# **PCGI/MFCIIR Joint Symposium:**

Intersections of Genome Integrity & Immunotherapy

Monday, June 12, 2023 from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm Smilow Auditorium & Commons







# **Program**

9:30-10:00 am

Registration and light breakfast buffet

**Smilow Commons** 

Session One: Sensing of endogenous RNAs by the innate

immune response

Moderator: Roger A. Greenberg, MD, PhD

10:00-10:05 am

# Introduction

#### Andy Minn, MD, PhD

Director, Mark Foundation Center for Immunotherapy, Immune Signaling, and Radiation

**Professor of Radiation Oncology** 

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

10:05-10:45 am

# **Keynote Address**

# Sun Hur, PhD

Oscar M. Schloss, MD Professor of Pediatrics Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor of Biochemical Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology Blavatnik Institute, Harvard Medical School

"Innate immune mechanism for self vs. non-self RNA discrimination"

10:45-11:00 am

#### Michael Owens

Graduate Student, Laboratory of Kathy Fange Liu, PhD University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Functional differences between DDX3X and DDX3Y and their implications in disease"

11:00-11:15 am

# Jie Chen, PhD

Research Associate, Greenberg Laboratory University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"DDX3X RNA helicase control of the dsRNA-mediated immune response"

11:15-11:30 am

# **Darwin Ye**

Parker Scholar, PhD Candidate, Minn Laboratory University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Persistent cancer cells alter interferon signaling after immune chekpoint blockade"

11:30-12:45 pm **Lunch Break** 

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Session Two: Chromosome Instability Moderator: Ben E. Black, PhD

12:45-1:10 pm

#### Eleonore Toufektchan, PhD

Research Associate, John Maciejowski Lab, Molecular Biology Program, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

"TREX1 induction promotes immune evasion by limiting cGAS-STING-dependent Type I IFN"

1:10-1:35 pm

# Jonathan J. Miner, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Inherited TREX1 mutations cause genomic instability"

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1:35-2:00 pm

#### Teresa Davoli, PhD

Assistant Professor, Institute for Systems Genetics New York University Langone Health

"Modeling and dissecting the role of chromosomal aneuploidy in cancer"

2:00-2:15 pm

# **Neha Nataraj**

**IGG PhD Candidate** 

Laboratories of Sunny Shin and Igor Brodsky University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Yersinia blockade of immune signaling induces RIPK1independent apoptosis in human macrophages"

2:15-2:30 pm

**Coffee Break in Smilow Commons** 

Session Three: Innate Immunity in Human Disease Moderator: Sunny Shin, PhD

2:30-2:55 p.m.

# Jungsan Sohn, PhD

Associate Professor of Biophysics & Biophysical Chemistry And Department of Oncology (Cancer Chemical & Structural Biology)

Director, Biophysics Research for Baltimore Teens (BRBT) Johns Hopkins University

"Activation, Regulation, and Dysregulation of AIM2-Like Receptors"

2:55-3:20 p.m.

# Chengcheng Jin, PhD

Assistant Professor of Cancer Biology Assistant Investigator, Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute (AFCRI) Member, Institute for Immunology (IFI) University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"The innate receptor AIM2 acts as a dual metabolic and immune sensor to dictate the functional dichotomy in tumorassociated myeloid cells"

3:20-3:35 pm

# **Timothy Lippert, PhD**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Greenberg Laboratory University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Tumor cell NLRP9 inflammasome activity promotes homologous recombination-deficient ovarian cancer progression and immune evasion"

3:35-4:00 pm

# **Coffee Break**

**Smilow Commons** 

4:00-4:25 pm

# Samuel Bakhoum, MD, PhD

Assistant Member, Human Oncology & Pathogenesis Program Assistant Attending, Department of Radiation Oncology Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

"How chromosomal instability drives cancer progression"

4:25-4:50 pm

# Malay Haldar, MBBS, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Assistant Investigator, Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute

Attending Physician, Molecular Diagnostics University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

"Targeting Retinoic Acid Signaling for Tumor Immunotherapy"

4:50-5:00 pm

# **Closing Remarks**

#### Roger A. Greenberg, MD, PhD

Director, Penn Center for Genome Integrity (PCGI)
J. Samuel Staub, MD Professor of Cancer Biology
Director of Basic Science, Basser Center for BRCA
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine

5:00 pm

#### Reception

**Smilow Commons**