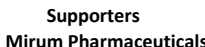


Sheila Sherlock Research Day 2026		
Time	Session Title	Thursday October 1 2026
8:30 - 9:00 am Breakfast and Registration		
Sheila Sherlock Research Day Opening Remarks		
9:00 - 10:30	Session 1	Abstract Presentation
	9 min presentation 3min Q&A	9:00 - 9:12 A Study to Assess Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure in Patients with Decompensated Cirrhosis using the Latest International Consensus Definitions Matthew McKenna-Barry
		9:12 - 9:24 A single centre experience of the clinical characteristics and outcomes of colectomy in patients with PSC associated IBD at the University Health Network Ola Sultan
	Moderators Loghman Salimzadeh	9:24 - 9:36 The Liver Contains Tissue-Resident HBsAg-Specific T Cells Across HBeAg ⁺ and HBeAg ⁻ Chronic Hepatitis B Despite Low Peripheral Responses Loghman Salimzadeh
		9:36 - 9:48 Cross-Reactivity-Guided HCV Vaccine Design Elicits Superior Neutralization Profile Compared to Alternative Immunogen Selection Strategies Alina Mehra
		9:48 - 10:00 Bioactivity and Antiviral efficacy of IFN α transiently expressed from lipid nanoparticle delivered mRNA in human cells Zeqi Wan
		10:00 - 10:12 Same Endpoint, Different Routes: Longitudinal HBsAg Decline and Post-Cure HBV-Specific T-Cell Responses Cong (Vicky) Xie
		10:12 - 10:24 Limited Clinical Utility of Baseline HBV DNA Testing in Patients Undergoing Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation Sanam Tabataba Vakili
AM Break 10:30 - 10:45 am Refreshments & Snacks		
10:45 - 12:15	Session 2	Abstracts Presentation
	9 min presentation 3min Q&A	10:45 - 10:57 Early diversification and selection of Hepatitis C virus transmitted/founder variants in human and humanized mouse recipients Nahla Fadlelmawla
		10:57 - 11:09 Deciphering HBV Immune Stealth: From Viral RNA Recognition to Therapeutic Targeting Atif Zahoor
	Moderators Layal Jbara	11:09 - 11:21 Single-Cell Atlas of Chronic Woodchuck Hepatitis-induced HCC Highlights Conserved Tumor-Driven Immune Exhaustion Shared with Human HCC Yijia (Kelly) Liu
		11:21 - 11:33 Dynamic Prediction of Graft Fibrosis After Liver Transplantation Using Multimodal Artificial Intelligence Ankita Ghatak
		11:33 - 11:45 Histopathology Foundation Models Distinguish Acute Cellular Rejection From MASH in Liver Allograft Biopsies Layal Jbara
		11:45 - 11:57 Personalized Kidney Function Benefit Estimation of Extended-Release Tacrolimus Using Machine Learning-Based Trial Simulation Saba Maleki
		11:57 - 12:09 Silent Trial of a Multi- Agent AI Selection Committee for Objective Assessment of Liver Transplant Candidacy Naga Karthik Enamundram
Lunch Break 12:15 - 1:30 pm Hot Lunch Served		
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Session 3	Abstract Presentations
	9 min presentation 3min Q&A	1:30 - 1:42 INSPIRE: Interventions for Screening and Treatment of Psychiatric Inpatients with HCV Resulting in Elimination – Provider Acceptability Survey Camelia Capraru
		1:42 - 1:54 Identifying Hepatitis C Through Universal Opt-Out Screening in the Emergency Department – A Case Study Katie Connolly
	Moderators Elena Valenzi Rachel Edgar	1:54 - 2:06 Evaluation of GHK and Trientine, With and Without Cholesterosome Delivery, for Copper Mobilization in Cellular Models of Wilson Disease Sohan Rasul
		2:06 - 2:18 Integrating Cell-Free DNA Methylation and Clinical Features to Classify Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis Ankit Ray
		2:18 - 2:30 Applying a human precision-cut liver slice platform to investigate the immune microenvironment in hepatocellular carcinoma Ariya Shiwram
		2:30 - 2:42 Defining FGFR2-Driven Tumorigenicity and Therapeutic Vulnerability in Cholangiocarcinoma Maria George
		2:42 - 2:56 Profiling clonal hematopoiesis-driven alterations of the liver immune landscape in Hepatocellular carcinoma Sandali Seneviratne
PM Break 3:00 - 3:15 pm Refreshments & Snacks		
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Sheila Sherlock Keynote Lecture	Joint lecture with keynote speaker; Q&A 3:55-4:15
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