

LIVER DIGEST

A bi-weekly update of PLRC happenings

September 30th, 2022



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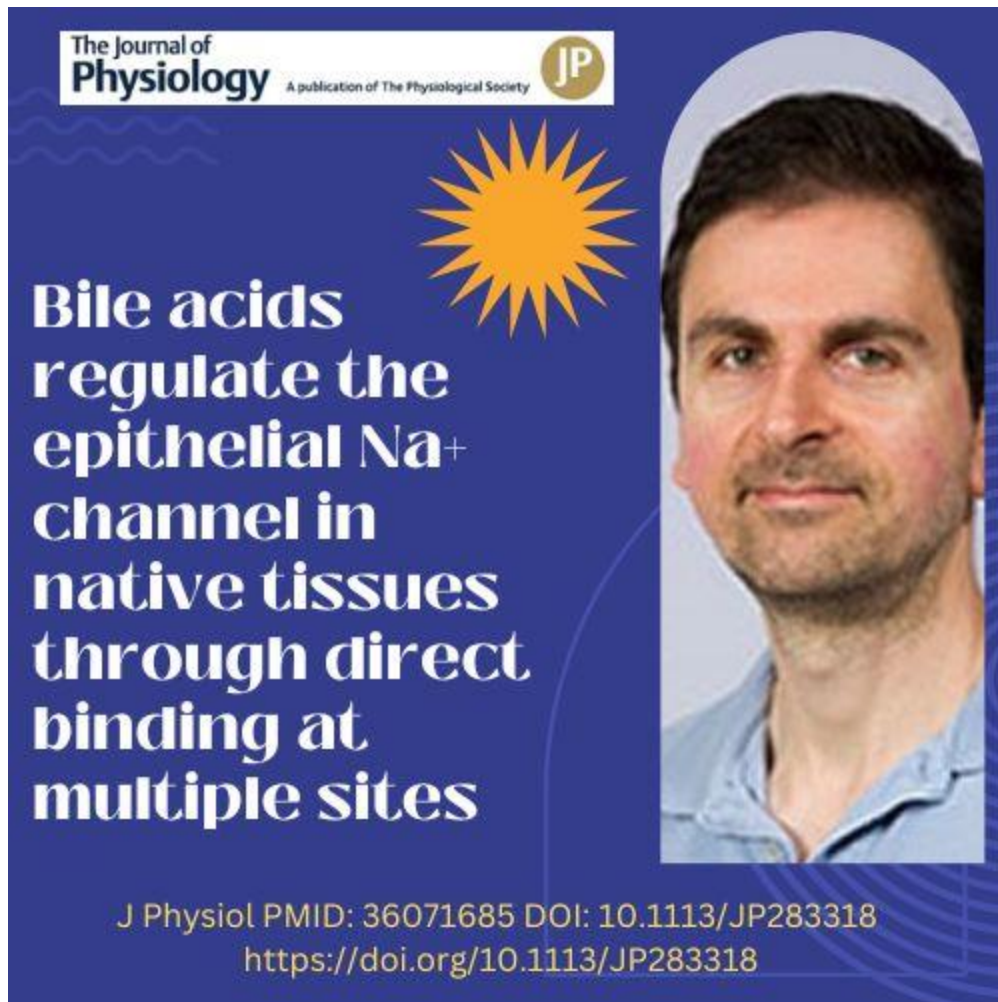
Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, other news articles) with us, as it relates to PLRC mission, so we can share with all members. Please visit [PLRC website](#)

[here](#) for up-to-date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact Aaron Bell (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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PLRC Member Dr. Oussama Kashlan,
Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of
Medicine and colleagues publish an article in the
Journal of Physiology.

The CPCB

Joint CMU-Pitt Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology
and the Department of Computational and Systems Biology

are pleased to present:

Dr. Wilson Wong.

Associate Professor

Department of Biomedical Engineering

Boston University

"Mammalian Cell Design using Synthetic Biology"

Friday 9/30/22 @12PM in S120 BST

Anyone from the PLRC interested in meeting him can contact Dr.

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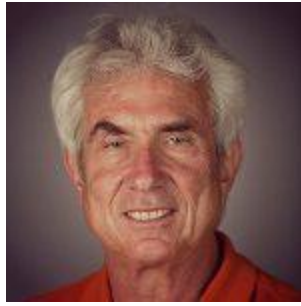
PLRC Seminar Series:

"Control of liver metabolism and tumorigenesis by a novel NRF2-FBP1 auto regulatory loop"

Dr. Michael Karin

S120 BST & via Zoom

Oct 4th: 12:00pm – 1:00pm



Michael Karin, PhD
Professor, Pharmacology
University of California San Diego

Pathology Department Research Seminar Series:

Oct 5 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
1105 Scaife Hall & via Zoom



Paul Monga, MD
Director, Pittsburgh Liver Research Center
Professor of Pathology and Medicine
Vice Chair and Chief for the Division of Experimental Pathology
Title “WNTer in Liver: Implications in Biology and Repair”
This seminar is being presented by the Department of Pathology
at the University of Pittsburgh. It is being co-sponsored by the

Pittsburgh Liver Research Center.

[Read more](#)

**2022 PLRC Annual Retreat
2:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, October 18
Ballroom A at the University Club.**

RETREAT PROGRAM:

- **1:30 PM:** Onsite badge pick up and registration
- **2:00-3:00 pm-** 2022 Pilot & Feasibility grant awardees presentations (Moderator, Gavin Arteel, Director P&F program)
- **3:00-4:00 pm-** Inter institute/center collaborations and opportunities (Microbiome, Drug Discovery, AI, Aging) (Moderator, Paul Monga)
- **4:00-5:00 pm-** Keynote Presentation by Dr. Gyongyi Szabo, the Mitchell T. Rabkin, M.D. Chair, Professor of Medicine, Faculty Dean for Academic Affairs, & Chief Academic Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA (Moderator, Kari Nejak-Bowen)
- **5:00-7:00 pm-** Drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- **5:30-6:00 pm;** 6:15-6:45 pm- Abstract-driven flash presentations
- **7:00-8:00 pm-** Dinner
- **7:30-8:00 pm-** PLRC Open-Forum (Opportunities-missed and new) (Moderator, Paul Monga)

Please follow this link to RSVP for the Retreat by Monday, October 3:

https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2wgAeCfVKqCma2

PLRC Pilot & Feasibility grants.
Completed applications DUE [by October 7th.](#)



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



PLRC Reception at the annual
AASLD Meeting in Washington DC

Saturday Nov. 5th 7:30-10:00PM

**@ Penn Quarter Room in Grand Hyatt Hotel,
Washington DC; 100 H Street**

**Attendees Please Register and RSVP by Friday October 28
using this link**



**SAN ANTONIO
LIVER CANCER SYMPOSIUM**

The Westin Riverwalk | San Antonio, Texas

OCTOBER 15-16, 2022

This 2-day powerful “symposium” with focused stimulating talks and interactive panels, with the aim to foster and advance collaborations in the field of liver cancer. This symposium will cover topics in epidemiology, pre-clinical, translational and clinical advances in liver cancer, including survivorship and pediatrics.

Website & More info

Liver Cancer Conference



The Community Liver Alliance in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center: **Pittsburgh Liver Research Center** and the Allegheny Health Network: Cancer Center will host the **4th Annual Liver Cancer Conference.**

Local and national experts will present up to date information in a one-day program with general sessions and case presentations.

This virtual conference will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022
9:45 am – 3:00 pm EST.

Registration required and available at [**this link.**](#)

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.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Bridge Award

National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF)

new Junior Faculty Development Grants

[American College of Gastroenterology \(ACG\)](#)

[Targeting senescence in chronic liver disease](#)

[opnMe](#) (Boehringer-Ingelheim-collaboration)

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:

- [Sept 23](#)
- [Sept 16](#)
- [Click here](#) for all current NIDDK Funding opportunities

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 - [Human Synthetic Liver Biology Core \(HSLBC\)](#)
 - [Advanced Cell and Tissue Imaging Core \(ACTIC\)](#)
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