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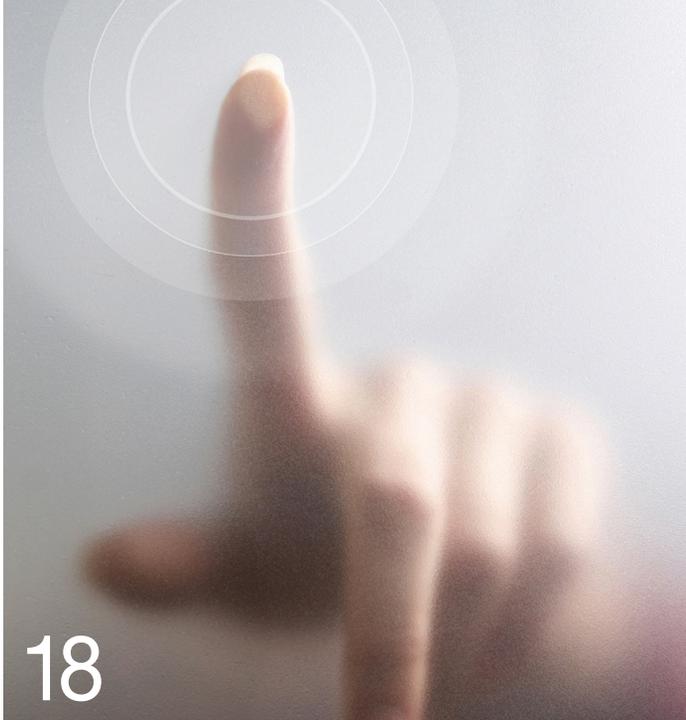
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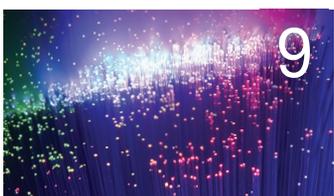
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NOBEL PRIZE AWARDED TO SCIENTISTS FOR CRYO-ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

By Michael Howie

On October 4, 2017, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank, and Richard Henderson for their development of cryo-electron microscopy, which, according to the Noble Committee, “has moved biochemistry into a new era.” Thanks to their pioneering work, scientists can now produce highly resolved, three-dimensional images of protein structures that may lead to a better understanding of biological function and the development of new therapies.

Their work has spanned decades, starting back in 1975 when Frank, a biophysicist, developed a process to combine fuzzy, two-dimensional images from an electron microscope into a sharper three-dimensional image. While Frank was still at work on his process in the early 1980s, Dubochet, also a biophysicist, succeeded in vitrifying water around a biological sample inside an electron microscope vacuum, which allowed the biomolecules to retain their natural shapes instead of collapsing. And in 1990, Henderson, a biologist, succeeded in using an electron microscope to create a three-dimensional image of a

protein at atomic resolution, solidifying the technology’s potential and proving that electron microscopes can be used to image more than dead matter.

Revolutionizing Biochemistry

Cumulatively, this field of research has come to be known as cryo-electron microscopy. The technique is used to freeze biomolecules in mid-movement and create accurate, three-dimensional images of sub-cellular and molecular structures and revealing details that were previously impossible to visualize. Over the years, electron microscopes have been tweaked and improved to provide better images, and the desired level of atomic resolution was reached in 2013. According to the Nobel Committee’s announcement, cryo-electron microscopy has been used to produce images of “everything from proteins that cause antibiotic resistance to the surface of the Zika virus.”

Nobel Committee Chairman Sara Snogerup Linse explained that the technique is revolutionary for biochemistry. “Now we can see the intricate details of the

biomolecules in every corner of our cells, in every drop of our body fluids. We understand how they are built and how they act and how they work together in large communities,” she said during the announcement.

Frank believes that cryo-electron microscopy “fills an important gap and extends the range of molecules that can be determined at atomic resolution.” He also stated that the technique has immense practical uses, though it would be years before the implications are fully understood.



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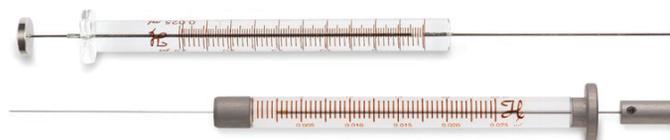
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GLASSBLOWN MICROSPHERES MAKE HIGHLY SENSITIVE SENSORS

By Moira Bell

Just like the slightest sound can travel around the curved walls of a whispering gallery, light can spin around the internal circumference of a sphere to create an optical whispering gallery mode resonator. This kind of ultrasensitive sensor could be used for a variety of applications, but creating a sphere of this kind using microfabrication methods was not possible. Recently, researchers at Penn State University developed an innovative way to “grow” glass microspherical shells on a microchip.

“Whispering gallery mode resonators, which are basically optical resonators, have been intensely studied for at least 20 years,” said Srinivas Tadigadapa, PhD, professor of electrical engineering, Penn State University. “What people have done is to take an optical fiber and touch the end with a blow torch. When the melted fiber recondenses, it forms a sphere at the tip. This can be coupled to a light source to make a sensor.”

Making the Perfect Sphere

To create the almost perfect bubble spheres, researchers used a glassblowing technique: a thin glass wafer being exposed to high heat and external vacuum pressure. The glass spheres were made hollow by using sealed and pressurized

cylindrical cavities etched into silicone substrate. “The bottom of the sphere is thinned until it is basically a hole,” said Dr. Tadigadapa.

It took the research team several attempts to make a high-quality sensor. Something they eventually discovered is that the equatorial plane (or center) of the sphere needs to be above the surface of the chip for the sphere formation to be optimal. They also consulted with the doctoral students of Penn State laser expert, Zhiwen Liu, professor of electrical engineering, to get a better understanding of the quality of their spheres.

“You can bring in any analyte that you want to identify, but it goes on the inner surface. That brings in a lot of possibilities. You can do chemical sensing, vapor sensing, biophysical sensing, pressure sensing and really outstanding temperature sensing,” said Dr. Tadigadapa.

“We make the bubbles and then take them to Dr. Liu’s lab to get the resonance levels and make the measurements,” said doctoral student Chenchen Zhang.

The Potential

Researchers theorize about the many possible uses for these sensors.

“You can put the light on the outside of the sphere but do all the chemistry on the inner face of the shell. You can bring in any analyte that you want to identify, but it goes on the inner surface. That brings in a lot of possibilities. You can do chemical sensing, vapor sensing, biophysical sensing, pressure sensing and really outstanding temperature sensing,” said Dr. Tadigadapa.

This research is also significant for lab-on-a-chip biophysical sensing for disease, said the team. “Or by adding a polymer coating on the inside of the bubble, you could make a really sensitive humidity sensor,” said Zhang.

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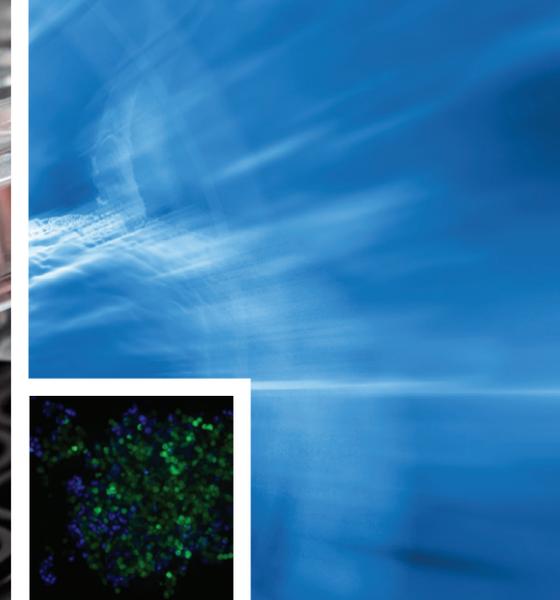
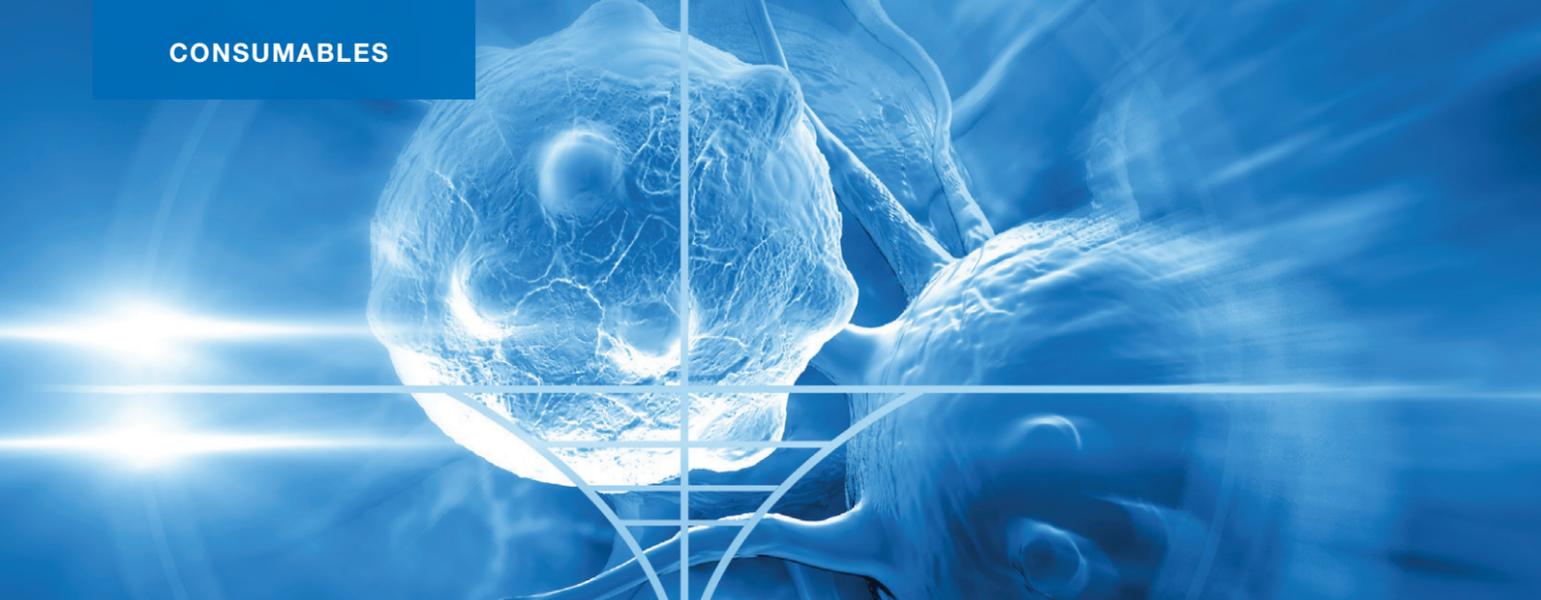


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SIMPLIFYING IMMUNE ONCOLOGY RESEARCH

NOVEL 3D TUMOR MODEL STREAMLINES HIGH THROUGHPUT IMMUNOTHERAPY TESTING

Immunotherapy has become a topic of increased interest for scientists studying cancer. By using a patient's own immune cells to attack cancer cells, immunotherapy treatments have shown positive results, including total cancer remission in some cases. But immunotherapy is not a one-size-fits-all approach; treatment strategy and efficacy can vary by patient and cancer type.

To more carefully study immunotherapy as a cancer treatment, scientists need efficient, *in vitro* screening models to examine targeted therapy options. This type of research has historically been conducted with cell culture models that allow for the study of immune cell migration, which can be easily adapted for high throughput screening. However, these models typically utilize two-dimensional (2D) cell culture monolayers that do not accurately reflect a tumor's complexity in the human body. The current growing trend is to use more *in vivo*-like three-dimensional (3D) models.

To incorporate the immune cell component, these 3D models require the direct addition of immune cells to 3D spheroids. However, this may not be an accurate reflection of how immune cells migrate toward and further invade tumors *in vitro*. According to Hannah Gitschier, Corning Life Sciences Applications Lab Manager in Kennebunk, Maine, "With immunotherapy, it is imperative that researchers have solid models to best recapitulate the *in vivo* microenvironment and interactions between the engineered immune cells and patient tumor samples. These models must be easy to use and transferrable to a high throughput screening environment, enabling rapid screening of conditions to best predict clinical outcomes."

Traditionally, 2D assays were the method of choice given the high proliferation rate of cells in 2D culture, as well as the reproducibility of assays. However, with emerging technologies and the development of novel lab consumables, 3D assays are becoming easier to adapt and more relevant for researchers' end goals.

Creating a Better Way

Hilary Sherman, a Corning Applications Scientist, created a 3D culture model to observe immune cell and tumor cell interactions; she combined the Corning 96-well spheroid microplate with the high throughput screening (HTS) Transwell-96 tissue culture system. Coated with Corning's unique Ultra-Low Attachment surface, the spheroid microplate allows for highly reproducible, single multicellular tumor spheroids to form in each well. The HTS Transwell permeable support systems are commonly used in migration and invasion studies, with a flat-bottom receiver plate for monolayer culture. This novel combination of both products allows researchers to observe changes to tumor behavior — by adding immune cells to the Transwell insert, the rates of migration through the membrane and toward the tumor spheroids in the receiver plate can be observed. Combining the technologies allows one to study how these two cell types interact in a more *in vivo*-like environment.

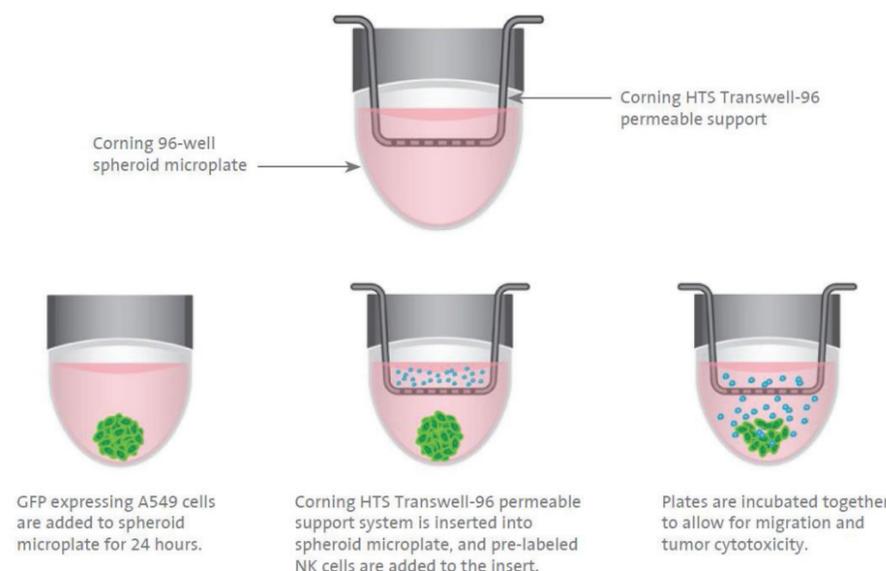


Figure 1. HTS Transwell 96-well permeable supports were placed into 96-well spheroid microplates for 3D immune cell migration and tumor invasion assays.

Sherman placed the spheroid microplate under the HTS Transwell insert plate instead of using the flat-bottom Transwell receiver plate. This enabled her to observe tumor cell activity in a 3D system while also facilitating migration of immune cells toward the tumor cell model. This technique supports the investigation of immune cell homing, tumor toxicity, and tumor immune evasion in an easy-to-use, reproducible, 3D high throughput assay.

Study Methods

Cells from a cancerous lung tissue cell line (A549 cells) were seeded into 96-well spheroid microplates to form the tumor spheroid models. The following day, Sherman placed the HTS Transwell 96-well permeable supports in the spheroid microplates. To assess immune cell homing and migration, natural killer (NK) cells were added into the inserts and were allowed to migrate for 24 hours. (See Figure 1.)

Implications on Future Research

A successful model allows for the immune cells to reach the tumor cells of interest in order to effectively study the body's response to targeted immunotherapy. Sherman's novel research model confirmed the NK cells in this study were not only able to reach the target tumor cells but could also infiltrate the 3D spheroid structure and lead to the desired cytotoxic outcome.

This creates a more streamlined model to observe all necessary components of this immunotherapy research in a single, high throughput, reproducible *in vivo*-like format.

"This model allows researchers to study immune system-tumor interactions in a more comprehensive way that also has the benefit of being high throughput and easy to use. The system can also be used to study other immune and cancer cells as well as the ability to form more complex models by adding endothelial or glial cells to the Transwell membrane to create more advanced blood brain barrier models," says Gitschier.

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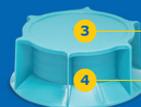
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WILL PERSPIRATION BE THE ULTIMATE PASSWORD?

By Hamilton Waldron

In the future, the key to securing our electronic and personal devices may be our own sweat. Because much like fingerprints, sweat types differ by person — and the factors that contribute to determining an individual’s perspiration profile aren’t limited to variations in lifestyle habits alone.

Jan Haláček, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Albany, is working on a sweat-based authentication process for unlocking mobile and wearable devices. While still in development, it’s a security method that might eventually prove more effective than facial recognition technology.

A Safer, More Secure Digital Age

Haláček’s methodology involves the analysis of skin secretions to generate an amino acid profile that only the owner of a device will be able to access. The profile would be stored in the device and utilized for identification if any attempt is made to unlock it.

Each person’s perspiration is distinctive, but the reasons why are many. For

instance, the things we eat, our environment, the genes that determine our metabolism and other factors all contribute to the unique mix of complex chemicals that comprise our sweat.

Haláček asserts that this new form of security could completely redefine the authentication process for electronic devices. Because the proprietary properties of each individual’s sweat cannot easily be hacked, Haláček believes his work will yield a foolproof security method.

More Secure Than a Password or PIN

To properly construct an amino acid profile, the device would determine a monitoring period to allow for the device owner’s sweat levels to be continuously measured throughout the day. Haláček has acknowledged that his lab is still figuring out how frequently the personal device would need to recalibrate.

When asked about the threat of hackers “stealing” sweat, Haláček explains that such a tactic would prove impractical because sweat decomposes and doesn’t remain stable for very long. Compared

to passwords and PINs, which can be obtained simply by peering over someone’s shoulder, the sophistication of perspiration-based security exceeds that of traditional security measures. As he points out, “Metabolization is not constant. It is not a Social Security number.”

Beyond Electronic Security

Applications for the signature of our own sweat could go well beyond securing devices. In time, sweat measurement could prove to be an effective diagnostic tool for personalized medicine; the increase or decrease of metabolites caused by illnesses might even produce real-time updates on particular medical conditions.

Using sweat for device verification could make life easier for those with certain disabilities as well, especially for people unable to move their fingers. And few would complain about never having to memorize a password again.

Using Biomarkers to Catch Criminals

Despite the fact that Haláček’s research is largely focused on cybersecurity, some of his findings overlap with other ongoing research. For instance, some studies suggest that testing biomarkers might be a viable way to fight crime.

Certainly Haláček and his team believe that it’s all about the biomarkers when it comes to determining human attributes. By testing physical evidence like

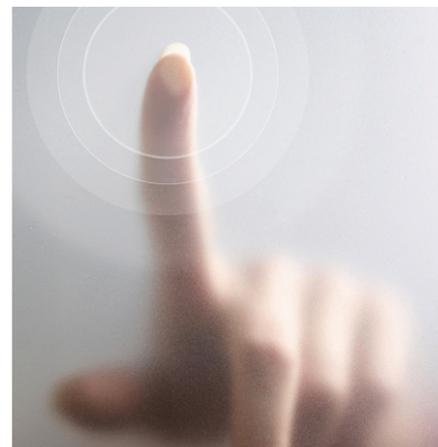
fingerprints or blood left behind at crime scenes, they assert that key characteristics of potential criminals could be detected within minutes, including age range, gender, and ethnicity.

The Future Depends on More Funding

Haláček has already successfully tested the new cybersecurity method in his lab, so the next step, which will require more time and money, will involve collaboration with

an engineer. Haláček has already secured some additional funding and his team is in the process of creating proposals to get smartphone makers involved.

While the technology is not yet ready for commercial use, its ongoing development is a promising sign of new, even stronger security measures to emerge in the near future.



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SCREEN TIME BEFORE BED HAS GREATER EFFECT ON TEENS AND CHILDREN

By Christina Phillis

Children and teens are some of the most proficient and frequent users of smartphones and computers. And, according to a new study, these age groups are also the most vulnerable to the sleep-disrupting effects of screen time. In 90 percent of the studies involving youths aged 5 to 17, researchers found that more screen time is associated with delayed bedtimes, fewer hours of sleep and poorer sleep quality.

“The vast majority of studies find that kids and teens who consume more screen-based media are more likely to experience sleep disruption,” said first author Monique LeBourgeois, an associate professor in the Department of Integrative Physiology at the University of Colorado Boulder. “With this paper, we wanted to go one step further by reviewing the studies that also point to the reasons why digital media adversely affects sleep.”

How Screens Affect Us

It appears that the amount of screen time is not the only factor to consider. One study found that melatonin levels fell twice as much in children than in adults when they were exposed to the same amount and intensity of light. Researchers theorize that light has a greater impact

on the internal body clocks of children because their eyes are not fully developed. When light hits the retina, it suppresses the sleep-promoting hormone melatonin, which delays the readiness to sleep and pushes back the body clock.

“Light is our brain clock’s primary timekeeper,” said LeBourgeois. “We know younger individuals have larger pupils, and their lenses are more transparent, so their exposure and sensitivity to that light is even greater than in older individuals.”

Certain studies found that blue light, the part of the spectrum that is emitted by most hand-held electronics, is especially effective at suppressing melatonin. And the mental stimulation of the media being consumed — no matter the type of content — can arouse cognitive function, which also delays sleep. Even just having a phone or computer in their bedrooms overnight significantly affects the sleep habits of children and adolescents.

How Much is Too Much?

Commonsense Media reported that mobile media usage among young children has tripled since 2011. Researchers have also noted that the digital media landscape is evolving rapidly and that answering even the most basic of questions requires more study.

In new research launched by LeBourgeois, researchers will visit the homes of volunteer families to observe how exposure of children to varying intensities of light changes the melatonin levels and the timing of their biological clocks. In an effort to develop science-based guidelines for parents and device makers, they hope to learn exactly the amount of light that it takes to affect circadian rhythms in young children.

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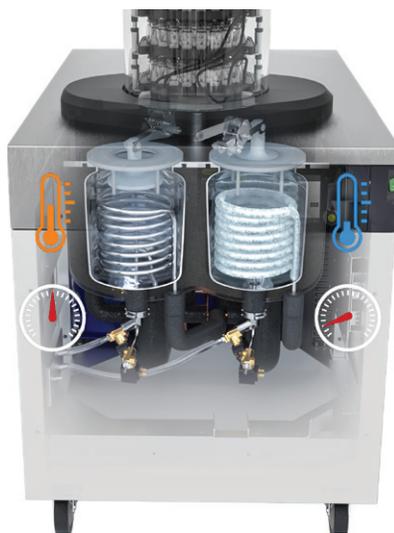
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LAB-GROWN ORGANOIDS REVEAL THE BRAIN'S MYSTERIES

By Mike Howie

The human brain sets us apart from other life on this planet. Relative to body size, it's larger than the brain of any other creature. And, perhaps more importantly, the way in which the human brain develops, and the genes that help it take shape and have guided its evolution, are unique — and still not entirely understood.

With new tools, scientists are learning more about the human brain every day. One tool is a cerebral organoid, a three-dimensional miniature brain created in a lab using stem cells. While these mini brains are incomplete and don't fully function, they resemble the brain of a human embryo at nine to ten weeks of development.

But it's not important that the mini brains function, and the scientists using them aren't looking to make a functioning brain. What is important is that the organoids can help scientists learn more about how the brain develops, what makes it unique, and how brain diseases may develop.

Exploring Brain Development

Molecular cell biologist Wieland Huttner, paleogeneticist Svante Pääbo and biophysical chemist Barbara Treutlein

are working together to grow organoids of human brains, chimpanzee brains, and brains of other great apes. Watching the organoids develop side by side, the researchers learned that they all develop in remarkably similar ways, although progenitor cells in human brains took 50 percent longer to arrange their chromosomes before splitting into daughter cells. According to Huttner, this lengthened phase appears to cause the creation of more progenitor cells later in development.

At the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology at the Austrian Academy of Science in Vienna, Madeline Lancaster and her team are using organoids to study microcephaly, a neurodevelopmental disease that most severely impacts the dorsal cortex. They compared two organoids: one grown with cells from a patient with a genetic form of microcephaly, and another grown with cells from a healthy subject. In the organoid grown from microcephalic cells, more of the stem cells became neurons, suggesting that the disease mechanism could involve the premature differentiation of neurons.

While the technology is still in its infancy, it shows great promise for the future of brain research and the treatment of

mental diseases and disorders. When the process for creating organoids matures, the mini brains may be helpful for modeling Alzheimer's, dementia, and other brain traumas. This could help researchers develop more robust treatments — and possible cures — that could greatly improve the quality of life for patients around the world.



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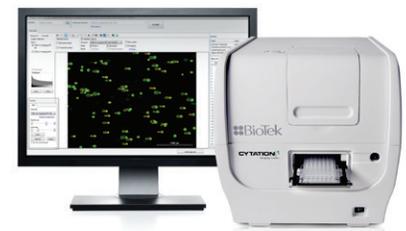


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THE PLAGUE: MUCH MORE THAN AN ANCIENT THREAT

By Kevin Ritchart

Though the plague is primarily thought of as a disease that decimated the world's population more than 650 years ago, its presence is still being felt today.

In 2017, nearly 1,200 people in Madagascar were infected with the plague, and more than 100 people died from it, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and Madagascar's National Bureau of Risk Management and Disaster.

The plague is caused by the *Yersinia pestis* bacterium and is typically spread by the bite of infected fleas — frequently carried by rats — causing the bubonic plague. Symptoms include swollen lymph nodes (known as bubos), headache fever, chills, and coughing.

A Closer Look

The majority of cases in Madagascar — about 67 percent — were the pneumonic form of the disease. Pneumonic plague is a more virulent, damaging form of the affliction, characterized by a severe lung infection that can be transmitted from one person to another via airborne droplets caused by coughing or sneezing. The incubation period of pneumonic plague is short and can cause death within 12 to 24 hours.

Both the bubonic and pneumonic forms can be treated with antibiotics, making early detection and diagnosis a high priority.

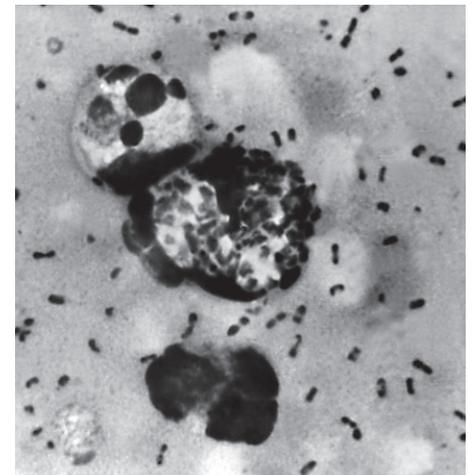
The plague is endemic to Madagascar, with an estimated 400 cases reported in a typical year. In 2017, the outbreak started earlier than usual and infiltrated some larger urban areas, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Containment Efforts

At the height of the epidemic, public schools were closed and public gatherings were forbidden in an attempt to keep the plague from spreading. The WHO also worked closely with Madagascar's airport authorities to ensure proper measures were being taken to prevent the spread of the infection outside of the country.

Within the country, Madagascar's poorly equipped health system is one of the biggest challenges in helping its residents battle the disease. Local health centers lack the proper protective garments to guard against infection. Many of the country's residents are impoverished and tend to self-medicate with cheap, over-the-counter medication rather than going to a hospital or clinic to receive proper treatment.

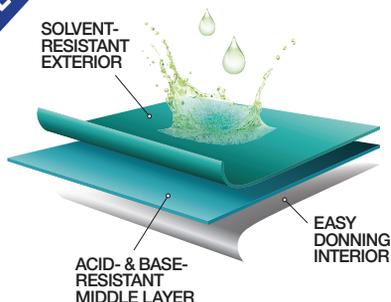
Madagascar's plague season typically runs from September through April, which spans the spring, summer and fall in the Southern Hemisphere. In 2017, cases of the plague were reported as early as August. Those afflicted with typical plague symptoms may have thought they had malaria, a common illness throughout Africa. The ability to educate the public and quickly diagnose the plague in its early stages will be a key to curtailing the impact of the plague throughout Madagascar in the years to come.



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1

Remove drop-down coverall.



2

Hold internal red tab in your right hand and white tab in your left. Shake the garment to unfold.



RED TAB ON YOUR RIGHT

WHITE TAB ON YOUR LEFT

3

Insert one arm and then the other.



Hold the inside of the coverall and bring over your head.



Shake garment down allowing it to drop down over body or use external tabs to pull garment down.



4

Put right foot through ankle opening and then foot-loop.



5

HOLD RIGHT BLUE TAB

Hold blue tab on right side of waist. Pull zip up ensuring you keep your right leg straight.



PULL ZIP AND KEEP YOUR RIGHT LEG STRAIGHT

6

Still holding blue tab pull zip round to the blue tab on the left hand side of waist.



7

Pull off blue tab on the right hand side.



8

Hold the blue tab on the left side of waist with your left hand.



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9

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