Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Perelman School of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania
Biomedical Research Building, Gaulton Auditorium and Lobby
421 Curie Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104

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8:15-8:45 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
Gaulton Lobby

8:45-9:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
Andrew Tsourkas, Ph.D., CT^3N Co-Director, Professor of
Bioengineering and Radiology, University of Pennsylvania
Gaulton Auditorium

Session I:

Keynote Lecture
Session Chair: Andrew Tsourkas, Ph.D., CT^3N Co-Director,
Professor of Bioengineering and Radiology, University of
Pennsylvania

9:00-9:50 a.m. Biomimetic Materials for Drug Delivery
Suzie H. Pun, Ph.D., Robert F. Rushmer Professor of
Bioengineering, Adjunct Professor of Chemical Engineering,
University of Washington

Session II:

Nanoengineering
Session Chair: Theresa Busch, Ph.D., Research Professor of
Radiation Oncology, University of Pennsylvania

9:50-10:20 a.m. Photoacoustic Ultrasound as a Tool to Image Disease and
Therapy
Jesse V. Jokerst, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of
NanoEngineering, Adjunct Faculty, Department of Radiology,
University of California, San Diego
10:20-10:50 a.m.  
Nanoscale Thermal Cancer Therapy with Magnetic Nanoparticles  
Carlos Rinaldi, Ph.D., Charles A. Stokes Term Professor, Senior Associate Chair, J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Chemical Engineering, Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville

10:50-11:05 a.m.  
COFFEE BREAK  
Gaulton Lobby

11:05-11:35 a.m.  
Targeting Glioblastoma with CAR T Cells: Current Challenges and Perspectives  
Irina V. Balyasnikova, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Neurological Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

11:35-12:05 p.m.  
RBC – Hitchhiking Boosts Delivery of Nanocarriers to Chosen Organs by Orders of Magnitude  
Jake Brenner, M.D., Ph.D., Attending Physician, Pulmonary and Critical Care, University of Pennsylvania

12:05-1:25 p.m.  
Lunch, Poster Session and Competition  
Prizes for Trainees:  
First Prize - $300; Second Prize- $200; Third Prize- $100  
Organizers: Drs. Michael Chorny and Hans Huber

Session III:

1:25-1:55 p.m.  
Targeted Delivery of Nucleic Acids  
Session Chairs: Michael Chorny, Ph.D., CT²N Associate Director, Research Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Cardiology of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Hans E. Huber, Ph.D., CT²N Associate Director, Adjunct Associate Professor of Systems Pharmacology, University of Pennsylvania

Disrupting Physical Interactions between Multiple Myeloma and the Bone Marrow Microenvironment In Vivo via Nanoparticle-Mediated RNAi  
Michael J. Mitchell, Ph.D., Burroughs Wellcome Fund CASI Fellow, NIH NCI Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral Fellow, MIT, David H. Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, Department of Chemical Engineering
1:55- 2:25 p.m. Vaccination against Neoantigens Induced in Future Tumors for Patients in Remission and for Individuals at Risk for Developing Cancer

Eli Gilboa, Ph.D., Dodson Professor of Microbiology & Immunology; Director, Dodson Interdisciplinary Immunotherapy Institute; University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine

2:25- 2:55 p.m. Boosting Intracellular Nucleic Acid Delivery

Gaurav Sahay, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy, Oregon State University/Oregon Health Science University

2:55- 3:10 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

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3:10- 3:40 p.m. Designed FN3 Domains as a Universal Targeting Platform

Vadim Dudkin, Ph.D., Director, Discovery Sciences, Janssen R&D

3:40- 4:10 p.m. From Concept to Clinic: Development of Two Platforms for Systemic Delivery of Investigational RNAi Therapeutics

Martin Maier, Ph.D., Vice President, Research, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge

Session IV:

Keynote Lecture
Session Chair: Vladimir Muzykantov, M.D., Ph.D., CT³N Co-Director, Professor of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics and Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

4:10- 5:00 p.m. Biomaterial Strategies to Modulate Inflammation

Kam W. Leong, Ph.D., Samuel Y. Sheng Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Systems Biology, Columbia University

5:00- 5:10 p.m. Poster Awards Presentation

Michael Chorny, Ph.D., and Hans Huber, Ph.D., CT³N Associate Directors

5:10- 5:20 p.m. Closing Remarks

Vladimir Muzykantov, M.D., Ph.D., CT³N Co-Director, Professor of Systems Pharmacology and Translational Therapeutics and Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

5:20- 6:20 p.m. Reception

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