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## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

2:00 – 4:30 PM	REGISTRATION	
4:30 – 6:15 PM	SESSION I	
Convener:	Alexis Komor, University of California San Diego	
4:30 - 4:35	Welcome Remarks - Reuben Harris, UT Health San Antonio & HHMI	
4:35 – 4:55	<b>Invited Speaker: David Liu</b> , Broad Institute, Harvard University, & HHMI, USA, "Base editing to correct mutations that cause genetic disease in cells, animals, and patients"	
4:55 – 5:15	<b>Invited Speaker: Xue Gao</b> , Rice University, USA, "Engineering high- precision and multiplex base editors"	
5:15 – 5:35	<b>Zachary Kockler</b> , National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, USA, "Parallel comparison of human APOBEC exposed DNA and RNA suggests APOBEC3A as the predominant global RNA editor"	
5:35 – 5:55	<b>Invited Speaker: John Gross,</b> University of California, San Francisco, USA, "Structural insights into the molecular arms race between human APOBEC3G and HIV-1 Vif"	
5:55 – 6:15	<b>Invited Speaker: Audrey Lapinaite</b> , Arizona State University, USA, "Understanding molecular mechanism of current precision genome editing tools: how adenine base editors modify DNA"	
6:30 – 8:00 PM	DINNER	

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

7·30 – 8·30 AM	BREAKFAST
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- 8:30 9:50 AM SESSION II
- Convener: Remi Buisson, University of California Irvine
- 8:30 8:50 **Invited Speaker: Michael Lawrence**, Harvard Medical School, USA, "Patterns of APOBEC mutations in cells"
- 8:50 9:10 **Invited Speaker: Gaelen Hess,** University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, "Diversifying base editors for the identification of functional variants"
- 9:10 9:30 **Kiara Berríos**, University of Pennsylvania, USA, "Cooperativity between Cas9 and AID establishes broad and diversifying mutational footprints in base editors"
- 9:30 9:50 Herra Grajo Mendoza, University of California, Davis, USA, "Probing substrate recognition by ADAR1 using 8-azanebularine-modified RNA duplexes"
- 9:50 10:20 AM **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:20 12:20 SESSION III
- Convener: Catriona Jamieson, University of California San Diego
- 10:20 10:40 **Invited Speaker: Anna Malkova,** Iowa State University, USA, "Using APOBEC3A to unravel mutagenic potential of break-induced replication"
- 10:40 11:00 **Invited Speaker: Waseem Qasim**, University College London, UK, "Deaminated therapeutic T cells for ALL"
- **Juan Serrano**, University of Pennsylvania, USA, "Structure-guided design of a potent and specific inhibitor against the genomic mutator APOBEC3A"
- 11:20 11:40 **Invited Speaker: Laura Ugalde Diaz**, CIEMAT, Spain, "Double strand break-free genome editing to target hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells in Fanconi anemia patients"
- 11:40 12:00 **Chen Gang Goh**, Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute, UK, "Investigating topoisomerase-associated DNA damage repair with base editing mutagenesis screen in mammalian cells"
- 12:00 12:20 **Fumiaki Ito**, University of Southern California, USA, "Structural basis for HIV-1 antagonism of host APOBEC3G via CULLIN E3 ligase"
- 12:30 1:45 PM **LUNCH**

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

2:00 – 4:00	SESSION IV
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Convener: David Liu, HHMI & Broad Institute & Harvard University

- 2:00 2:20 **Invited Speaker: Mark Osborn**, University of Minnesota, USA, "Base editing in primary and patient cells"
- 2:20 2:40 **Invited Speaker: Abby Green,** Washington University St. Louis, USA, "Therapeutic opportunities posed by APOBEC3A activity in cancer"
- 2:40 3:00 **Invited Speaker: Alan Herbert**, InsideOutBio, USA, "Flipons as a therapeutic target to regulate gene expression"
- 3:00 3:20 **Sifeng Gu**, University of California, San Diego, USA, "Investigation of base editing mechanisms through CRISPRi screens"
- 3:20 3:40 **Invited Speaker: David Brafman**, Arizona State University, USA, "Optimizing isogenic cell line generation with transient reporters for editing enrichment (TREE)"
- 3:40 4:00 **Madelynn Whittaker**, University of Pennsylvania, USA, "Toward therapeutic base editing for tyrosinemia and phenylketonuria"

#### 4:00 – 6:00 PM **POSTER SESSION AND RECEPTION**

**Ruslan Afasizhev**, Boston University, USA, "The ABC of mitochondrial RNA editing in trypanosomes"

**Ashley Auerbach**, UT Health San Antonio, San Antonio, USA, "Ancestral APOBEC3B nuclear localization is maintained in humans and apes and altered in most other Old World primate species"

**Christopher Belica,** University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, "Binding characterization of novel alpaca-derived APOBEC3B and APOBECA3A nanobodies"

**Faezeh Borzooee,** Simon Fraser University, Canada, "Simulation of AID/APOBEC3-mediated mutations on the complete immunopeptidome reveals remarkable diversity in the potential to mediate pro- versus antitumor immune responses dependent on HLA genotype"

**Hannah Brinkman**, University of California, Davis, USA "Nucleoside analogs in ADAR guide strands targeting 5'-UA sites"

**Deborah Caswell**, The Francis Crick Institute, United Kingdom, "The role of APOBEC3B in lung tumour evolution and targeted therapy resistance"

**Xiaoyu Chen,** Arizona State University, USA, "Understanding precision genome editing tools: molecular basis of efficient DNA deamination by ABE8e"

**Quinn Cowan**, University of California, San Diego, USA, "Development and characterization of multiplexed orthogonal base editing systems"

**Alexandra Dananberg,** Cornell University, USA, "Investigating mechanisms of APOBEC3A-dependent episodic mutagenesis"

**Jessica Devenport**, Washington University, USA, "The role of APOBEC3A in ovarian cancer progression"

**Erin Doherty**, University of California, Berkeley, USA, "Directed evolution of precision adenine base editors"

**Cameron Durfee,** UT Health San Antonio, San Antonio, USA "Human APOBEC3B promotes cancer in mice with evidence for signature mutations, tumor heterogeneity, and metastasis"

**Diako Ebrahimi,** Texas Biomedical Research Institute, San Antonio, USA, "Quantification of APOBEC3 dysregulation in cancer"

**Anna Gramalla-Schmitz**, University of Zurich, Switzerland, "The role of gene editors in B-cell lymphomagenesis during chronic viral infection"

**Sharon Guffy**, Pairwise, North Carolina, USA, "Structure-based optimization of Cas12a cytosine base editors for applications in crops"

**Ian Harding**, Wave Life Sciences, Massachusetts, USA, "Application of ADAR-mediated RNA editing to modulate protein-protein interactions"

**Adam Hedger,** University of Massachusetts, USA, "Synthesis and Co-Crystal structure of an oligonucleotide inhibitor bound to the catalytically active APOBEC3G-CTD deaminase"

**Logan Hille,** Harvard University, USA, "Precise and efficient base editing with PAM variant Cas9 enzymes capable of recognizing non-NGG PAMs"

**Jane Isquith,** University of California, San Diego, USA, "Deaminase deregulation in myeloproliferative neoplasms and the hematopoietic niche"

**Casey Jacobsen,** University of California, Davis, USA, "*En masse* examination of RNA guides (EMERGe) for ADARs"

**Geoff Jameson**, Massey University, New Zealand "Design, synthesis, and evaluation of cross-linked oligonucleotides as first nanomolar inhibitors of APOBEC3A"

**Geoff Jameson**, Massey University, New Zealand, "Structural basis for binding of single-stranded DNA and processivity of APOBEC3G"

**Agya Karki**, University of California, Davis, USA, "ADAR activation by inducing a *syn* conformation at guanosine adjacent to an editing site"

**Emily King,** Harvard University, USA, "Compatibility of precise adenine base editors with Cas9 PAM variants and small orthologs"

**Dieter Lam,** Beam Therapeutics, Cambridge, USA, "CBE-T: Cytosine base editors utilizing TadA variants generated from directed evolution and structure-guided protein engineering"

**Lavanya Manjunath,** University of California, Irvine, USA, "APOBEC3B drives PKR-mediated translation shutdown in response to viral infection"

**Sunwoo Oh,** University of California, Irvine, USA, "APOBEC3B protects stress granule-associated RNAs from RNase L activity"

**David O'Leary**, Washington University St. Louis, USA, "SMC5/6 is required for resolution of APOBEC3A-mediated replication stress"

**Pablo Perez-Duran**, Horizon Discovery / Perkin Elmer Group, United Kingdom, "Base editor screening platforms to characterize performance of the modular components of Horizon's Pin-Point<sup>™</sup> base editing system"

**Helen Piontkivska**, Kent State University, USA, "Changes in ADAR RNA editing patterns in CMV and ZIKV congenital infections"

**Brodie Ranzau**, University of California, San Diego, USA, "A highly sensitive fluorescent reporter for adenine base editing reveals DNA Base editing by the wild-type tRNA adenosine deaminase enzyme TadA"

**Amanda Rieffer,** University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, "Dinucleotide reporters for quantitative comparison of base editing rates in human cells"

**Josefine Striepen**, Cornell University, USA, "Characterizing the role of APOBEC3 deaminases in Lung Adenocarcinoma mutagenesis"

**Zhiyi Sun,** New England Biolabs, USA, "Non-destructive enzymatic deamination coupled with next-generation sequencing enables accurate detection and phasing of 5mC and 5hmC in a genome-wide or locus-specific manner"

**Michal Svoboda,** Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, "NMR assays for analysis of APOBEC3A substrate specificity"

**Minjing Wang**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, "A platform for multiplex editing of NK cell to enhance cancer immunotherapy"

**Julian Weischedel**, University of Zurich, Switzerland, "MEGA – a modular epigenetic and genetic AID base editor"

**Bryce Wick,** University of Minnesota, USA, "Inducing dominant-negative mutations using base editors in Fas and TGFβR2 leads to increased CAR T cell performance"

**Chloe Wick,** University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, "APOBEC3A induction by mitochondrial double-stranded RNA triggers DNA damage"

**Bailey Wong**, University of California, Davis, USA, "Selection of RNA oligonucleotides with high binding affinity to ADAR"

**Mackenzie Wyllie,** University of Minnesota, USA, "The role of cytidine sugar conformation in ssDNA-APOBEC3 selectivity"

**Hongzhi Zeng**, Rice University, USA, "Engineered PROTAC-CID systems for mammalian inducible gene regulation"

#### 6:00 PM – ON OWN FOR DINNER

**Evening Free to Enjoy Restaurants of Palm Springs** 

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

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Convener: Brandon Moriarity, University of Minnesota

- 8:30 8:50 **Erez Levanon**, Bar Ilan University, Israel, (**Virtual**) "Identification of exceptionally potent adenosine deaminases RNA editors from high body temperature organisms"
- 8:50 9:10 **Invited Speaker: Tim Fenton**, University of Southampton, UK, "30 years on from PHORBOLIN-1: a role for APOBEC3A in keratinocyte differentiation?"
- 9:10 9:30 **Invited Speaker: Reuben Harris**, UT Health San Antonio & HHMI, USA, "Ancient origins of APOBEC3B inhibition by herpesviruses"
- 9:30 9:50 **Amanuella Mengiste**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, "MutaT7: repurposing deaminases to enable targeted mutagenesis for continuous directed evolution applications"
- 9:50 10:10 **Geoffrey Jameson**, Massey University, New Zealand, "Structural basis of modified DNA inhibitors that competitively restrict DNAediting activity of APOBEC3A"
- 10:10 10:40 AM **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:40 12:40 PM SESSION VI
- Convener: Audrone Lapinaite, Arizona State University
- 10:40 11:00 Invited Speaker: Pablo Perez-Pinera, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, (Virtual) "Treatment of neurodegenerative disorders by *in vivo* base editing"
- 11:00 11:20 **Invited Speaker: Simon Baker**, York University, UK, "APOBEC3A/B-mediated damage of the genome is initiated by BK polyomavirus infections of the human urothelium"
- 11:20 11:40 **Invited Speaker: Laura Pasqualucci**, Columbia University, USA, "Aberrant AID-dependent somatic hypermutation in diffuse large B cell lymphoma"
- 11:40 12:00 **Bojana Stefanovska**, UT Health San Antonio & HHMI, USA, "Targeted CRISPR screen to identify synthetic lethal combinations between APOBEC3B and DNA repair"

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

12:00 – 12:20	<b>Nicole Gaudelli</b> , Beam Therapeutics, USA, "Non-genotoxic antibody-based conditioning paired with multi-plex base edited HSCs for the potential treatment of hemoglobinopathies" <b>(Sponsored by Beam Therapeutics)</b>
12:20 – 12:40	<b>Christiano Alves</b> , Harvard Medical School, USA, "Base editing as a genetic treatment for spinal muscular atrophy"
12:45 – 1:45 PM	LUNCH
2:00 – 4:00 PM	SESSION VII
Convener:	Matthew Weitzman, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2:00 – 2:20	<b>Invited Speaker: Nicolas Gillet</b> , University of Namur, Belgium, "APOBEC3B is an adenovirus restriction factor"
2:20 – 2:40	<b>Invited Speaker: Rémi Buisson</b> , University of California, Irvine, USA, "Cytosine deaminase-independent antiviral functions of APOBEC3B"
2:40 – 3:00	<b>Yiannis Savva</b> , Shape Therapeutics, Inc., USA, "A molecular and computational toolbox to enable therapeutic A-to-I RNA editing" <b>(Sponsored by Shape Therapeutics)</b>
3:00 – 3:20	<b>Sara Cuevas Ocaña</b> , University of Nottingham, UK, "CRISPR-Cas9, base editing and prime editing applications for human induced pluripotent stem cells"
3:20 – 3:40	<b>Evan Kleinboehl</b> , University of Minnesota, USA, "Development and testing of a versatile genome editing application reporter"
3:40 - 4:00	<b>Invited Speaker: Jia Chen</b> , Shanghai Tech University, China, ( <b>virtual</b> ) "Eliminating base editor-induced genome-wide and transcriptome-wide off- target mutations"
4:00 – 6:30 PM	Break to Enjoy Palm Springs
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Banquet including Student and Postdoc Presentation Awards by New England Biolabs