

# LIVER DIGEST

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[here](#) for up-to-date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact Aaron Bell ([bellaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaro@pitt.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

**\*\* NOTE: the PLRC Newsletter will now be published every 2 weeks. \*\***

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ROLE AND  
REGULATION OF  
BETA-CATENIN IN  
CHOLESTATIC  
LIVER DISEASE

Congrats  
NIH-NIDDK  
RO1 Award  
2022




Kari Nejak-Bowen, PhD



Paul Monga, MD




DR. PAUL MONGA  
AND COLLEAGUES  
PUBLISH IN  
HEPATOLOGY



PITTSBURGH LIVER RESEARCH  
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Hepatocyte  $\beta$ -Catenin Loss is  
Compensated by Insulin-mTORC1  
Activation to Promote Liver Regeneration

Hepatology 2022 Jul 21. doi: 10.1002/hep.32680.



**Dr Monga and colleagues publish manuscript in Hepatology.**

[Click here to read the article.](#)

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**"SAVE THE DATE"**

**PLRC Annual Retreat**

**"October 18th, 2022"**

**University Club Ballroom A**

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**"SAVE THE DATE":**

**PLRC Reception at the annual AASLD**

**Meeting Washington DC**

**Saturday Nov. 5th 7:00-10:00PM,**

**more info to come...**

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**PLRC Pilot & Feasibility grants.  
Request for Applications coming soon.  
Watch your email.  
Letters of intent due September 2nd, 2022 and  
those approved must submit their completed  
applications by October 7th, 2022.**

***For Eligibility info and application click here.***

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**Registration is now open for "THE LIVER MEETING! " held in Washington  
D.C. [For more info and to register click HERE.](#)**

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**Call for Papers: Tissue Fibrosis and Repair special collection by Scientific  
Reports**

Submissions are now being accepted for a special collection sponsored by Scientific Reports on the subject of Tissue Fibrosis and Repair. The scope of the collection is as follows:

"Fibrosis is a process of excess extracellular matrix deposition in response to injury that occurs where normal wound-healing processes have become dysregulated. This

pathological deposition of tissue is due to an aberrant release of growth factors and cytokines and may lead to organ remodeling and dysfunction, contributing to chronic disease and organ failure. Though fibrosis occurs in tissues throughout the body, it is most commonly associated with severe disease when it occurs in the lungs, heart, liver and kidneys and is often not identified until organ function has been compromised. This Collection aims to present manuscripts that increase our understanding of the mechanisms of tissue repair and causes of dysregulation or that present potential treatments that may slow disease progression."

If you are interested in submitting a peer-reviewed manuscript for inclusion in this collection, when submitting your manuscript to Scientific Reports select "any other article type" instead of regular manuscript. Then select "guest edited collection" and when promoted for the name of the collection, select Tissue Fibrosis and Repair.

**[More detailed information about the collection can be found here](#)**

Submissions will be open until October 31, 2022.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Bridge Award**

National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)

### **Targeting senescence in chronic liver disease**

**opnMe** (Boehringer-Ingelheim-collaboration)

### **new AGA-Amgen Fellowship-to-Faculty Transition Award**

AGA Research Foundation, American Gastroenterological Association (AGA)

### **new Research Grants in Burkitt lymphoma, Ewing sarcoma, rhabdoid tumors (liver), childhood glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), and atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor**

**(ATRT)** St. Baldrick's Foundation (SBF)

To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: **[NIH Guide: 2022](#)**

Or click below:

- [July 29](#)
- [July 22](#)

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