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# Program-at-a-Glance 2024

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER		
Time	Session	Location
08:15 – 08:50	<b>Registration</b> (Includes transit time to Lecture Theatres)	Sisson's Foyer in Cossar Hall
08:50 – 09:00	<b>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Session 1: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Modelling Host-Pathogen Interactions</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
09:45 – 10:20	<b>Session 2: Keynote Speaker, Dr Danika Hill</b> – Laboratory Head, Department of Immunology, School of Translational Medicine, Monash University	Lecture Theatre 3
10:20 – 11:00	<b>Morning Tea</b> (Includes transit time from and to Lecture Theatres)	Cossar Hall
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Session 3: Science Bites I</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Session 4: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Inflammation and Innate Immunity</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
12:30 – 13:40	<b>Lunch and Poster Session I</b> (Includes transit time from and to Lecture Theatres)	Cossar Hall
13:40 – 14:25	<b>Session 5: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Immunity at the Host-Pathogen Interface</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
14:25 – 15:00	<b>Session 6: Keynote Speaker, Prof Stephanie Gras</b> – Laboratory Head and Deputy Director, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science (LIMS), La Trobe University	Lecture Theatre 3
15:00 – 15:40	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> – <u>Sponsored by BMG Labtech &amp; QIAGEN</u> (Includes transit time from and to Lecture Theatres)	Cossar Hall
15:40 – 16:25	<b>Session 7: Science Bites II</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
16:25 – 17:10	<b>Session 8: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Adaptive Immunity and Therapeutics</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
17:10 – 18:20	<b>Evening Networking and Poster Session II</b> – <u>Sponsored by QIAGEN &amp; BMG Labtech</u> (Includes transit time from Lecture Theatres)	Cossar Hall
18:20 – 18:40	<b>Prizes, Acknowledgements and Conclusion</b> – Including Hartland Oration Prize winner for 2024 <b>Presented by VIIN Co-Convenors:</b> <b>Prof Gilda Tachedjian and Prof Richard Ferrero</b>	Cossar Hall

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09:00	<b>Using human intestinal organoids to study EPEC infection</b> Eva Chan, Hudson Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher	
09:10	<b>Modelling &amp; targeting cytokine storm in dengue-infected mice</b> William Clow, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
09:20	<b>Elucidating effects of single and multiple resistance mechanisms on <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> response to meropenem by mechanism-based mathematical modelling</b> Dominika Fuhs, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student	
09:30	<b>Development of <i>ex vivo</i> models of nasal epithelia to elucidate the mechanism of <i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>-mediated blockade of influenza virus replication in the nasal cavity</b> Lynn Nazareth, Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, CSIRO; Early Career Researcher	
09:45 – 10:20	<b>Session 2: Keynote Speaker – Dr Danika Hill</b> Laboratory Head, Dept. of Immunology, Monash University Chairs: TBC	Lecture Theatre 3
09:50	<b>What can sore throats teach us about future <i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> vaccines?</b> Danika Hill, Laboratory Head, Department of Immunology, School of Translational Medicine, Monash University	
10:10	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
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11:00 – 11:45	<b>Session 3: Science Bites I</b> Chairs: TBC	Lecture Theatre 3
11:02	<b>Protecting Australia's abalone: A herpesvirus (HaHV-1) defence strategy</b> Jacinta Agius, Department of Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology, La Trobe University; PhD Student	
11:06	<b>Functional assessment of the NOD2 signalling pathway in patients with inborn errors of immunity</b> Ebony Blight, Department of Immunology, Monash University; PhD Student	
11:10	<b>Transient inhibition of type I interferon enhances CD8+ T cell stemness and vaccine protection</b> Benjamin Broomfield, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	

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11:14	<b>Age-related differences in mRNA vaccine immunogenicity and adjuvancy</b> Shivali Savita Chinni, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; PhD Student	
11:18	<b>Examining the neuropathogenesis of influenza A virus and SARS-CoV-2</b> Asmaa Hussein, University of Melbourne & Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; PhD Student	
11:22	<b>Female mice exhibit enhanced TLR7-dependent interferon and cytokine responses to respiratory syncytial virus infection</b> Thomas Huttman, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; Honours Student	
11:26	<b>Anti-inflammatory effects of L-sulforaphane against SARS-CoV-2</b> Leanne Quah, Murdoch Children's Research Institute; Research Assistant	
11:30	<b>Machine learning accelerates screening of diagnostic targets for <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i></b> Andrey Verich, The Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales; PhD Student	
11:34	<b>Applying pro-apoptotic agents to combat chronic HIV infection <i>in vivo</i></b> Le Wang, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session 4: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Inflammation and Innate Immunity</b> <b>Chairs: TBC</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
11:45	<b>The overlap between lipid droplets and extracellular vesicles in viral infection</b> Irumi Amarasinghe, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science; PhD Student	
11:55	<b>Divergent roles of necroptosis in skin inflammation and wound healing</b> Holly Anderton, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher	
12:05	<b>Influenza A-induced inflammation in alveolar macrophages, but not epithelial cells, requires Toll-Like Receptor 7</b> Ameanah El-Hennawi, Centre for Respiratory Science and Health, RMIT University; Honours Student	
12:15	<b>The plasma metabolome of juvenile idiopathic arthritis differs by subtype and is partially explained by chronic inflammation: a case-control study</b> Joa Kwon, Murdoch Children's Research Institute; PhD Student	
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13:40	<b>Characterization of the immune paralysis of splenic macrophages following systemic inflammation</b> Laura Bahr, University of Melbourne & Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; PhD Student	
13:50	<b><i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Tipa is a novel nucleomodulin that is secreted on extracellular vesicles that target the nucleus</b> Jack Emery, Hudson Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	

14:00	<b>Human unconventional T cells shape the early immune response to Group A Streptococcus</b> Christopher Menne, Murdoch Children's Research Institute; Early Career Researcher	
14:10	<b>Type 2 diabetes exacerbates fungal infection in mice, possibly by blunting the immune response</b> Helen Stölting, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute, Monash University; Early Career Researcher	
<b>14:25 – 15:00</b>	<b>Session 6: Keynote Speaker – Prof Stephanie Gras Deputy Director, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science Chairs: TBC</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
14:30	<b>Immune signalling from a structural biology perspective</b> Stephanie Gras, Laboratory Head and Deputy Director, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science (LIMS), La Trobe University	
14:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
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15:42	<b>Human stem-cell models revealed altered infection responses in AATD</b> Sahel Amoozadeh, University of Melbourne & Murdoch Children's Research Institute; PhD Student	
15:46	<b>Disentanglement of tumour-associated exhausted (TEX) and tissue-resident memory T (TRM) cells</b> Thomas Burn, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne; Early Career Researcher	
15:50	<b>Response and resistance to combination immune checkpoint blockade associate with distinct baseline and on-treatment blood T-cell profiles in melanoma patients</b> Jack Edwards, Department of Immunology, Monash University; PhD Student	
15:54	<b>HIV transcription persists in the brain of virally suppressed people with HIV</b> Janna Jamal Eddine, RMIT University; PhD Student	
15:58	<b>Deciphering and targeting of transcriptional drivers of T cell exhaustion</b> Sining Li, University of Melbourne & Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; PhD Student	
16:02	<b>Developing precision RNA therapeutics for tuberculosis</b> Jan Schaefer, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
16:06	<b>Polyphenol rich sugarcane extract (PRSE) has potential antiviral activity against influenza A virus <i>in vitro</i></b> Caolingzhi Tang, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
16:10	<b>Predicting antibiotic effect on <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> with mechanism-based modelling where PK/PD indices cannot</b> Alice Terrill, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student	

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16:14	<b>Identification of B cell epitopes in serological exposure markers for improved <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> surveillance</b> Hanqing Zhao, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
<b>16:25 – 17:10</b>	<b>Session 8: Oral Presentations</b> <b>Theme: Adaptive Immunity and Therapeutics</b> <b>Chairs: TBC</b>	Lecture Theatre 3
16:25	<b>Leveraging the position of lymph node memory CD8+ T cells to enhance protective immunity</b> Brigette Duckworth, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research & University of Melbourne; Early Career Researcher	
16:35	<b>Reaction hijacking inhibition of tRNA charging enzymes of malaria parasites and bacteria</b> Nutpakal Ketprasit, Bio21 Institute, Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
16:45	<b>The Medicines for Malaria Venture Pathogen Box compound MMV687794 impairs blood-stage <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> invasion through potential inhibition of parasite lipid metabolism</b> Dawson Ling, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher	
16:55	<b>The characterisation of human V<math>\delta</math>3+ <math>\gamma</math><math>\delta</math>T cells and the development of bispecific antibodies to harness their function</b> Tina Zhang, University of Melbourne & Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; PhD Student	
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<b>Poster Number</b>	<b>Poster Details</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Precise CRISPR insertion for deciphering immune interactions</b> Tim Muusse, Manufacturing Research Unit, CSIRO; Early Career Researcher	
<b>2</b>	<b>Understanding the molecular mechanism of recognition of <i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> produced glycosphingolipids by Natural Killer T (NKT) cell receptors</b> Vasudha Maddali, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>3</b>	<b>Crohn's associated invariant T cells recognise small molecules on CD1d</b> Alison White, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity & University of Melbourne; Honours Student	
<b>4</b>	<b>Exploring trogocytosis between DC and B cells</b> Laura Almagro, Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
<b>5</b>	<b>Microfluidic solution for evaluating exhausted T cells' response toward PD-1 blockade efficacy</b> Wei-Che Chang, Integrated Photonics and Applications Centre (InPAC), RMIT University; PhD Student	
<b>6</b>	<b>Discovering targets of long-lived humoral immunity for Group A Streptococcus vaccine design</b> Holly Fryer, Department of Immunology, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>7</b>	<b>Using rabies virus as a tool to understand the mechanisms of synapse formation in the brain</b> Steph Olliff, Deakin University & Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, CSIRO; PhD Student	
<b>8</b>	<b>Characterisation of novel cytokine interferon epsilon in the murine peritoneal cavity</b> Jasmine Chuah, Hudson Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
<b>9</b>	<b>Prenatal and early life viral infection synergistically modify expression of cholinergic, dopaminergic and complement C4 genes in the hippocampus and prefrontal cortex in mice</b> Paneet Dhaliwal, Centre for Respiratory Science and Health, RMIT University; Honours Student	
<b>10</b>	<b>Identification of metabolic candidates contributing to the comorbidity of diabetes, cardiopulmonary, and cardiovascular diseases</b> Zeki Ilker Kanbagli, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Early Career Researcher	
<b>11</b>	<b>Remodelling of the plasma proteome by sex hormones in a longitudinal model of feminizing gender-affirming hormone therapy</b> Ngoc Lan Nhi Nguyen, Murdoch Children's Research Institute; Masters Student	
<b>12</b>	<b>Temporal and cross-serotype analysis of dengue T cell targets to inform vaccine design</b> Jingjing Liu, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	

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13	<b>Immunogenic HLA-B*44:03 restricted peptide does not induce the same response in individuals with B*44 superfamily molecules</b> Samuel Liwei Leong, La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science; PhD Student
14	<b>COVID-19 results in broad autoantigen recognition post-infection, with anti-calprotectin autoantibodies associated with better clinical outcomes</b> Rhiane Moody, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; Early Career Researcher
15	<b>Increased spike-specific IgG4 following has variable consequences on FcγR-mediated responses</b> Carissa Aurelia, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity & University of Melbourne; PhD Student
16	<b>P-cresol sulfate acts on epithelial cells to reduce allergic airway inflammation</b> Rhiannon Grant, Department of Immunology, Monash University; PhD Student
17	<b>Association of <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> specific afucosylated IgG with placental malaria protection</b> HongHua Ding, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; PhD Student
18	<b>Fc-dependent functional antibody responses in immunity to severe <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> malaria in children</b> Grace Wright, Burnet Institute; Masters Student
19	<b>Naturally acquired functional antibody responses to <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> vaccine candidates are associated with protection against clinical malaria infections</b> Pailene Lim, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Research Assistant
20	<b>Developing machine learning models to understand CRISPR-Cas13b silencing principles</b> Khoa Nguyen, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Melbourne; PhD Student
21	<b>High throughput antimicrobial screening at CSIRO</b> Srinivasan Jayashree, Biomedical Program, Manufacturing Research Unit, CSIRO; Research Assistant
22	<b>Predictive and generative AI for drug discovery: Identification of SARS-CoV2 NSP14 inhibitors</b> Thomas Coudrat, Manufacturing Research Unit, CSIRO; Mid-Career Researcher
23	<b>IL-6 as diagnostic and prognostic biomarker meta-analysis studies</b> Hina Amer, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; PhD Student
24	<b>Parasite-host metabolic cross-talk to detect malaria</b> Teha Gebi, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student
25	<b>How to catch a parasite red-handed: Looking for <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> exported proteins in the infected hepatocyte using proximity ligation</b> Elena Lantero-Escolar, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher
26	<b>Defining targets and mechanisms of action of immunity against <i>Plasmodium vivax</i> circumsporozoite protein</b> Rosy Cinzah, Burnet Institute & Department of Medicine, University of Melbourne; PhD Student



<b>27</b>	<b>A comprehensive analysis of the regulatory mechanisms underlying the enzymes of the TCA cycle-glyoxylate shunt junction in <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> as a novel drug target for the age-old pandemic</b> Evelyn Huang, School of Chemistry, University of Melbourne; PhD Student
<b>28</b>	<b>Defining the on-target activity of <i>P. falciparum</i> plasmepsin V peptidomimetic inhibitors</b> Wenyin Su, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student
<b>29</b>	<b>Proteomics-based drug target identification in <i>Plasmodium falciparum</i></b> Yijia Ji, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Honours Student
<b>30</b>	<b>Interrogating circulating immune cell methylome differences across the TB disease spectrum</b> David Vincent Romero, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student
<b>31</b>	<b>Inhibition of type I interferon signalling during <i>Shigella flexneri</i> infection</b> Anita Chaulagain, Monash University & Hudson Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student
<b>32</b>	<b>Metabolic mysteries of bat urine and faeces: A potential non-invasive tool to monitor flying foxes under different ecological conditions</b> Avirup Sanyal, Griffith University & Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, CSIRO; PhD Student
<b>33</b>	<b>Rifaximin and the evolution of daptomycin-resistant <i>Enterococcus faecium</i></b> Adrianna Turner, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne; Early Career Researcher
<b>34</b>	<b>Establishing novel therapeutics for HTLV-1</b> Lewis Williams, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher
<b>13:25</b>	<b>Judging to be finalised</b>
<b>13:40</b>	<b>[Return to main program above]</b>

## Poster Session II: 5.10 pm – 6.20 pm

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<b>35</b>	<b>Decoding the effector-mediated dialogue between <i>Coxiella burnetii</i> and its host during infection</b> Genevieve Samuel, Department of Microbiology, Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>36</b>	<b>Rational design of live bacterial therapeutics to clear <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> from the gut</b> Sher Maine Tan, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
<b>37</b>	<b>Exploring bacteriocins in infection-causing <i>Klebsiella</i> isolates</b> Abhinaba Ray, Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>38</b>	<b>Identification and characterisation of <i>Cryptosporidium</i> effector proteins in host-pathogen interaction</b> Lena Chng, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; PhD Student	
<b>39</b>	<b><i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Dot/Icm effector triggers host heat shock response to facilitate intracellular replication</b> Rachelia Wibawa, Hudson Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher	
<b>40</b>	<b>Ecology and diversity of Avian paramyxovirus 1, the causative agent of Newcastle disease, in Australian wild birds</b> Sebastian Carmody, Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, CSIRO & Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, University of Melbourne; Honours Student	
<b>41</b>	<b>Characterization of the structure and dynamics of oral polymicrobial biofilms</b> Bindusmita Paul, Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
<b>42</b>	<b>Aztreonam and ciprofloxacin combination therapy yields synergistic results for resistant <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> strains</b> Charlotte Picton, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Honours Student	
<b>43</b>	<b>The molecular mechanisms of axon degeneration in flavivirus infection</b> Heather Irving, Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, CSIRO; Masters Student	
<b>44</b>	<b>Systemic inflammation in solid tumour malignancy patients impairs generation of <i>de novo</i> SARS-CoV-2 vaccine responses</b> Ruth Purcell, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity & University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
<b>45</b>	<b>Unravelling the impact of changing ionizable lipids on mRNA-LNP vaccine pharmacokinetics and biodistribution</b> Yuxiang Ren, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student	
<b>46</b>	<b>Developing novel lipid nanoparticles to reprogram lung macrophages</b> Joshua Iscaro, Centre for Respiratory Science and Health, RMIT University; PhD Student	

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<b>47</b>	<b>Using big data for rational vaccine design to elicit broadly neutralizing antibodies against Hepatitis C virus</b> Haiyi Ye, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Melbourne; PhD Student
<b>48</b>	<b>Serological and molecular analyses define the antigenic evolution of the influenza B virus neuraminidase over 81 years</b> Thi Hoai Thu Do, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity & University of Melbourne; PhD Student
<b>49</b>	<b>Nanospike surfaces: A new frontier in viral infection control</b> Samson Mah, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University & Manufacturing Research Unit, CSIRO; PhD Student
<b>50</b>	<b>iNKT cells develop through a 4-stage pathway in human thymus</b> Naeimeh Tavakolinia, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Melbourne; PhD Student
<b>51</b>	<b>The influence of repeated influenza exposure on the CD8+ T cell response</b> Cristina Triffon, Burnet Institute; Early Career Researcher
<b>52</b>	<b>Age-related changes in T cell early activation events</b> Anna Iasinskaia, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; PhD Student
<b>53</b>	<b>2'-O-Methyl-guanosine 3-base RNA fragments mediate essential natural TLR7/8 antagonism</b> Sunil Sapkota, Hudson Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher
<b>54</b>	<b>Mechanisms of mRNA vaccine adjuvancy in aged human dendritic cells</b> Valeeshah Rashid, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT University; Honours Student
<b>55</b>	<b>Lipidation of Kv1.3 blocking peptide HsTX1[R14A] alters its pharmacokinetics and biodistribution to target tissues</b> Lihuan Lin, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student
<b>56</b>	<b>Assessing immune competence to SARS-CoV-2 vaccination in patients with inflammatory bowel disease receiving anti-TNF treatment</b> Lachlan Bradbury, Department of Immunology, Monash University; Honours Student
<b>57</b>	<b>Evaluating immune response against SARS-CoV-2 in immunocompromised children</b> Leanne Quah, Murdoch Children's Research Institute; Research Assistant
<b>58</b>	<b>Uncovering the design principles of CRISPR/Cas13d as an effective antiviral strategy</b> Emily Hann, CSIRO & Deakin University; PhD Student
<b>59</b>	<b>Metabolic tracing in <i>P. falciparum</i> using a stable isotope labelling strategy</b> Junwei Tang, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences; PhD Student
<b>60</b>	<b>Dual plasmepsin IX and X inhibitors are refractory to resistance</b> Paola Favuzza, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research; Early Career Researcher
<b>61</b>	<b>Association of novel IgG3 allele with malaria infections in children from Sepik region of Papua New Guinea</b> Maria Saeed, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity & University of Melbourne; PhD Student

<b>62</b>	<b>Antibody responses in children given the RTS,S malaria vaccine with and without drug chemoprevention</b> Alexander Harris, School of Translational Medicine, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>63</b>	<b>Investigating antibodies against cerebral malaria in children</b> Yuchi Ji, Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity; Masters Student	
<b>64</b>	<b>Dissecting germinal centre B cells induced by infection and vaccination during malaria</b> Jessica Canning, Burnet Institute & Department of Immunology, Monash University; PhD Student	
<b>65</b>	<b><i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>-infected erythrocytes inhibit neutrophil extracellular trap formation</b> Akachukwu Onwuka, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Melbourne; PhD Student	
<b>66</b>	<b>Blood biomarker discovery: High-dimensional blood immune-profiling in children with different disease settings showed major age-related changes in proportion of immune cells</b> Sedi Jalali, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Early Career Researcher	
<b>67</b>	<b>Seasonal antigenic prediction of influenza A H3N2 using machine learning</b> Syed Awais Wahab Shah, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, University of Melbourne; Early Career Researcher	
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