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Meet the First Authors Oligogenic Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (1084)

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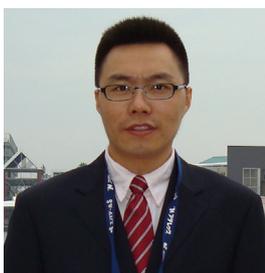
Recycling of Lipoprotein(a) (1091)

Dr Monika Sharma is a postdoctoral fellow at New York University Langone Medical Center in Prof Kathryn Moore's lab. After obtaining her Master's degree from Panjab University, India, she moved to New Zealand where she received her PhD from the University of Otago under the supervision of Prof Sally McCormick. During her PhD training, she studied the metabolism and intracellular trafficking of lipoprotein(a). Monika's research focus is on understanding inflammatory mechanisms underlying the development of cardiovascular diseases. She believes that persistence and perseverance will help her achieve her goals. When she is not in the laboratory, Monika loves to travel, cook, dance, and go hiking, biking, and kayaking.



Adrenergic Receptors in Individual Myocytes (1103)

Dr Bat-Erdene Myagmar grew up in a scientific family and was fascinated by his father's pharmacology experiments. After completing his MD and Clinical Cardiology training at the National Medical University in Mongolia, he received his Master's degree in Pharmacology, followed by a PhD in Molecular Biology, at the University of the Ryukyus, Japan. He then moved to the United States where he completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dr Paul Simpson's lab at the University of California, San Francisco. The main focus of his research is on the role of α 1-adrenergic receptors in cardioprotection. He hopes that his research will lead to new drugs for treatment of heart failure.



Dectin-2 Role in Post-Infarct Healing (1116)

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Telomere Length, Progenitor Cells, and Outcomes (1130)

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Route of Delivery Impacts MSC Therapy for MI (1139)

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Inorganic Nitrate in HFpEF (1151)

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Cell Therapy for Single Ventricle Physiology (1162)

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