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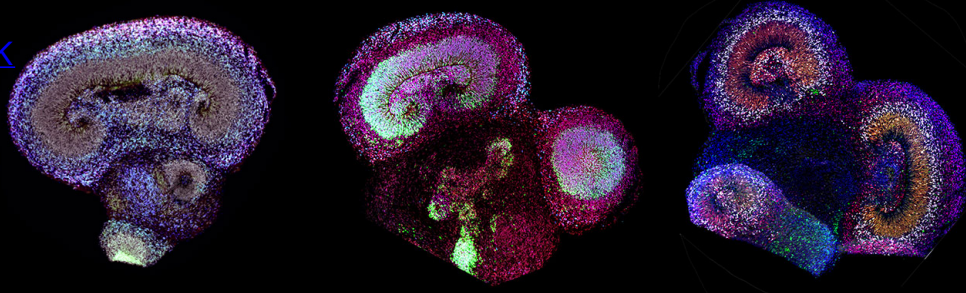
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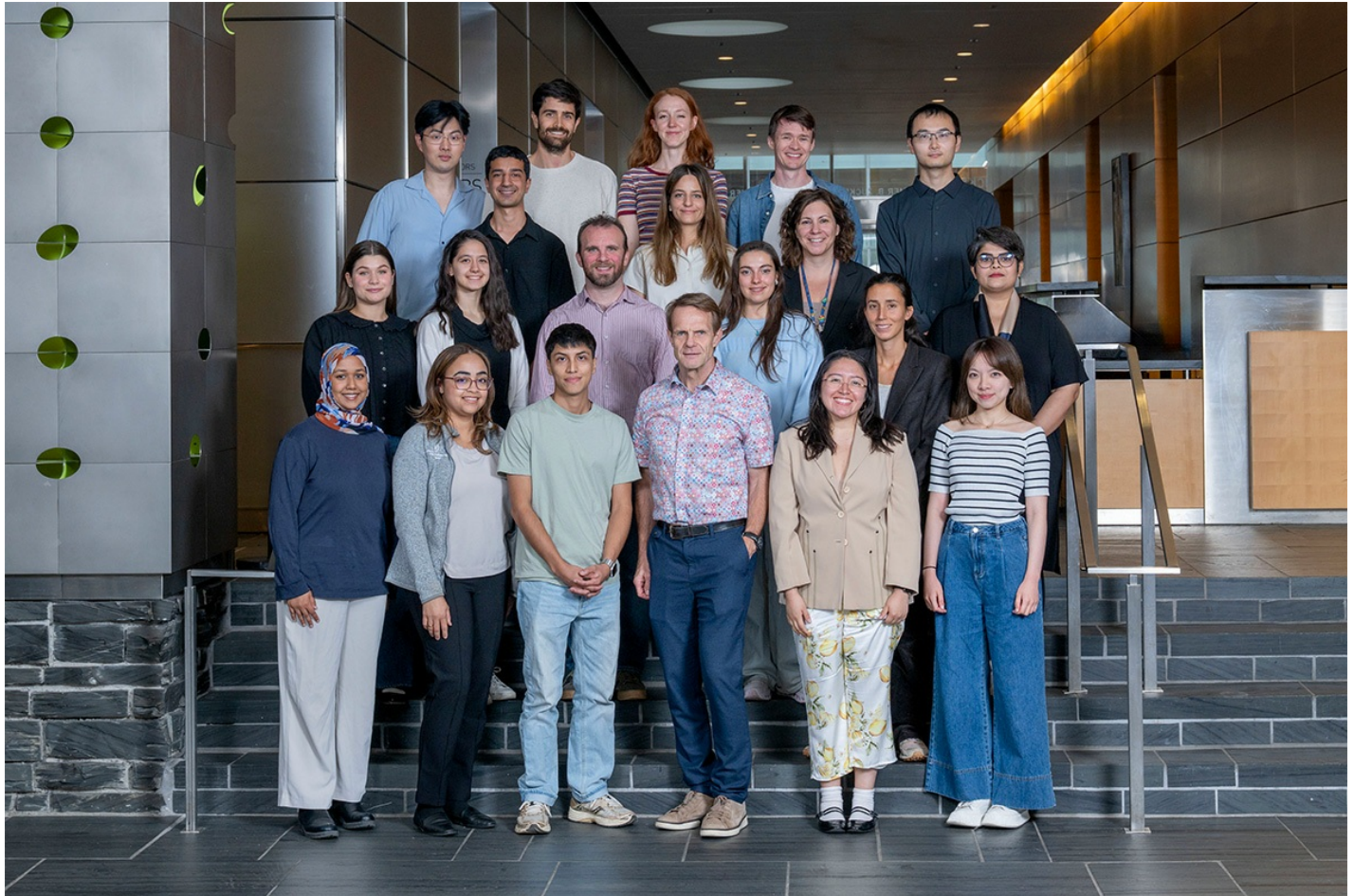
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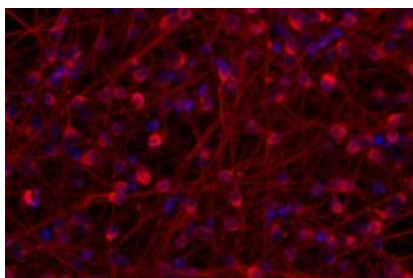
Our laboratory aims at exploiting recent advances in stem cell biology to develop radically new therapies for degenerative disease and cancer. The main focus in the lab is on the biology and application of human embryonic stem (ES) and human induced pluripotent (iPS) cells. Pluripotent stem cells can provide a truly unlimited source for deriving therapeutically relevant cell types for applications in human disease modeling or regenerative medicine.

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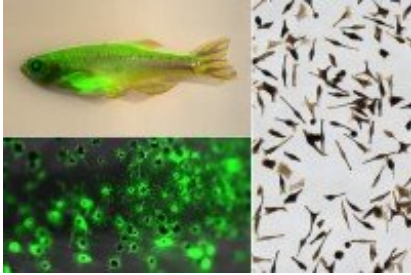


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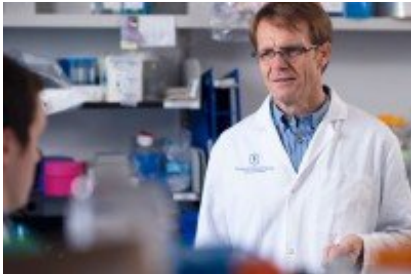
New research led by MSK has uncovered a way to “hack” neurons' internal clocks to speed up their development. The approach promises to accelerate research into neurological disease.



[Why Are Only Some Cells ‘Competent’ to Form Cancer? MSK Scientists Say Context Is Key](#)

Experiments with zebrafish and human pluripotent stem cells reveal the necessary ingredients, besides genetic mutations, that fuel the development of melanoma.

Q&A



[Taking Aim at Parkinson’s Disease: A Conversation with Developmental Biologist Lorenz Studer](#)

In an interview in September 2020, Dr. Studer spoke about what he hopes he and his fellow investigators can accomplish with this generous support.

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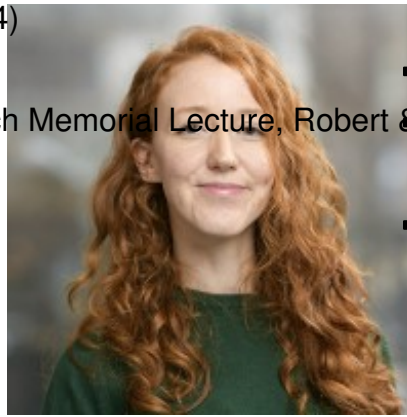
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Achievements

- Member, National Academy of Medicine (2024)
- Helis Foundation Prize for Parkinson's disease and Neurodegenerative Research, John's



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- ISSCR Achievement Award (2022)
- ISSCR, Ernest McCulloch Memorial Lecture, Robert & Claire Pasarow Foundation Award (2019)
- Jacob & Louise Gabbay Award in Biotechnology & Medicine (2018)

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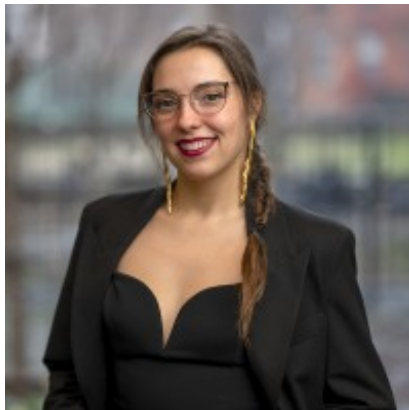
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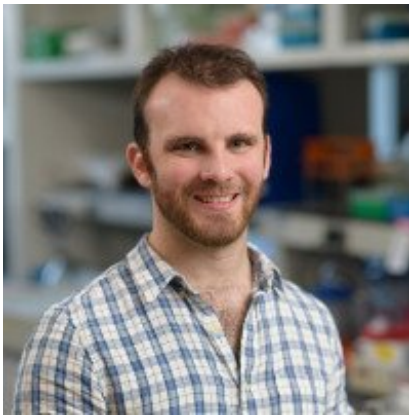
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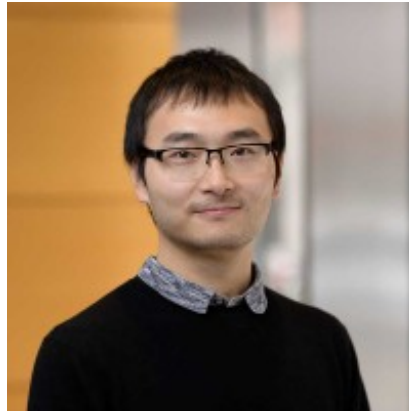
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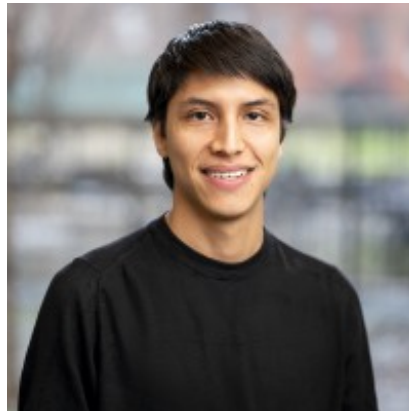
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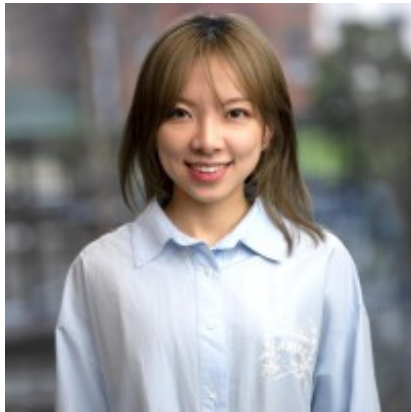
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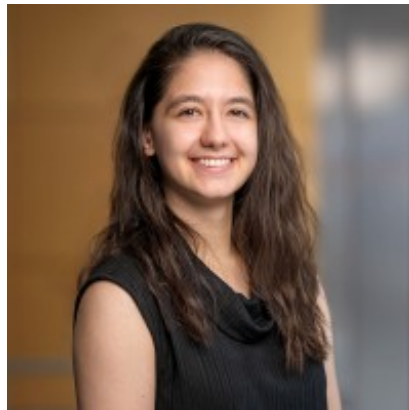


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