

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1998-2001 B.S., Biotechnology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India
2001-2003 M.S., Biotechnology, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, India
2003-2009 Ph.D., Biotechnology, National Institute of Virology, Pune, India

Positions and Employment

2009 - 2012 Postdoctoral Associate, Virginia Polytechnic & State University, Blacksburg, VA
2013 - 2016 Postdoctoral Associate, University of Florida, Dept. of Pediatrics, Gainesville, FL
2016 - 2018 Assistant Scientist, University of Florida, Dept. of Pediatrics, Gainesville, FL
2018 - Present Assistant Research Professor, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

Awards / Fellowships

2001 B.S. 3rd State Ranking
2003 University Gold Medalist, Tezpur University
2003 - 2008 Graduate student scholarship, Indian Council of Medical Research
2016 Henry A. Kokomo award for excellence in Pediatric Research, University of Florida

Professional Memberships

2010 - 2012 Member, American Society of Virology
2010 - 2012 Member, American Association of Immunologists
2013 - Present Member, American Society of Hematology
2014 - Present Member, American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy

Teaching

GMS6253: Molecular Therapy III - Immunology of Gene Transfer, December 2016, University of Florida, 1 lecture

Committee

Scientific Advisory Board member ICBR Flow Cytometry Core, University of Florida, 2017

Laboratory Mentoring

Undergraduate Students

- Veronica Kuteyeva (2017-2018), Medical Honors Program (MHP), University of Florida

- Rania Saboungi (2017-2018), University of Florida

Internal

CTSI 10th Annual Meet, Poster session judge, September 2018, Indianapolis, IN
2018 IUSM Postdoc Symposium, Poster session judge, October 2018, Indianapolis, IN

Journal Reviewer

Translational Research (Elsevier)
Molecular Therapy Methods and Clinical Development (Cell Press)
Clinical and Vaccine Immunology (ASM)
MSphere (ASM)
Biotechnology and Applied Biochemistry (Wiley)
Protoplasma (Springer)

Grant Reviews

ANR, French National Research Agency, Generic call for Proposals, May 2018.

Extramural Funding

AWD00215 Biswas, Moanaro (PI) 07/01/16-07/01/19

Bayer Hemophilia Awards Program

T cell therapy against factor VIII inhibitors

072395-00002B Biswas, Moanaro (PI) 09/01/2018- 06/30/2021

National Hemophilia Foundation-Novo Nordisk Early Investigator Award

Engineered regulatory T cell therapy for tolerance to FVIII

Previous Grant Support

Use of engineered immune cells to improve tolerance to clotting factor therapy in hemophilia:
Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Pilot Award 2017.

Publications

1. Kwon KC, Sherman A, Chang WJ, Kamesh A, **Biswas M**, Herzog RW, Daniell H. Expression and assembly of largest foreign protein in chloroplasts: oral delivery of human FVIII made in lettuce chloroplasts robustly suppresses inhibitor formation in haemophilia A mice. Plant Biotechnol J. 2018 Jun;16(6):1148-1160
2. Rogers GL, Shirley JL, Zolotukhin I, Kumar SRP, Sherman A, Perrin GQ, Hoffman BE, Srivastava A, Basner-Tschakarjan E, Wallet MA, Terhorst C, **Biswas M**, Herzog RW. Plasmacytoid and conventional dendritic cells cooperate in crosspriming AAV capsid-specific CD8+ T cells. Blood. 2017 15;129(24):3184-3195. PubMed PMID: [28468798](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5472899](#). (co-senior author).
3. Wang X, Herzog RW, Byrne BJ, Kumar SRP, Zhou Q, Buchholz CJ, **Biswas M**. Immune Modulatory Cell Therapy for Hemophilia B Based on CD20-Targeted Lentiviral Gene Transfer

- to Primary B Cells. Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev. 2017 Jun 16;5:76-82. PubMed PMID: [28480307](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5415320](#). (senior author).
4. **Biswas M**, Rogers GL, Sherman A, Byrne BJ, Markusic DM, Jiang H, Herzog RW. Combination therapy for inhibitor reversal in haemophilia A using monoclonal anti-CD20 and rapamycin. Thromb Haemost. 2017 Jan 5;117(1):33-43. PubMed PMID: [27683758](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5222884](#).
 5. Jain N, Oswal N, Chawla AS, Agrawal T, **Biswas M**, Vrati S, Rath S, George A, Bal V, Medigeshi GR. CD8 T cells protect adult naive mice from JEV-induced morbidity via lytic function. PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2017 Feb;11(2):e0005329. PubMed PMID: [28151989](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5308832](#).
 6. Herzog RW, Cooper M, Perrin GQ, **Biswas M**, Martino AT, Morel L, Terhorst C, Hoffman BE. Regulatory T cells and TLR9 activation shape antibody formation to a secreted transgene product in AAV muscle gene transfer. Cell Immunol. 2017 Aug 1. pii: S0008-8749(17)30120-X. doi: 10.1016/j.cellimm.2017.07.012. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 28888664; PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5794662](#).
 7. Perrin GQ, Zolotukhin I, Sherman A, **Biswas M**, de Jong YP, Terhorst C, Davidoff AM, Herzog RW. Dynamics of antigen presentation to transgene product-specific CD4+ T cells and of Treg induction upon hepatic AAV gene transfer. Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev. 2016; 3:16083. PubMed PMID: [27933310](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5142511](#).
 8. **Biswas M**, Sarkar D, Kumar SR, Nayak S, Rogers GL, Markusic DM, Liao G, Terhorst C, Herzog RW. Synergy between rapamycin and FLT3 ligand enhances plasmacytoid dendritic cell-dependent induction of CD4+CD25+FoxP3+ Treg. Blood. 2015 May 7;125(19):2937-47. PubMed PMID: [25833958](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC4424416](#).
 9. Sarkar D, **Biswas M**, Liao G, Seay HR, Perrin GQ, Markusic DM, Hoffman BE, Brusko TM, Terhorst C, Herzog RW. Ex Vivo Expanded Autologous Polyclonal Regulatory T Cells Suppress Inhibitor Formation in Hemophilia. Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev. 2014 Jul 30;1PubMed PMID: [25364772](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC4213815](#).
 10. Kumar SR, **Biswas M**, Elankumaran S. Pandemic H1N1 influenza A virus induces a potent innate immune response in human chorionic cells. Viral Immunol. 2014 Apr;27(3):129-37. PubMed PMID: [24702460](#).
 11. Dhanasekaran S, **Biswas M**, Vignesh AR, Ramya R, Raj GD, Tirumurugaan KG, Raja A, Kataria RS, Parida S, Elankumaran S. Toll-like receptor responses to Peste des petits ruminants virus in goats and water buffalo. PLoS One. 2014 Nov 4;9(11):e111609. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0111609. eCollection 2014.
 12. **Biswas M**, Johnson JB, Kumar SR, Parks GD, Elankumaran S. Incorporation of host complement regulatory proteins into Newcastle disease virus enhances complement evasion. J Virol. 2012 Dec;86(23):12708-16. PubMed PMID: [22973037](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC3497656](#).
 13. **Biswas M**, Kumar SR, Allen A, Yong W, Nimmanapalli R, Samal SK, Elankumaran S. Cell-type-specific innate immune response to oncolytic Newcastle disease virus. Viral Immunol. 2012 Aug;25(4):268-76. PubMed PMID: [22808996](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC3413068](#).
 14. Kumar SR, Deflube L, **Biswas M**, Shobana R, Elankumaran S. Genetic characterization of swine influenza viruses (H3N2) isolated from Minnesota in 2006-2007. Virus Genes. 2011 Oct;43(2):161-76. doi: 10.1007/s11262-011-0618-4. Epub 2011 May 21. PubMed PMID: 21603982.

15. Gopinath VP, **Biswas M**, Raj GD, Raja A, Kumanan AK, Elankumaran S. Molecular cloning and tissue-specific expression of Toll-like receptor 5 gene from turkeys. Avian Dis. 2011 Sep;55(3):480-5. PubMed PMID: 22017051.
16. Elankumaran S, Chavan V, Qiao D, Shobana R, Moorkanat G, **Biswas M**, Samal SK. Type I interferon-sensitive recombinant newcastle disease virus for oncolytic virotherapy. J Virol. 2010 Apr;84(8):3835-44. PubMed PMID: [20147405](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC2849496](#).
17. **Biswas SM**, Kar S, Singh R, Chakraborty D, Vipat V, Raut CG, Mishra AC, Gore MM, Ghosh D. Immunomodulatory cytokines determine the outcome of Japanese encephalitis virus infection in mice. J Med Virol. 2010 Feb;82(2):304-10. PubMed PMID: [20029807](#).
18. **Biswas SM**, Ayachit VM, Sapkal GN, Mahamuni SA, Gore MM. Japanese encephalitis virus produces a CD4+ Th2 response and associated immunoprotection in an adoptive-transfer murine model. J Gen Virol. 2009 Apr;90(Pt 4):818-26. PubMed PMID: [19264621](#).
19. Dewasthaly SS, Bhonde GS, Shankararaman V, **Biswas SM**, Ayachit VM, Gore MM. Chimeric T helper-B cell peptides induce protective response against Japanese encephalitis virus in mice. Protein Pept Lett. 2007;14(6):543-51. PubMed PMID: [17627594](#).

Reviews

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2. **Biswas M**, Kumar SRP, Terhorst C, Herzog RW. Gene Therapy With Regulatory T Cells: A Beneficial Alliance. Front Immunol. 2018 Mar 19;9:554. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2018.00554. eCollection 2018. Review. PubMed PMID: 29616042; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC5868074. **(Invited Review, senior author)**.
3. Sherman A, **Biswas M**, Herzog RW. Innovative Approaches for Immune Tolerance to Factor VIII in the Treatment of Hemophilia A. Front Immunol. 2017 Nov 24;8:1604. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2017.01604. eCollection 2017. Review. PubMed PMID: 29225598; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC5705551.
4. Kumar SR, Markusic DM, **Biswas M**, High KA, Herzog RW. Clinical development of gene therapy: results and lessons from recent successes. Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev. 2016;3:16034. PubMed PMID: [27257611](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC4879992](#).
5. **Biswas M**, Terhorst C, Herzog RW. Treg: tolerance vs immunity. Oncotarget. 2015 Aug 21;6(24):19956-7. PubMed PMID: 26119156; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4652974.

Oral Abstracts

1. Reprogrammed CD4⁺ T Cells That Express FoxP3⁺ Effectively Control Inhibitory Antibody Development in Hemophilic Mice. **Moanaro Biswas**, Veronica Kuteyeva, Roland Herzog. **Blood** 2017 130:175
2. Generation of FVIII-Specific Tregs Expressing a Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) to Suppress Inhibitor Development in Hemophilia a Mice. **Moanaro Biswas**, Todd Brusko, Roland Herzog. **Blood** 2017 130:176

3. Wang X, Herzog RW, Byrne BJ, Kumar SRP, Zhou Q, Buchholz CJ, **Biswas M.** CD20 Receptor Targeted Lentiviral Gene Transfer of IgG-Fusion Protein into B Cells to Induce Tolerance in Hemophilia B Mice. **ASGCT Annual Meeting 2017**.
4. Biswas M. Forced expression of FoxP3 in CD4⁺ T cells from FVIII immunized mice to control inhibitor development in hemophilia A mice. **ASGCT Annual Meeting 2017**.
5. Combination therapy with CD20 antibody and rapamycin for inhibitor reversal in hemophilia A: preclinical evaluation. **World Federation of Hemophilia 2016 World Congress**, Orlando, FL, 2016
6. Optimal In Vivo Treg Induction and Suppression of Immune Responses by Synergistic Use of Rapamycin and FLT3 Ligand. **Molecular Therapy** 2015 25:S118
7. Characterization of Ex Vivo Expanded Tregs for Suppression of Immune Responses in Hemophilia Treatment. **Molecular Therapy** 2014 22:S304-S305
8. Improving complement evasion strategies of Newcastle disease virus vectors. **M Biswas**, J Johnson, S Kumar, G Parks and S Elankumaran. **American Society of Virology**, Madison, WI, 2012.
9. Oncolytic Newcastle disease infects and kills cancer-initiating cells from glioma cell lines. **M Biswas**, S. Ragunath and S. Elankumaran. **American Society of Virology**, Bozeman, MA 2010.
10. Differential cellular antiviral responses to recombinant oncolytic Newcastle disease virus strains. **M Biswas**, S Kumar, R Nimmannapalli and S Elankumaran. **Eleventh Southeastern Regional Virology Conference**, Atlanta, GA, 2010.