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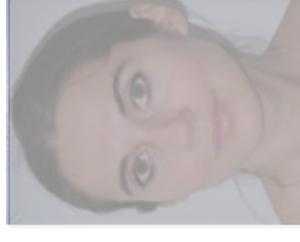
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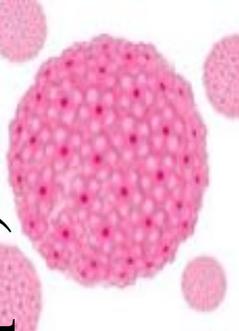
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Translational Research Themes & Challenges

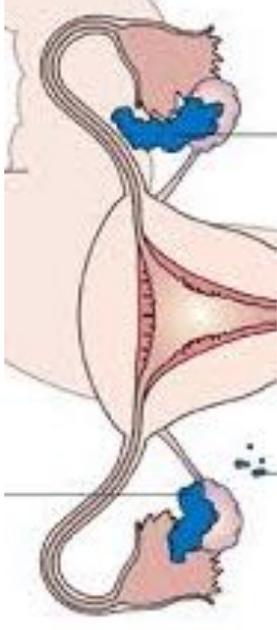
'Research that translates into patient benefit...'

Cervical (pre)Cancer



HPV persistence &
Carcinogenesis

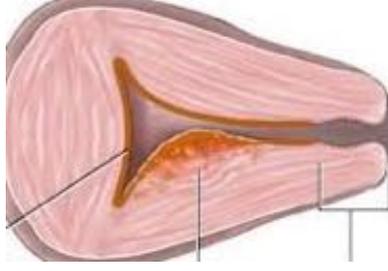
Ovarian Cancer



Early detection -
Chemotherapy
resistance



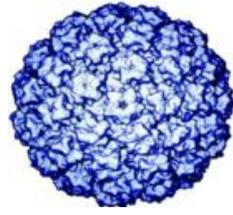
Endometrial Cancer



Incidence increase - Improve
Prevention
Treatment

Reproduction

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Cervical Cancer Prevention & Management

The Cervical Cancer Subgroup

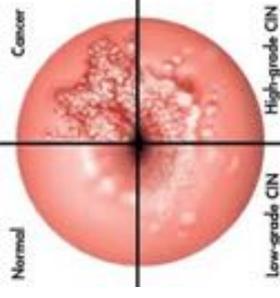
The System's
Biology

Genome

Epigenome

Microbiome

Metabonome



Cancer

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IRDB & Cancer

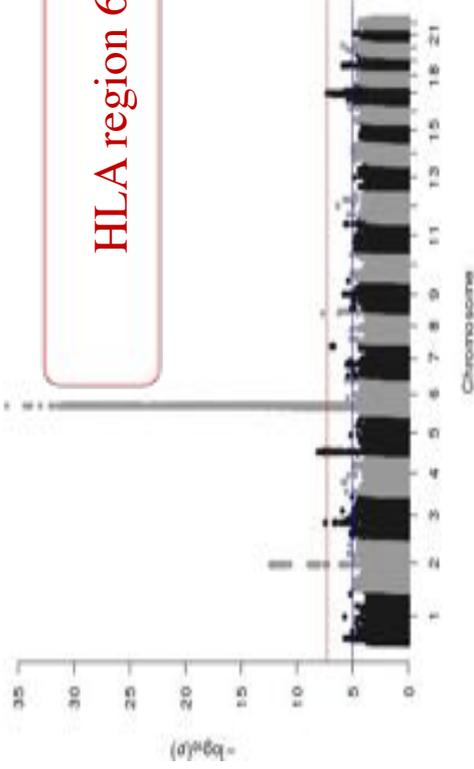
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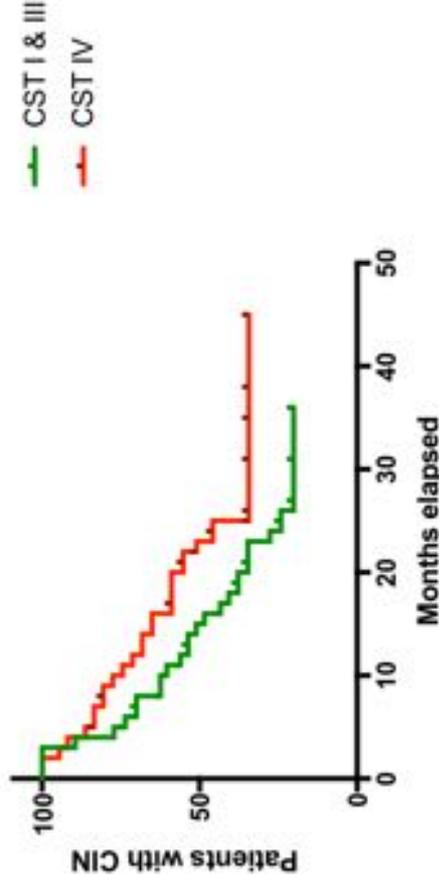
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Genome

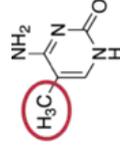
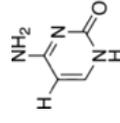
Associations to cervical cancer and CIN in UKBioBank



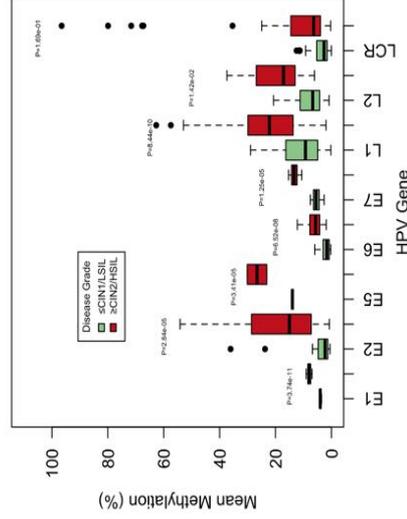
Microbiome



Epigenome

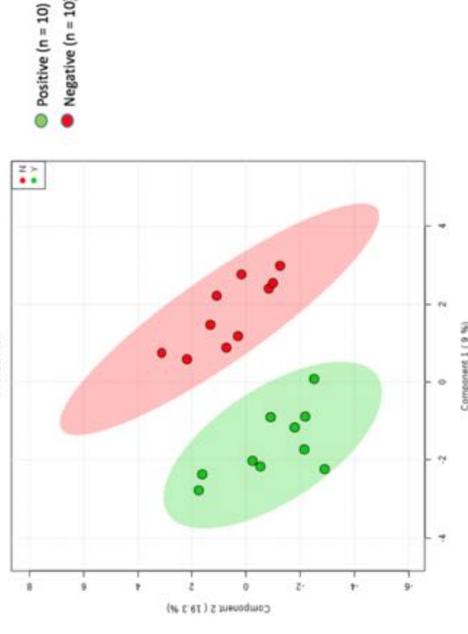


Cytosine methylated Cytosine



Metabonome

Laser REIMS -
iKnife

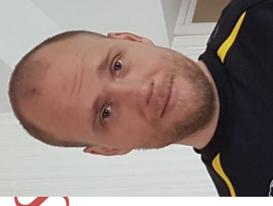


Mitra Sci Rep 2015; Mitra Sci Rep 2017; Mitra Microbiome 2017; Kyrgiou Trans Res 2017; Bowden 2019 (submitted); Tzafettas 2019 (submitted); Mitra Nat Comms 2019 (under revision)

Endometrial Cancer Prevention &

Management

Cancer & Metabolism S



up – Obesity & Diabetes

**Epidemiological
research**



**RPPA – Proteomics:
biobank samples – Bariatric**



**Inflammation &
Vaginal microbiome:
Biobank samples – Bariatric**



**Metabonome:
Biobank – Bariatric - USS**



Public Health

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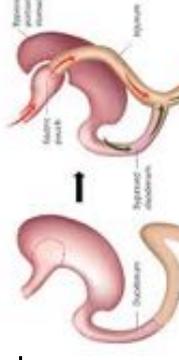
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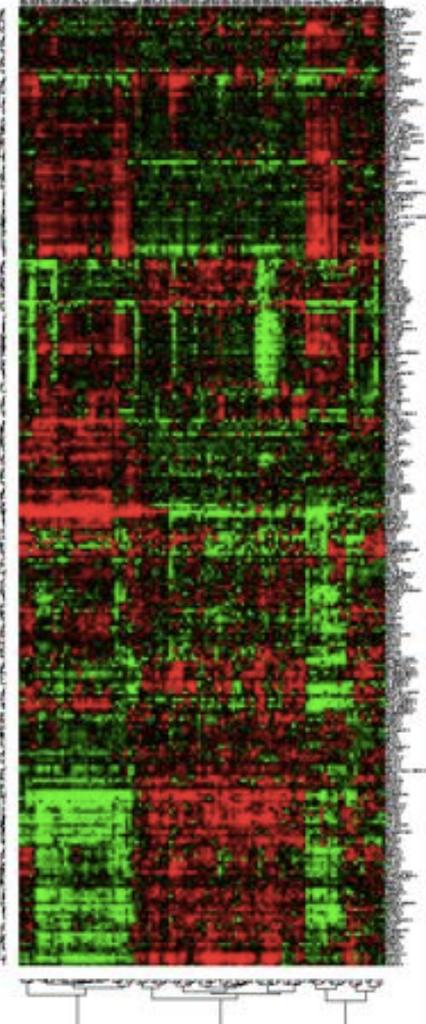


Epidemiology

RISK OF THESE 11 CANCERS

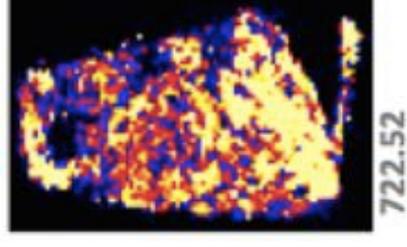
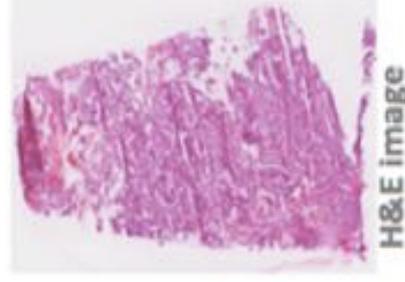


Proteomics

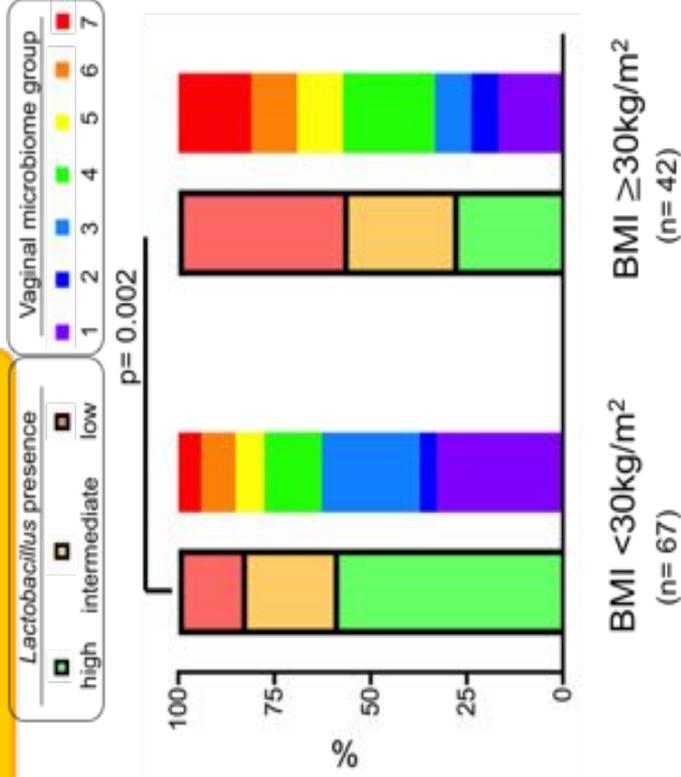


Metabonome

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Microbiome

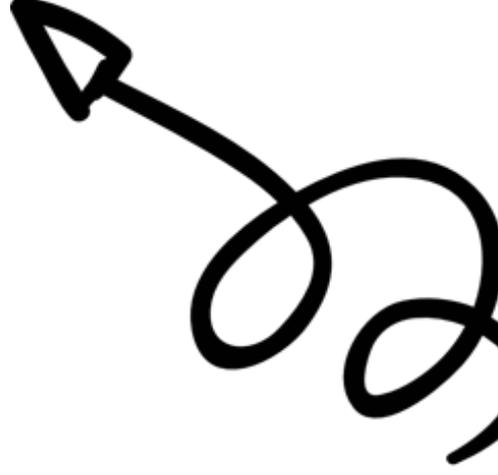


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How do we get from association to causality?



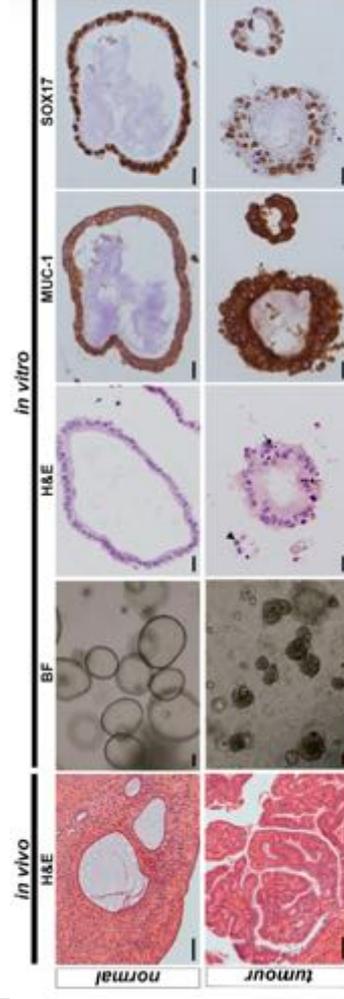
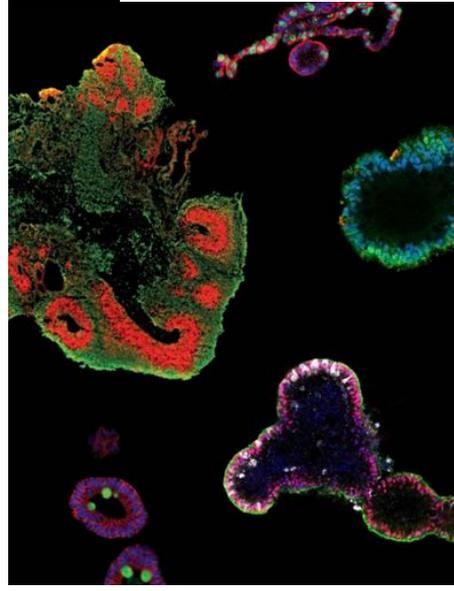
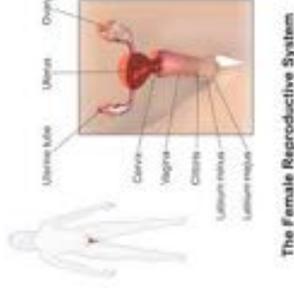
Genes
Epigenetics
Microbiome
Metabonomics



Disease
state

Gynaecological Cancers & Microbiome

- o Explore in entire Female Genital tract
- o In other cancers: endometrial – ovary
- o Gut microbiome – chemo resistance
- o **Organoids**: a miniature and simplified version of the endometrium that shows realistic micro-anatomy - 3D culture - inoculate with microbial products & assess effects on pathways



Other Collateral Interests

Clinical Trials

- NOVEL trial – Chief Investigator – led by Imperial HPV vaccination after cone
- SHAPE – TRUST - STATEC



Cancer - Precancer Treatment & Reproduction

- Imaging studies
- Microbiome and immunity
- Network Meta-analysis



Epidemiological Work & Cochrane Reviews

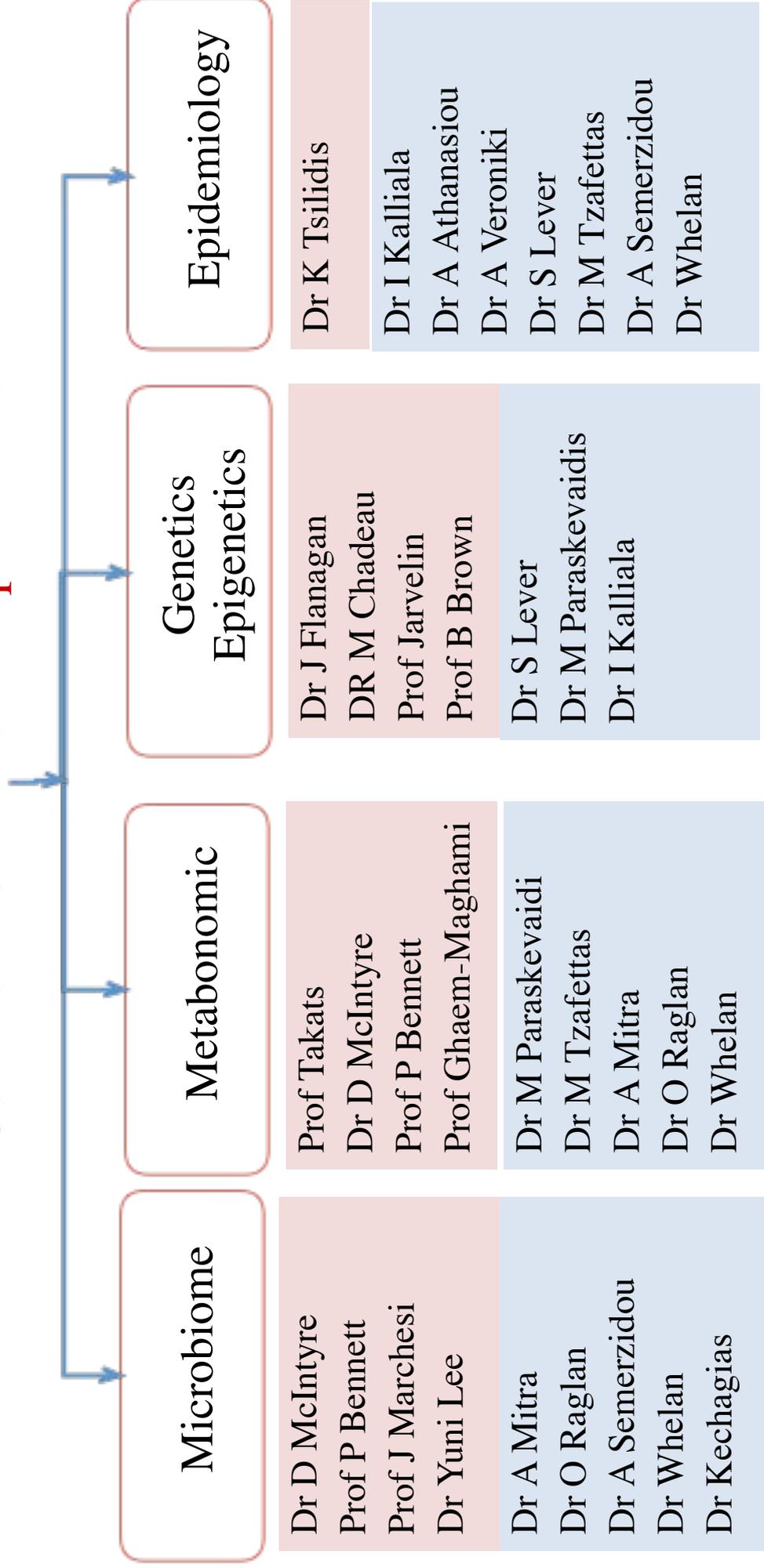
National Cancer Survivorship Agenda

- Modernise FU in GO pts
- Improve patients' satisfaction – PROM



Kyrgiou BMJ 2016; Kyrgiou Cochrane 2017; Kyrgiou BMJ 2014; Kyrgiou Cochrane 2015; Arbyn BMJ 2008; Kyrgiou Lancet 2006; Mitra 2019 (for submission); Beaver 2019

Collaborations across Departments





Personalising surgery for ovarian cancer

Diagnosis **Choosing treatment** **Is the treatment working?** **Prognosis**

National
Phenome Centre
-
Pilot study

Diagnostic Prognostic Biomarkers & Targets

Immunological
PD1/PD-L1

Surgical
outcome

Epigenetics

iKnife

Surgical
technology

IOTA- Diagnostics
Trans-IOTA
CT – MRI prediction
surgery

Novel
laparoscope

Clinical trials

- Γ Δ T-cell trials in design stage



Drug trials

- Immune Check point antibodies with drugs as a result of the work

Collaborations

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Personalising surgery for ovarian cancer

REGISTRATION OF SURGICAL EFFORT AND TUMOR BIOLOGY
PREDICTION OF SURGICAL AND CLINICAL OUTCOME

- Utilization of biopotential properties of cancerous tissue
- Spatial and temporal tumor heterogeneity
- Biomechanics of lymphatic tissue
- Radiomics and prediction of surgical and clinical outcome

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Uterine Transplant, Fertility Restoration & Vulva Disease

- **Uterine transplantation research & clinical programme:**

- Deceased donors
- Living donor cases
- Side projects: questionnaire, perception etc

- **Endometrial transplantation (ETx)**

- Endometrial autotransplant short term feasibility study in rabbits completed

- **Endometrial Regeneration through Bioengineering**

- Collaboration with The Stevens Group, a Regenerative Medicine and Tissue Engineering research group
- Developed novel biomaterial to target intrauterine adhesions and 3D *in vitro* endometrial models & *In vivo* mouse studies to test biomaterial in an intrauterine scarring model to start October 2019

- **Use of plasmajet in vulval intra-epithelial neoplasia**

- **Use of calcium electroporation in vulval cancer**





Receptor signalling and kinase inhibitor studies in cancer & reproduction

RNA splicing and microRNA function in stem cells

MicroRNAs and isomiRs

Previously published that microRNA variants (isomiRs) are functional, that small changes to the 5' end of a microRNA have a big impact upon mRNA targeting and that different tissues sometimes express different 5' isomiRs (Tan et al 2014 NAR).

Currently Some miRNAs ligate poorly to the 3' or 5' primers used in the standard Illumina cloning kit and are therefore under represented in probably all miRNA sequencing databases.

We (Catherine Long, PhD student, Leandro Castellano) have:

1. Improved ligation to the 3' primer (easy)
2. Improved ligation to the 5' primer (difficult)
3. Introduced an optional pulldown step for individual miRNAs and their isomiRs, which will greatly simplify their analysis and sequencing.

Background splicing and genetic disease

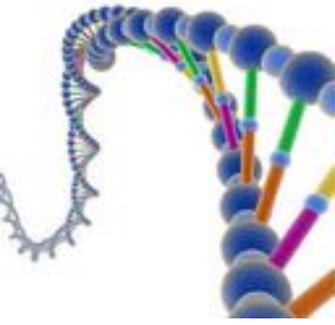
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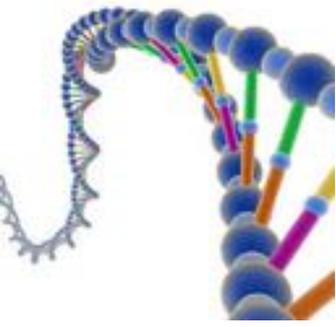


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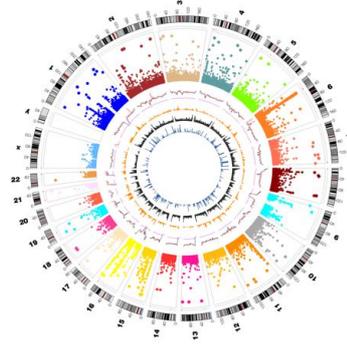
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Fertility Restoration

- **Uterine transplantation research programme:**
 - Deceased donors:
 - Investigational Study Into Transplantation of the Uterus (INSITU study)
 - HRA REC Ethics approval
 - 10 cases
 - NHSBT approval (RINTAG, NODC, NRG, SMT)
 - Sponsor approval to begin screen February 19th 2019
 - Funding by WTUK – first 3 cases secured – ongoing fundraising in progress
 - 199 women consented for pre-screen – 77 meet criteria
 - 10 invited to clinic for investigation and counselling
 - NHSBT go live date – November 2019

Fertility Restoration

- **Uterine transplantation clinical programme:**
 - Living donor cases:
 - First 2 cases planned January 2020
 - Sister / Sister donor / recipient pairs
 - Investigated, counselled and embryos created
- **Uterine transplantation side projects:**
 - Questionnaire assessing perceptions, motivations and acceptability towards altruistic uterine donation
 - Ongoing data collection (currently n=140)
 - Questionnaire assessing transgender women's perceptions towards uterine transplantation to determine potential demand in future
 - Data collected – currently being analyses (n=150)
 - The role of the microbiome in uterine transplantation
 - Impact upon clinical and reproductive outcomes
 - The use of multi-spectral imaging in uterine transplantation
 - To assess oxygenation post anastomosis

Fertility Restoration

- **Endometrial transplantation (ETx)**
 - Endometrial autotransplant short term feasibility study in rabbits completed (n=10)
 - Worlds first reported pregnancies achieved following ETx
 - Confirmed feasibility of procedure / controlled for endometrial regeneration
 - Endometrial allotransplant short term feasibility study in rabbits currently underway (n=12)
 - All rabbits currently alive and well
 - Currently undergoing IVF – outcomes expected November 2019
 - Ethics for human cases to be submitted following outcomes in animal allotransplant study

Tissue Preservation

- **Use of plasmajet in vulval intra-epithelial neoplasia**
 - Tissue sparing treatment modality
 - Data currently being analysed from last 5 years
- **Use of calcium electroporation in vulval cancer**
 - Initial promising results

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