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Monday, 6 October, 2025 (10:00 am - 6:30 pm)

Opening Remarks/Introduction Matthew Porteus, MD, PhD

10:00 - 10:05am

Sessi Chair	, PhD/Ayal Hendel, PhD	
10:05	5 – 10:25am	"Modulation of DNA repair to improve homology dependent recombination and primed repair" Marcello Maresca, PhD Senior Director, Genome Engineering - BioPharma R&D, AstraZeneca
10:25	5 – 10:45am	"Enhancing CRISPR-Cas Genome Editing in Human Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells Using HDR Enhancers" Ayal Hendel, PhD Associate Professor, Bar-Ilan University
10:45	5 – 11:05am	"Circularization of Single-Stranded DNA Donor Template Unleashes the Power of Non-Viral Gene Delivery for HSPC editing" Julien Valton, PhD Vice President Gene Therapy, Cellectis. SA
11:05	5 – 11:20am	"From Editing to Engineering - A New Role for Base Editors: Repurposing base editors for targeted knock-in and simultaneous knock-outs to generate multiplexedited allogeneic CAR T cells with minimal translocations" Viktor Glaser Berlin Center for Advanced Therapies Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin
11:20) – 11:35am	"Integration Frequency of Full and Truncated AAV Genomes in Cas9-Induced DSB Sites Is Determined by DNA Repair Pathways" Gloria Gonzalez-Aseguinolaza CIMA Universidad de Navarra

Break (25-minutes)

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Chairs - Alessia Cavazza, PhD/Matt Porteus, MD, PhD

12:00 – 12:20pm "Mechanistic insights to further advance gene and cell therapy applications"

Raffaella Di Micco, PhD

Group Leader at SR-TIGET, Milan Associate Professor at IUSS, Pavia

12:20 – 12:40pm "Characterization of hematopoietic stem cell fitness and safety for the clinical

application of a scalable HDR-based CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing platform"

Alessia Cavazza, PhD

Associate Professor in Gene Therapy

Zayed Centre for Research into Rare Diseases in Children

12:40 – 1:00pm "Advancing Therapies for Inborn Errors of Immunity Through Gene Editing"

Rasmus Bak, PhD Associate Professor Aarhus University

1:00 – 1:15pm "Novel homology-mediated end joining -IDLV precise integration for Therapeutic

Genome Editing in Hematopoietic Stem Cells"

Giulia Scalisi, PhD

Postdoctoral Scholar, Therapeutic genome editing team, Genethon, Inserm Integrare research unit UMR_S951

1:15 – 1:30pm "Optimized Gene Editing in Human HSPCs Enhances Efficiency While Preserving

Polyclonal Engraftment"

Isabel Ojeda Perez

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Lunch (60-minutes)

Session 3

Chairs - Justin Eyquem, PhD/David Rawlings, MD

2:30 – 2:50pm "In vivo HDR to reprogram T cells"

Justin Eyquem, PhD Associate Professor

Division of Hematology/Oncology University of California San Francisco

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2:50 – 3:10pm	"Modeling Therapeutic Application of HDR Engineered Regulatory T cells"

David Rawlings, MD

Director, Center for Immunity and Immunotherapies

Seattle Children's Research Institute

Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology, University of Washington School of Medicine

3:10 – 3:30pm *"Leveraging homology-directed repair for engineering B cell-based*

immunotherapies" Richard James, PhD

Associate Professor, Pediatrics and Pharmacology

Seattle Children's Research Institute

3:30 – 3:45pm "One-pot PASTA: Enhanced targeted integration of large transgenes in human T

cells via HDR-guided landing pad insertion and serine recombinases"

Isabell Kassing

Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin

3:45 – 4:00pm "Enabling gene therapy with Megabulb DNA -- a novel circular single-stranded

CRISPR editing template"

Elena Stoyanova, PhD Touchlight DNA Services

Break (30-minutes)

Session 4

Chairs – Matt Porteus MD, PhD/Jose Carlos Segovia Sanz, PhD

4:30 – 4:50pm "Translating Homology Directed Repair into the Clinic"

Matt Porteus, MD, PhD Professor of Pediatrics

Member Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine

Director, Center for Definitive and Curative Medicine

Sutardja Chuk Professor of Definitive and Curative Medicine

Stanford University

4:50 – 5:10pm "HDR based Gene Editing Therapy for Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency"

Jose Carlos Segovia Sanz, PhD

Head of the Cell Technology Division

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5:10 – 5:30pm *"Translating gene-size editing strategies of hematopoietic cells to the treatment of*

inherited diseases"

Luigi Naldini, MD, PhD

Director, San Raffaele Telethon Institute for Gene Therapy (SR-Tiget)

Professor of Tissue Biology and Gene Therapy Vita - Salute San Raffaele University Medical School

5:30 – 5:45pm "Targeted gene insertion for functional CFTR restoration in Cystic Fibrosis airway

epithelium"

Brian R. Davis, Ph.D.; Professor and Director

Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Research Center

Nancy R. and Eugene C. Gwaltney Family Endowed Chair in Medical Research Department of Medicine; Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine

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