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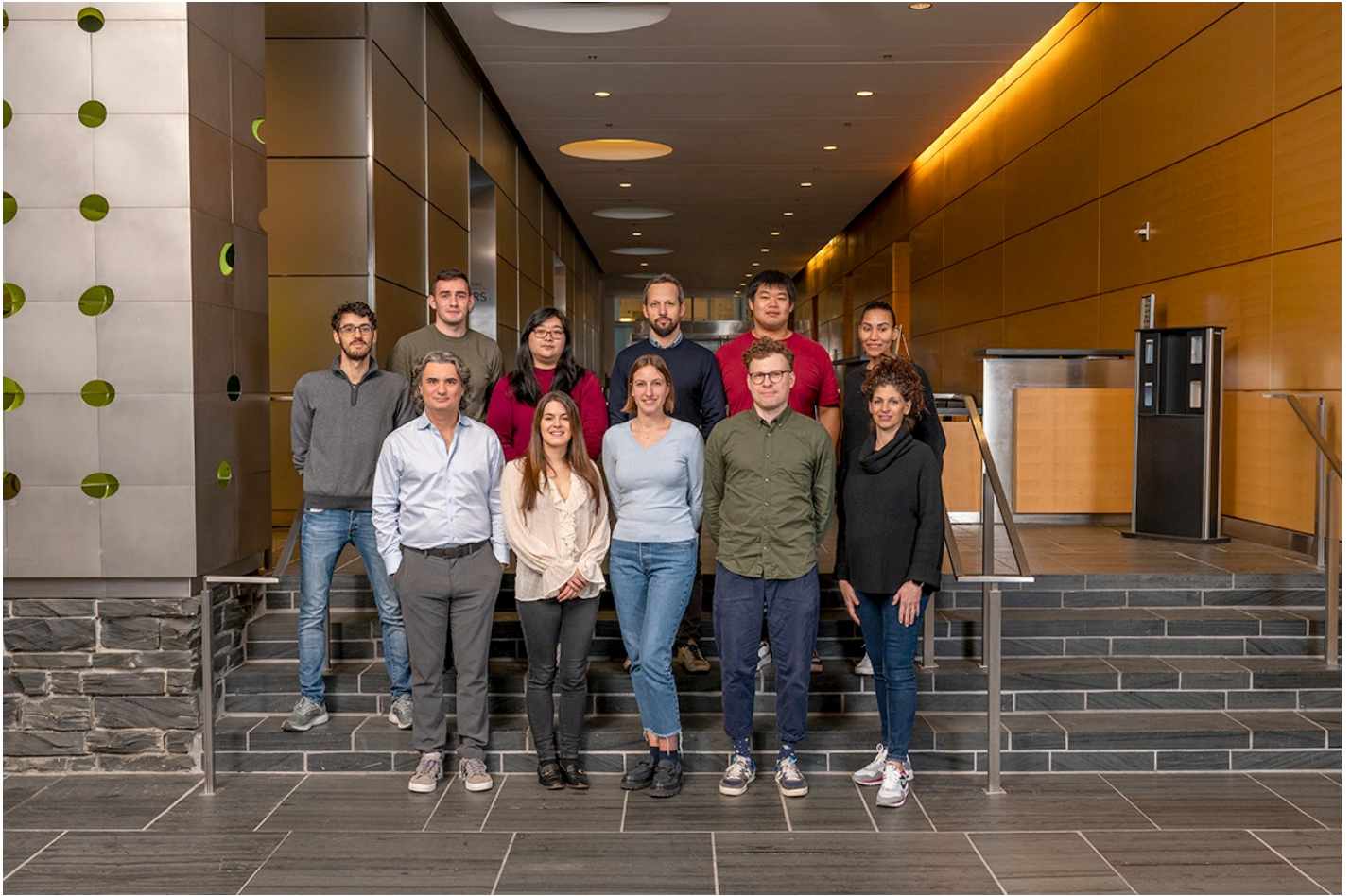
Andrea Ventura, MD, PhD

One of the most exciting discoveries of the last two decades has been the identification of a large number of non-coding RNAs and the realization that they play essential roles in mammalian development and in diseases. Their study and the characterization of their contribution to the pathogenesis of human cancer is the central focus of our group. To learn more about our lab, please visit our blog and webpage at: www.venturalaboratory.com .

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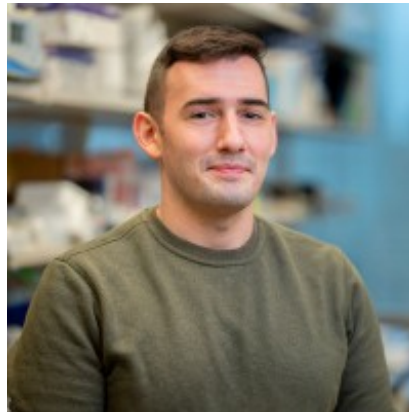
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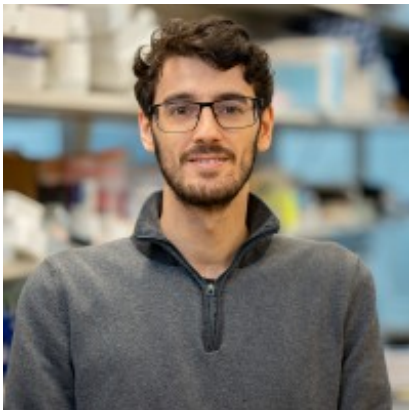
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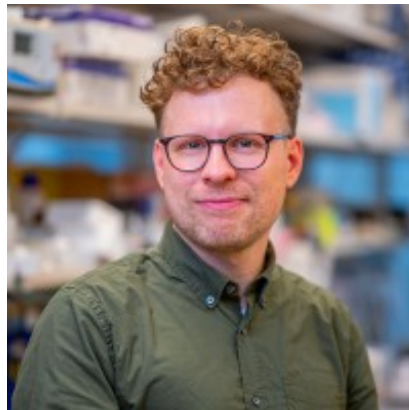
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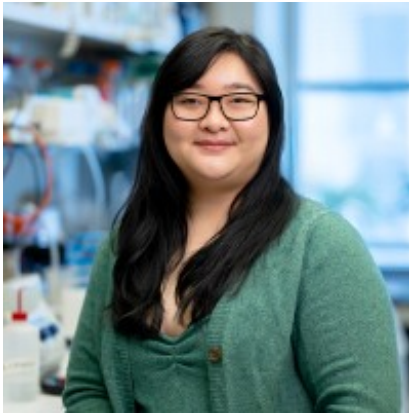
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