

JBC Updates

October 2016

WELCOME TO THE JOINT BIOLOGY CONSORTIUM

- The **Joint Biology Consortium (JBC)** had a successful launch last month with a JBC Synergy Meeting on 9/30. Drs. Nigrovic and Karlson spoke about the JBC's biorepository and technology offerings as well as the JBC Microgrant and Mentorship programs. This was followed by an open discussion focused on investigator needs, and on how JBC services could be utilized in order to deliver results efficiently.
- We are pleased to introduce Ms. Minah Iqbal as the JBC Coordinator.
- The **JBC Microgrant** applications for grants of up to \$5,000 were distributed electronically on 10/3. Microgrants are targeted specifically to junior investigators and for pilot studies and are **due 10/31***, with \$20,000 to be distributed this cycle.
- The next **JBC Synergy Meeting** on 10/28 will focus on CyTOF. **Dr. Jim Lederer** will present the capabilities of the JBC CyTOF core, and **Dr. Deepak Rao** will discuss related research using RA samples. For remote access, please contact Minah.

JBC Member News

To foster a sense of community and promote collaboration within the JBC, please let us share your good news about awards, major appointments or promotions, institutional moves, births, etc. as well as grants and in-press papers. All papers related to the JBC mission are welcome; publications attributable to the JBC will be enumerated sequentially as JBC#1 etc. Examples are below. Please send your news by the 10th day of each month to miqbal2@partners.org.

Awards

- Dr. **Soumya Raychaudhuri** (BWH) was selected for the Henry Kunkel Young Investigator Award from the American College of Rheumatology (ACR).

Grants

- NIAMS P30 AR070253 "Joint Biology Consortium Resource-based Center" (Nigrovic, BWH and Boston Children's)
- NIAMS P30 AR070549 "Cincinnati Rheumatic Disease Resource Center" (Thompson, Cincinnati Children's)

Publications (JBC running total: 2)

- Nigrovic PA. "Building an ARC to grant success: The Aims Review Committee." *Arthritis Care Res* 2016 ePub October 1. (JBC#1)
- Chang HH, Dwivedi N, Sun B, Okamoto Y, Deane KD, Demoruelle MK, Norris JM, Thompson P, Sparks JA, Rao DA, Karlson EW, Hung HH, Ho IC. A molecular signature of preclinical rheumatoid arthritis triggered by dysregulated PTPN22. *JCI Insight*. 2016 (In Press). (JBC#2)

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

Date: October 28th, 2016

Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: BTM Room 3014

JBC Team

Director: Dr. Peter Nigrovic (BWH + BCH)
 Human Biosamples Core Director: Dr. Elizabeth Karlson (BWH); Associate Directors: Dr. Jeffrey Sparks (BWH) & Dr. Lauren Henderson (BCH)
 Cellular Systems Core Director: Dr. Jim Lederer (BWH); Associate Directors: Dr. Chad Nusbaum (Broad) & Dr. Peter Nigrovic (BWH + BCH)
 JBC Coordinator: Minah Iqbal (BWH)

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