zoom at 1:00PM, with a talk, entitled, “**Yap1 Signaling in Hepatobiliary Development and Oncogenesis**”. **Dr. Paul Monga**, liver center member, is serving as the PI mentor. Please click on the following link for more information. **Click here to join**

AASLD Masterclass 2021 for Early Career Investigators

"The **2021 AASLD/EASL Masterclass**, provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical, basic, and translational scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract

presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. This year's program is hosted by AASLD and will be held in the U.S.A."

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Post-Doc Positions available

The laboratory of Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

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[Ebrahimkhani Lab website](#)

The laboratory of Dr. Samira Kiani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

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[Kiani Lab website](#)

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