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Scientific Tools in Biological Assays Principles of Cell Cultures and Genetics

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Fully online Synchronous sessions

Theoretical (T): 9.75 h Practical (P): 4.5 h Virtual Lab (VL): 2.25 h Total: 16.5 h

Day 1 – 17th March

- 8:45 Welcome Alexandra Brito, FFUL, Portugal
- 9:00 Human genome: from basics to disease (T) Isabel Rivera, FFUL, Portugal
- **9:45** Epigenetics in health and disease (T) *Paul Peixoto, Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté, France*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Pharmacogenetics: from principles to biomarkers and personalized medicines (T) Elsa Rodrigues, FFUL, Portugal
- **11:45** Proteogenomics and its applications to biology and precision medicine (T) *Rahman Jamal, Universit Kebangsaan, Malaysia* **12:30** Lunch
 - 13:45 Bioinformatic tools in genome analysis (P) Filipa Vale, FFUL, Portugal
 - 14:30 Genome editing: tools and principles (T) Manuel Gonçalves, Leiden University Medical Center, The Netherlands
- **15:15** High-throughput and high-content screening technologies for RNA-based therapies (T) *Miguel Mano, University of Coimbra, Portugal*

16:00 Break

- **16:30** Why Networks Matter: Embracing Biological Complexity (T) John Quackenbush, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, USA
- 17:15 Basics in cell cultures: human and mouse cell lines (P; VL) Rafaela Silvestre, FFUL, Portugal
- 18:00 End of session

Day 2 – 18th March

- **9:00** MicroRNAs: small but powerful regulators of gene expression (T) Marta Olejniczak, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
- 9:45 MicroRNAs as biomarkers and therapeutic targets (T) Alexandra Brito, FFUL, Portugal
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 MicroRNAs as players in brain pathology (T) Eleonora Aronica, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **11:45** RNA interference technology to overcome cancer chemoresistance using non-viral vectors for assisting siRNA uptake by malignant cells (T) *Amália S Jurado, University of Coimbra, Portugal*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:45 Next generation sequencing analysis of miRNAs (P) Jessy Slota, University of Manitoba, Canada
- **14:30** Basics onto genetic tools: genetic engineering and recombinant plasmid construction (P) *Madalena Pimentel, FFUL, Portugal*
- **15:15** Bacterial plasmid production: competent bacteria transformation and plasmid DNA purification (P; VL) *Inês Figueira, CEDOC, Portugal*

16:00 Break

- 16:30 Gene modulation: siRNA and plasmid transfection (P; VL) Sara Caetano, FFUL, Portugal
- **17:00** Molecular biology tools: RNA extraction and quantification, cDNA synthesis and RT-qPCR) (P; VL) *Joana Godinho-Pereira, FPUL, Portugal*

17:30 Challenges and emerging directions in single-cell analysis (T) *Guo-Cheng Yuan, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA* 18:00 End of session

Day 3 – 19th March

9:00 Evaluation of genetic modulation efficiency: immunocytochemistry (P; VL) Ana Rita Garcia, FFUL, Portugal
9:45 Evaluation of genetic modulation efficiency: in situ hybridization (P; VL) Joana Godinho-Pereira, FFUL, Portugal
10:30 Break

11:00 Evaluation of genetic modulation safety and efficacy: viability and migration (P; VL) *Ana Rita Garcia, FFUL, Portugal* **11:45** Genomic assay: single cell and spatial transcriptomics (T) *Kyoung Jae Won, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.* **12:30** Course assessment and closing *Alexandra Brito, FFUL, Portugal*