



Studying neurodevelopmental disorders using human stem cell-derived models

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LOCATION APOTEX 050

SPEAKER

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ABSTRACT

This talk will discuss the use of mouse and patient-derived neural 3D organoid/assembleoid models, in combination with multi-omic approaches, to study neurodevelopmental and adult neurological disorders. The focus will be on studying genetic risk factors for neurological disorders, and identifying molecular/cellular mechanisms of disease. The long-term goal is to utilize these platforms to study disease etiology, and develop regenerative medicine approaches such as genetic therapies.

BIO

Dr. Singh is a Senior Scientist in the Donald K. Johnson Eye Institute and Krembil Research Institute, located with University Health Network (UHN) since 2020. He is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, and Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology (LMP) at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Prior to this, he was at McMaster University from 2012-2020 where he was a Scientist and Neural Program Lead at the Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute, The David Braley Chair in Stem Cell Research, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences at McMaster University. His lab utilizes patient-derived neural 3D organoid/assembleoid models, in combination with multi-omic approaches, to study neurodevelopmental and adult neurological and vision disorders. The long-term goal is to utilize these platforms to study disease etiology, and develop regenerative medicine approaches such as genetic therapies. He holds national and international funding from CIHR, NSERC, SCN, NFRF, ERARE, ERA-NET and the Ontario Brain Institute.

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