



21 December 2023

### **Outcome of successful IDORI Seed Funding Grants**

The following Wits IDORI Seed Funding Grant proposals were successful and will be awarded seed funding under the IDORI November 2023 Call:

Grant No.	Project name	Applicant	Applicant Dept/Unit
2023/001	Assessing the oral microbiome as a biomarker for African oesophageal squamous cell cancer	Dr Carl Chen	Sydney Brenner Institute for Molecular Bioscience (SBIMB)
2023/002	Assessing the prevalence, antimicrobial resistance patterns and outcomes of Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) blood stream infections (BSI) in pediatric oncology patients: a 7-year experience in a Pediatric Oncology Unit in South Africa	Dr Gugulethu Mapurisa	Paediatric Haematology Oncology
2023/003	Broad Spectrum HPV typing in prostate cancer in South Africa	Dr Pascale Willem	Wits Diagnostic Innovation Hub (WitsDIH)
2023/004	Modelling HPV-induced oncogenesis in human cervical tissue-derived 3D organoid cultures	Dr Mandeep Kaur	School of Molecular and Cell Biology (MCB)
2023/005	Multi-omics and biomarker studies in patients with Gallbladder Carcinoma	Prof John Devar	Dept of Surgery, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) Surgical Research Group
2023/006	Study of the oncogenic potential of HBeAg/precursors of Hepatitis B Virus Subgenotype A1 and its G1862T mutation in a patient cohort from South Africa	Dr Aurelie Deroubaix	Hepatitis Virus Diversity Research Unit (HVDRU) and Oncology
2023/007	Viral co-infection and early onset colorectal cancer in Black South African patients	Dr Clem Penny	Internal Medicine, Oncology

Please note that local/international conference travel costs will not be covered under this Call.

Award letters and contracts outlining project deliverables will be provided to the successful applicants in due course.

Kind regards  
*The IDORI Team*