



11:45 – 12:00

Platform presentation 1

**Treatment of congenital myasthenia using a novel AAV-DOK7 gene therapy**

Dr Judith Cossins

University of Oxford

12:00 – 12:15

Platform presentation 2

**Decoding the transcriptome of Duchenne muscular dystrophy to the single nuclei level reveals clinical-genetic correlations**

Professor Jordi Diaz-Manera

- 17:15 – 17:30 Platform presentation 4  
**Pathological variants in TOP3A cause distinct disorders of mitochondrial and nuclear genome stability**  
Dr Mahmoud Fassad  
Newcastle University
- 17:30 – 17:45 Platform presentation 5  
**Exploring the therapeutic role of miRNA-X on RNA splicing in Spinal Muscular Atrophy**  
Mr Parth Patel  
UCL
- 17:45 – 18:00 Platform presentation 6  
**Mutant allele-specific silencing of SPTLC1 by antisense oligonucleotides to treat Hereditary Sensory Neuropathy Type 1A**  
Dr Jinhong Meng  
UCL
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- 18:00 – 18:30 **Poster viewing**
- 18:30 **Drinks reception**  
Goodenough College, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2AB

## Day 2 – Thursday 30th March

### Session 3: **Advances in Mitochondrial Therapeutics Research**

Chairs: Professor Michael Hanna (UCO IoN) and Professor Robert McFarland (Newcastle University)

08:30 – 09:00 **Experimental gene therapy in mitochondrial disorders**

Dr Carlo Viscomi  
Dept of Biomedical Sciences  
University of Padova, Italy

09:00 – 09:30 **Generating mouse models of mitochondrial DNA disease**

Dr Jim Stewart  
Biosciences Institute & Wellcome Centre for Mitochondrial Research  
Faculty of Medical Sciences, Newcastle University

09:30 – 10:00 **The role of mitochondrial S-Adenosylmethionine in health and disease**

Dr Anna Wredenberg  
Principal Researcher, Wredenberg lab  
Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

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10:00 – 11:30 **Poster guided sessions and coffee (poster session commences at 10:10)**

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### Session 3 continued:

11:30 – 11:50

**MRC – UKRI update**

Dr Joanna Latimer, Head of Neurosciences and Mental Health Board. MRC UKRI

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11:50 – 12:50

**Poster flash sessions**

Chairs:

Dr Robert Pitceathly (UCL IoN) and Dr Giovanni Baranello (UCL GOSH ICH)

**Congenital Myasthenic syndrome: a Brazilian cohort study**

Dr Pedro Tomaselli  
USP, Brazil

**Genotypic and phenotypic spectrum of ANO5-associated muscle disorders**

Dr Elisabetta Ghimenton  
Newcastle University

**Defining the nuclear genetic architecture of a maternally-inherited mitochondrial disorder**

Dr Róisín Boggan  
Newcastle University

**Classification of GJB1 variants**

Dr Chris Record  
UCL IoN



**Mitochondrial DNA loss and mitochondrial dysfunction in liver are reversed by deoxynucleotide administration in mice**

Prof Antonella Spinazzola  
UCL IoN

14:55 – 15:10

Platform presentation 8

**Clinical, electrophysiological and radiologic profile of Hirayama disease patients from a tertiary care institute in India**

Dr Saranya Gomathy  
AIIMS, India

15:10 – 15:25

Platform presentation 9

**Quantifying Variability in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy: Centiles by Age for the Rise from Floor Velocity and 10m Walk Run Velocity in Glucocorticoid-steroid Treated Boys**

Georgia Stimpson  
UCL

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15:25 – 15:55

**Coffee and posters**

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**Session 4:**

**Evolving Applications and Impact of Genome Sequencing**

Chairs:

Professor Volker Straub (Newcastle University) and Professor Henry Houlden (UCL IoN)

15:55 – 16:25

**ICGNMD Genomic Medicine consortium**

Professor M Hanna Director, UCL Institute of Neurology

16:25 – 16:55

**When is a variant in *TTN* pathogenic?**

Dr Marco Savarese  
Folkhälsan Research Center  
University of Helsinki, Finland

16:55 – 17:25

**Solve-RD: European Rare Disease genomic analysis and interpretation**

Dr Holm Graessner  
Centre for Rare Diseases and Institute of Medical Genetics and Applied Genomics  
University Hospital Tübingen, Germany

17:25 – 17:35

**Poster prizes and close**

Prof Mary Reilly, Prof Michael Hanna, Dr Rob Pitceathly

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