

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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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](#) for up to date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact AJ Singh (singha16@upmc.edu) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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PLRC Seminar Suggestions for Fall 2021 and Beyond

We are currently preparing for our PLRC Research Seminars for September 2021 and beyond, and we would like to ask PLRC members to send us suggestions for speakers to invite. Please email Amanda Bytzura (bytzuraam@upmc.edu) and Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen (knnst5@pitt.edu) with the names of any suggestions you may have by June 15, 2021.

The Next PLRC Virtual Seminar will be Tuesday, June 15 at 12:00pm

The next PLRC virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, June 15 at 12:00 pm**. **Dr. Yury Popov**, Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of the Harvard Medical School, will be presenting. The title of talk will be, “***Targeting liver cirrhosis: new mechanisms and emerging therapeutic approaches.***”

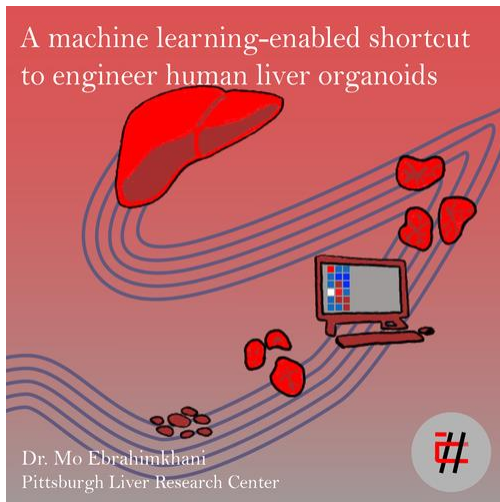
This seminar has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*[™]. Please text code LORVEM to 412-312-4424 to obtain credit.

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

Passcode: 885456

Science Rehash Podcast - Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani

Dr. Ebrahimkhani, Associate Professor of Pathology and PLRC member, was interviewed on Science Rehashed Podcast. This interview, entitled, “**A machine learning-enabled shortcut to engineer human liver organoids,**” is now airing on **Spotify**, **Apple Podcast**, and **Google Podcast**.



Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani publishes manuscripts in *iScience*, *Journal of Hepatology* and *transplant international*

Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani, Associate Professor of Pathology and PLRC member, published an article in *iScience* entitled, "***Synthetic living machines: A new window on life.***"

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Ebrahimkhani MR, Levin M. Synthetic living machines: A new window on life. *iScience*. 2021 May 4;24(5):102505. doi: 10.1016/j.isci.2021.102505. PMID: 34041452; PMCID: PMC8141884.

Dr. Ebrahimkhani published an editorial in the *Journal of Hepatology*, entitled, "**Build to understand biliary oncogenesis via organoids and FGFR2 fusion proteins.**"

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Boulter L, Ebrahimkhani MR. Build to understand biliary oncogenesis via organoids and FGFR2 fusion proteins. *J Hepatol*. 2021 May 21:S0168-8278(21)00341-X. doi: 10.1016/j.jhep.2021.05.006. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34029636.

Ebrahimkhani Lab published a paper in *transplant international*. The article,

"**Cholangiocyte Organoids as a Cell Source for Biliary Repair**," can be found below.
Jeremy Velazquez also contributed to this study.

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Velazquez JJ, Ebrahimkhani MR. Cholangiocyte Organoids as a Cell Source for Biliary Repair. Transpl Int. 2021 May 11. doi: 10.1111/tri.13902. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33977592.

Tomorrow Life: Science Sisterhood

Tomorrow.Life: Science Sisterhood provides perspectives from young women from around the world who have incredible stories to tell about how they became scientists. It wasn't easy, but they all have one thing in common, perseverance! Now, they are changing what we expect scientists to look like and inspiring others to join them.

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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