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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

LINKS

- My Lab site: http://bhutanilab.com/

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The long-term goal of our research is to understand the fundamental mechanisms that govern and reprogram cellular fate during development, regeneration and disease. We are specifically interested in-

1.Reprogramming approaches for musculoskeletal regeneration

Discovery of induced pluripotency by Yamanaka and colleagues has revolutionized the field of regenerative medicine. Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSC), generated by introduction of a few defined factors in a somatic cell, provide an ideal patient-specific source for disease modeling, drug discovery and cellular therapies. Clinically, these findings have uncovered the possibility of unprecedented sources for patient-autologous cells with far reaching implications in a variety of diseases. From the basic biology perspective, these findings have revealed that cell fates are inherently plastic and are dynamically regulated. Our research is geared towards applying reprogramming approaches towards musculoskeletal regeneration especially cartilage regeneration that remains an unmet medical need.

2.Mechanisms underlying stem cell self-renewal, differentiation and cancer

We are interested in understanding the role of the extracellular matrix in regulating stem cell self-renewal and differentiation, and how this regulation goes awry in cancer. Understanding the acquisition and maintenance of the ‘differentiated’ state can provide important clues regarding the ‘dedifferentiation’ associated with cancer.

3.Epigenetic regulation in development and disease

DNA methylation is an epigenetic mark associated with long-term gene silencing during early development and lineage specification. The other side of the coin i.e. DNA demethylation has received scant attention over the years mainly due to the inability to identify enzymes that could mediate the removal of the methylation marks. Recent studies by our group and others have uncovered novel DNA repair based DNA demethylation pathways. Another exciting discovery is that of the 'sixth base' in DNA i.e. hydroxylation of methylated cytosines (5mC) by enzymes leading to '5hmC' that is present in many tissues. The role and effect of 5hmC on 5mC turnover and hence DNA demethylation, on gene expression per se and stem cell fate and differentiation is a topic of vigorous interest. We are exploring the role of these novel DNA demethylation regulators in cartilage development, regeneration and disease. Our recent studies have uncovered a dysregulation of the DNA demethylation pathways in the widely prevalent age-associated disorder, Osteoarthritis. We are currently investigating the mechanistic details of these epigenetic pathways in Osteoarthritis.

Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

- Orthopaedic Tissue Engineering: ORTHO 270 (Win)

2018-19

- Orthopaedic Tissue Engineering: ORTHO 270 (Win)

2017-18

- Orthopaedic Tissue Engineering: ORTHO 270 (Win)

2016-17

- Cancer Biology Journal Club: CBIO 280 (Spr)
- Orthopaedic Tissue Engineering: ORTHO 270 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Tony Gao, Hong-pyo Lee

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Pranay Agarwal, Michela Bruschi, Akshay Pandey, Neety Sahu, Mamta Singla

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

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Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Pranay Agarwal, Michela Bruschi, Akshay Pandey, Neety Sahu, Mamta Singla

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Cancer Biology (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Effect of Trabecular Metal on the Elution of Gentamicin from Palacos Cement.** *Journal of orthopaedic research : official publication of the Orthopaedic Research Society*
  Mooney, J. A., Manasherob, R., Smeriglio, P., Bhutani, N., Amanatullah, D. F.
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- **Optimizing Clinical Use of Biologics in Orthopaedic Surgery: Consensus Recommendations From the 2018 AAOS/NIH U-13 Conference** *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS*
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  Adkar, S. S., Wu, C., Willard, V. P., Dicks, A., Ettyreddy, A., Steward, N., Bhutani, N., Gersbach, C. A., Guilak, F.
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  Xiong, G., Lingampalli, N., Koltsov, J. B., Leung, L. L., Bhutani, N., Robinson, W. H., Chu, C. R.
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  Lee, J., Smeriglio, P., Chu, C. R., Bhutani, N.
  2017; 8: 244

- **Soluble Collagen VI treatment enhances mesenchymal stem cells expansion for engineering cartilage.** *Bioengineering & translational medicine*
  Smeriglio, P., Lee, J., Bhutani, N.
  2017; 2 (3): 278–84

- **The first international workshop on the epigenetics of osteoarthritis** *CONNECTIVE TISSUE RESEARCH*
  Meulenbelt, I. M., Bhutani, N., den Hollander, W., Gay, S., Oppermann, U., Reynard, L. N., Skelton, A. J., Young, D. A., Beier, F., Loughlin, J.
  2017; 58 (1): 37-48

- **CD24 enrichment protects while its loss increases susceptibility of juvenile chondrocytes towards inflammation** *ARTHRITIS RESEARCH & THERAPY*
  Lee, J., Smeriglio, P., Dragoo, J., Maloney, W. J., Bhutani, N.
  2016; 18

- **Identification of Human Juvenile Chondrocyte-Specific Factors that Stimulate Stem Cell Growth** *TISSUE ENGINEERING PART A*
  Taylor, S. E., Lee, J., Smeriglio, P., Razzaque, A., Smith, R. L., Dragoo, J. L., Maloney, W. J., Bhutani, N.
  2016; 22 (7-8): 645-653

- **Stable 5-Hydroxymethylcytosine (5hmC) Acquisition Marks Gene Activation During Chondrogenic Differentiation** *JOURNAL OF BONE AND MINERAL RESEARCH*
  Taylor, S. E., Li, Y. H., Smeriglio, P., Rath, M., Wong, W. H., Bhutani, N.
  2016; 31 (3): 524-534

- **Genome-Wide Mapping of DNA Hydroxymethylation in Osteoarthritic Chondrocytes** *ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATOLOGY*
  Taylor, S. E., Li, Y. H., Wong, W. H., Bhutani, N.
  2015; 67 (8): 2129-2140

- **Early induction of a prechondrogenic population allows efficient generation of stable chondrocytes from human induced pluripotent stem cells** *FASEB JOURNAL*
  Lee, J., Taylor, S. E., Smeriglio, P., Lai, J., Maloney, W. J., Yang, F., Bhutani, N.
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- **Collagen VI Enhances Cartilage Tissue Generation by Stimulating Chondrocyte Proliferation.** *Tissue engineering. Part A*
  Smeriglio, P., Dhulipala, L., Lai, J. H., Goodman, S. B., Dragoo, J. L., Smith, R. L., Maloney, W. J., Yang, F., Bhutani, N.
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- **Comparative potential of juvenile and adult human articular chondrocytes for cartilage tissue formation in three-dimensional biomimetic hydrogels.** *Tissue engineering. Part A*
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  Smeriglio, P., Lai, J. H., Yang, F., Bhutani, N.
  2015
- **A global increase in 5-hydroxymethylcytosine levels marks osteoarthritic chondrocytes.** *Arthritis & rheumatology (Hoboken, N.J.)*
  Taylor, S. E., Smeriglio, P., Dhulipala, L., Rath, M., Bhutani, N.
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  Bhutani, N., Decker, M. N., Brady, J. J., Bussat, R. T., Burns, D. M., Corbel, S. Y., Blau, H. M.
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- **DNA Demethylation Dynamics** *CELL*
  Bhutani, N., Burns, D. M., Blau, H. M.
  2011; 146 (6): 866-872
- **Reprogramming towards pluripotency requires AID-dependent DNA demethylation** *NATURE*
  Bhutani, N., Brady, J. J., Damian, M., Sacco, A., Corbel, S. Y., Blau, H. M.
  2010; 463 (7284): 1042-U57
- **Nuclear reprogramming in heterokaryons is rapid, extensive, and bidirectional** *FASEB JOURNAL*
  Palermo, A., Doyonnas, R., Bhutani, N., Pomerantz, J., Alkan, O., Blau, H. M.
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