

Weekly Research Newsletter January 29, 2018

Quote of the Day

[“If you ever get frustrated by peer review, remember Whitwell Elwrin, who upon reviewing the first three chapters of Darwin’s Origin, said that it should focus more on pigeons, because ‘everybody is interested in pigeons.’”](#)

Evolutionary biologist Joel McGlothlin offers a comforting historical tidbit for anyone facing a negative review. ([Twitter](#))

2018

Permian Basin Research Forum

Permian Basin
Research Forum
Organized by the
Residents’ Research
Subcommittee
Thursday, April 19, 2018

**Abstracts
Wanted**

Deadline: January 31, 2018

Please submit your abstracts to
melissa.waggoner@ttuhsc.edu


TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
at the Permian Basin



Nirmal K. Onteddu, MD, Zakaria Hindi, MD, Gaurav Rajashekar, MD, and Sanjeeva P. Kalva, MD,

“Segmental arterial mediolysis presenting as spontaneous bilateral renal artery dissection”

published in Radiology Case Reports.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.radcr.2017.11.017>


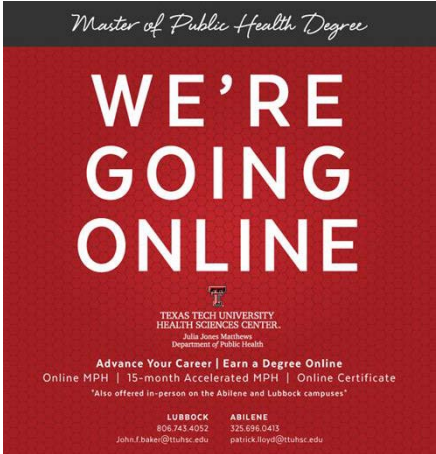




Mustafa Qureshi, MD,

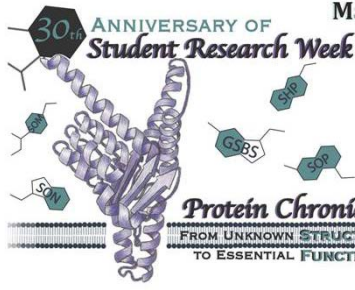

Saeed Ahmed, Ali Mahmood Khan, Hema Madhuri Mekala, Hema Venigalla, Rizwan Ahmed, Amira Etman, and Michael Esang,

“Combined use of electroconvulsive therapy and antipsychotics (both clozapine and non-clozapine) in treatment resistant schizophrenia: a comparative meta-analysis,”

[Heliyon](#), 2017 Nov 3;3(11):e00429. doi: 10.1016/j.heliyon.2017.e00429. eCollection 2017 Nov.

	<p>Members of the medical/scientific community Please circulate this to your colleagues and/or your department listserv</p> <p>Non-profit and medical organizations Please distribute this announcement to your professional members</p> <p>NVA Invites Medical Research Proposals Deadline to Submit Letter of Intent is Monday, February 26, 2018 Deadline to Submit Application is Wednesday, April 18, 2018</p> <p>The NVA is seeking research proposals on the causes and treatment of vulvodynia. We are especially interested in studies that may shed light on underlying pathophysiological mechanisms.</p> <p>If you are interested in applying, please send an email to Phyllis Mate (pmate@nva.org) by Monday, February 26, 2018 that includes a brief (1-2 paragraph) summary of your proposed study's design and objectives. Once we have received this information from you, we will email you a full application to complete and submit by Wednesday, April 18, 2018.</p> <p>The maximum grant amount is between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and we require confirmation that all funds will be applied to direct research costs, not institutional costs. If you've previously applied and/or received grant support from the NVA, you are still eligible to apply. Summaries of studies that NVA has funded to date can be viewed on NVA's web site.</p> <p>We welcome correspondence about potential projects. To discuss your proposal, please contact Phyllis Mate via email (pmate@nva.org).</p>
<h1>From TTUHSC</h1>	
<p>GUEST-SPEAKER PRESENTATION VIA TECHLINK FROM TTU (host Dr. Yuri Kobozev)</p> <p>TTUHSC at the P hosts Dr. Rama Chemitiganti and Dr. Kalpana Bhairavarasu</p>	 <p>Preethi Gunaratne, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Biology & Biochemistry Director, UH Seq-N-Edit Core (SNEC) University of Houston</p> <p>Role of Non-Coding RNAs in the Evolution of Precancerous Lesions and Drug Resistance</p> <p>Monday 02/12/2018 from 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM</p>
<p>January is National Radon Action Month</p> <p>This month highlights the dangers of a poisonous gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.</p>	<p>Radon is a clear, odorless, tasteless gas that occurs when uranium found naturally in soil breaks down. It rises through pockets of air in the soil and is released into the air, where it dissipates. However, when a structure is located over the rising radon, the gas can enter the building through microscopic holes in the foundation, cracks in solid floors or walls, construction joints, gaps in suspended floors or around service pipes, cavities inside walls, and a ground water supply, such as a well. It then becomes trapped in the building in quantities dangerous to humans. Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the U.S. is estimated to have elevated radon levels, and radon is can be a problem in both new and old homes, homes with and without basements or adequate insulation, homes next to buildings without a radon problem, and in every state. Radon levels also change over time, so it is important to test for changes every couple years. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends testing all homes below the third</p>
<p>New from our research collaborators</p>	 <p>Ector County Independent School District's chief innovation officer Jason Osborne speaks about bringing TEDx to Odessa during a press conference Thursday afternoon at the Odessa Chamber of Commerce.</p>

	<p>The first TEDx event will take place February 24 at The University of the Permian Basin Library Lecture Hall. The Feb. 24 event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Library Lecture Hall, 4901 E. University Blvd. The theme is "Moonshot Madness."</p>
<p>The Texas Perinatal Association and TTUHSC-El Paso Department of Pediatrics announce the 10th Annual Spectrum of Healthcare from Mother to Child Conference Friday April 28, 2018.</p> <p>For more information, please see the attached information or contact Jesia Boykin in the Office of Continuing Medical Education at TTUHSC PLFSOM, 915.215.4881 or jesia.boykin@ttuhsc.edu.</p>	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Residents' Research Subcommittee</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Goal <i>To help residents and medical students to achieve excellence in scholarly activities</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I welcome all to join in this initiative of innovation ... "Any idea, suggestion or project is welcome" "Collaborate with fellow residents and students"</p> <p>Under supervision of our exceptional research and clinical faculty here at Permian Basin, I, along with subcommittee members, plan to significantly further residents' research portfolio.</p> <p>I strongly believe that everyone's growth potential is limited only by their desire to discover. Let's discover this potential together.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recruitment in process ...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feel free to contact @ ritvij.satodiya@ttuhsc.edu</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ritvij Satodiya, PGY-1, Psychiatry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Residents' Research Subcommittee</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Welcome on board!!</i></p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Reminder about listing correct author affiliation</h2>	<p>When listing your affiliation for scholarly publications, <i>please use Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin</i>. Using this name will allow for others to more accurately search for your publications through databases such as PubMed.</p> <p>Please <i>do not use</i> names such as: Texas Tech Health Sciences, Texas Tech University, or TTUHSC.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">2016-2017 TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN AMENDED Scholarly Publications book</h2>	<p>The amended 2016-2017 Scholarly Publications book can be found at http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/documents/PBResearchBooklet.pdf</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER School of Medicine</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Collaborative Research Seed Grant Program 2018</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Deadline for grant applications: May 1, 2018</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nature of Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any area of research. This grant program is available to faculty on all SOM campuses. Projects must demonstrate a collaborative research initiative between one or more basic scientist and one or more clinical scientist in the SOM. <p>Amount: Up to 8 grants will be approved with funding up to \$20,000 each for a one-year project to support the preliminary or pilot phase of scientific projects, not to supplement funding already secured. (No salary support for the principal investigators will be provided. Additionally, funding may not be used for travel, renovations, society membership dues, large capital purchases, computers/software, entertainment costs, office supplies/furniture/equipment.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed grant submissions will be due May 1, 2018. Seed grant submissions should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abstract - 1 page Specific Aims - 1 page Introduction, background, research design and methods - up to 4 pages Specific role for each principal investigator - 1 page NIH Bio-sketch for each principal investigator - up to 5 pages A detailed budget with brief justification - 1 page (allowable items: research supplies, animal costs, part-time personnel, etc.) Other support: list all current and pending extramural support for the last three years, include results from previous SOM seed grants – no limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seed grant submissions that demonstrate a preliminary or pilot phase of scientific projects will be given priority. Seed grant submissions that demonstrate a strong possibility for extramural funding will be given priority. <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Jannette Dufour, Ph.D. Associate Dean for Research Jannette.dufour@ttuhsc.edu</p>
<h1 style="text-align: center;">2018 Student Research Week</h1>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">Save the Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 20th – 23rd, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TTUHSC Lubbock Campus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Includes a vendor show, poster competition, and keynote addresses from:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Jane Richardson & Dr. Francisco Bezanilla</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Protein Chronicles: FROM UNKNOWN STRUCTURES TO ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS</p> 
Information about identifying predatory journals	<p style="text-align: center;">The blacklist is dead; long live the blacklist</p> <p>A new watch list of 'predatory' journals and untrustworthy publishers is set to launch later this month — but only for those willing to pay. The service could fill a gap left by Beall's List, a popular blog run by academic Jeffrey Beall that listed potentially predatory journals, which was shut down suddenly five months ago. Nature 3 min read</p> <p>There is a list of Open Access/Predatory Publishers/Questionable Conferences is available from the CalTech Library at http://libguides.caltech.edu/c.php?g=512665&p=3503029</p>
Online	<p>Visit TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Research's webpage at: http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/default.aspx</p> <p>And like us on Facebook, visit the page: https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Tech-University-Health-Science-Center-in-the-Permian-Basin-Research-1612649318999433/</p>
	<p>For questions or to submit an item for the research newsletter contact: Dr. Natalia Schlabritz-Lutsevich, Associate Regional Dean of Research at natalia.schlabritz-lutsevich@ttuhsc.edu or Melissa Waggoner, Senior Editor at melissa.waggoner@ttuhsc.edu.</p>

