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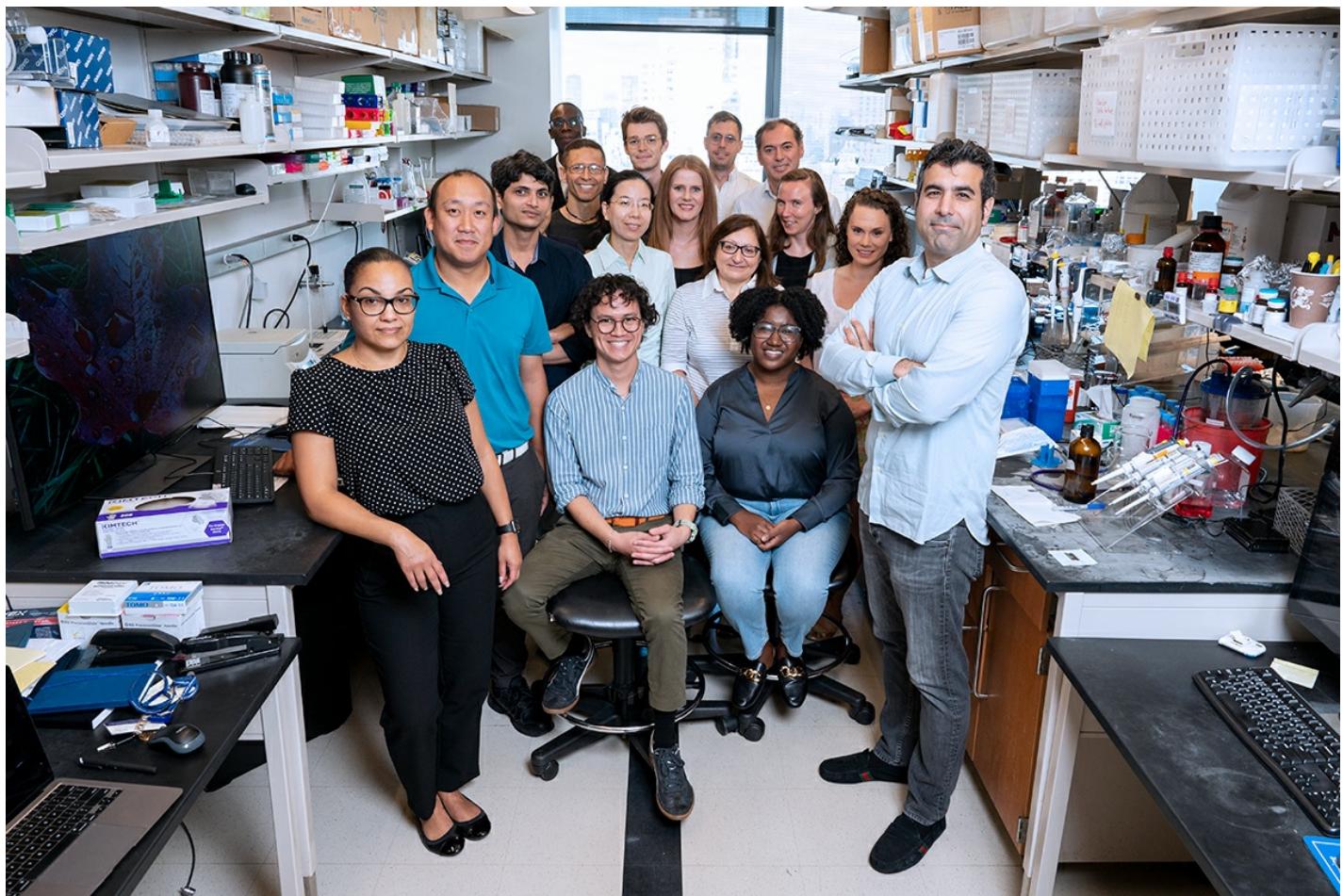
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Fred Lebow Chair at MSK

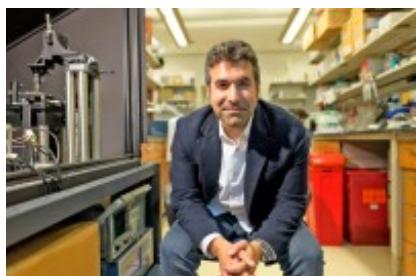
The goal of our research program is to improve our biochemical understanding of cancer metabolism and use metabolic changes to develop non-invasive methods for diagnosis as well as approaches to treat cancer. Our work takes advantage of multi-modality methods at all scales, with a special focus in hyperpolarized magnetic resonance, allowing us the ability to bring these approaches to the clinic.

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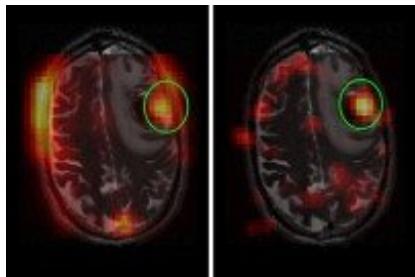
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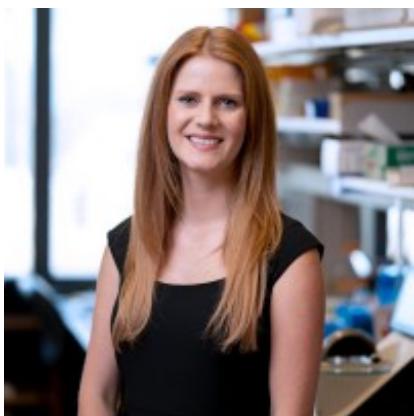
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- 2012 Junior Fellow, International Society of Magnetic Resonance in

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- 2019 NIH Rising Stars



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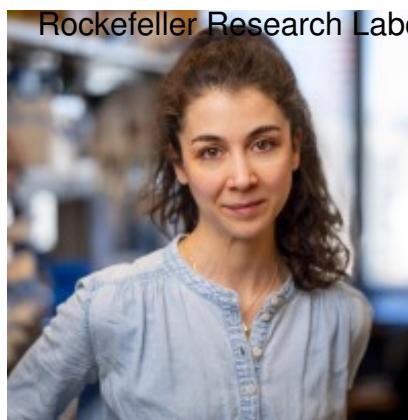
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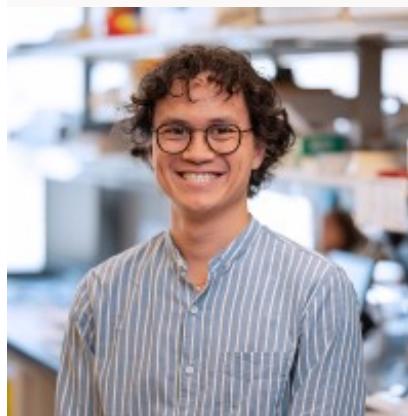
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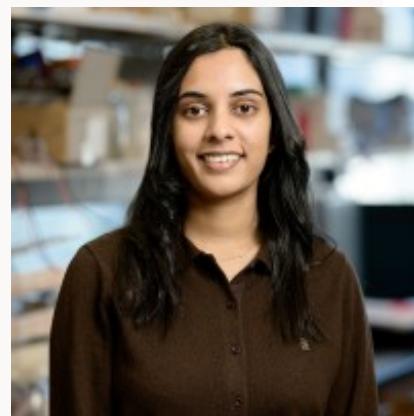


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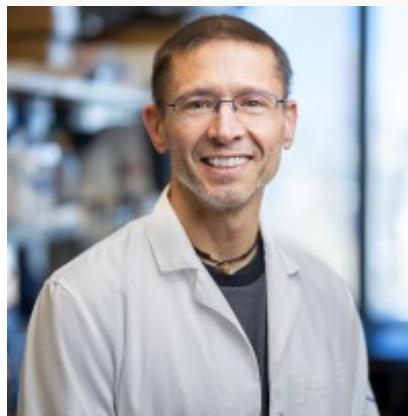
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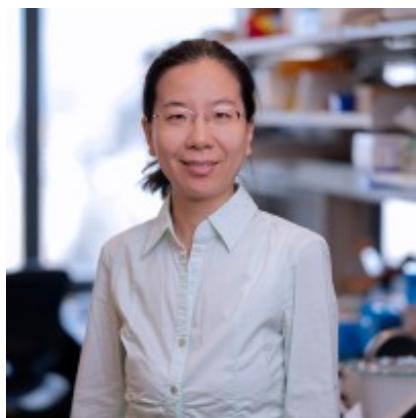
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