



JBC Monthly Newsletter

April 2023

JBC UPDATES

- Welcome back **Anupama Singh!** Anu was a star JBC Coordinator in the past and has returned to help out until a permanent Coordinator is identified.
- The **JBC Microgrant Application Cycle** is now open! The application can be found on our [website](#). The deadline is **5pm April 20th**. Please send in your applications early.
- The next **JBC Synergy Meeting** is scheduled for Friday April 28, 12:30-1:30, Zoom, with speakers:
 - Hae Lin Jang, PhD (BWH) “Engineering dynamic living bone at the cellular level”
 - Pierre Cunin, PhD (BCH) “Imaging cells in live mice with the BCH intravital two-photon microscopy facility”

JBC MEMBER NEWS

- Congratulations to **Dr. Margaret Chang** (BCH) on her promotion to Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Pierre Cunin** (BCH) on his promotion to Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School.
- **Dr. Jeffrey Sparks** (BWH) received an RO1 from NIH/NIAMS: “Immunologic and Clinical Sequelae after COVID-19 in Patients with Systemic Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases”.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Ke Yuan** (BCH) on being selected to receive the **ATS Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation Early Career Research Achievement Award 2023**.

The JBC Team:

- Peter Nigrovic, M.D.
Director (BCH & BWH)
- Elizabeth Karlson, M.D.
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- Jeffrey Sparks, M.D., M.M.Sc.
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- Jeffrey Sparks, M.D., M.M.Sc.
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- Lauren Henderson, M.D., M.M.Sc.
Associate Director BCH
- Deepak Rao, MD, PhD
Associate Director

Cellular Systems Core:

- Jim Lederer, Ph.D.
Director
- Kevin Wei, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Director
- Maria Gutierrez-Arcelus, PhD
Associate Director

- Congratulations to **Dr. Roxane Darbousset** (BCH)
 - She received the Scleroderma Foundation's **Mark Flapan Award**, a 3-year grant (titled “Platelets as driver of NET formation in systemic sclerosis”) awarded to the applicant that received the second highest score
 - She gave two talks
 - at **Megakaryocyte and Platelet Joint Lab Meeting in January (online)**, titled “Platelets and neutrophils: tangled-up in systemic sclerosis”
 - at the **ANRF Research Scholar Symposium** in March in Boston, titled “Platelets and neutrophils crosstalk in systemic sclerosis”
 - She presented a poster titled “GPVI-activated platelets drive the neutrophil profibrotic function in systemic sclerosis” at the **Gordon Research Conference on Platelets and Megakaryocytes** in March in Italy.

- **Dr. Sander W. Tas** received a large research grant (**425kE**) titled “Profiling of autoreactive B lineage cells in idiopathic inflammatory myopathies: functional characterisation and targeting of JAK/STAT signaling as novel treatment strategy” from the **Dutch Arthritis Foundation**.

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