

## RET @ CRICK

### RET Research Collaborative Network Inaugural Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

The Francis Crick Institute, 1 Midland Road, London, NW1 1AT

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### Programme

- 8 – 9 Registration (tea/coffee/croissants)
- 9 – 9.10 Welcome: Tom Kurzawinski and Rakhee Chauhan
- Session 1. An Introduction to RET and MEN2**  
Chairs: Prof Raj Thakker, Mrs. Jo Grey
- 9.10 – 9.35 **A RETrospective view of GDNF signalling**  
Prof. Neil McDonald, Senior Group Leader, the Francis Crick Institute
- 9.35 – 10.00 **Testing for RET (indications, results, VUS).**  
Dr. Louise Izatt, Consultant in Clinical Genetics at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and King's College London
- 10.00 – 10.25 **Thyroid surgery in MEN2; A Gospel according to RET?**  
Mr. Tom Kurzawinski, Consultant Endocrine Surgeon UCLH & GOSH
- 10.25 – 10.50 **RET and oncogenesis with a focus on MEN2 syndrome**  
Dr Rakhee Chauhan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Francis Crick Institute
- 10.50 – 10.55 **Session Discussion**
- 10.55 – 11.15 Networking tea/coffee break.**
- Session 2. RET and Hirschsprung's disease.**  
Chairs: Dr Nikhil Thapar, TBC
- 11.15 – 11.40 **Sex differences in the roles of RET isoforms in the enteric nervous system and brain.**  
Robin Lovel-Badge / Rosalyn Flowers, Senior Group Leader / PhD student The Francis Crick Institute
- 11.40 – 12.05 **Identification, treatment and genetics of Hirschsprung's disease.**  
Dr Robert MW Hofstra, Head of Department of Clinical Genetics, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, Netherland
- 12.05 – 12.30 **Structural insights into RET folding**  
Dr. Svend Kjaer, STP Deputy The Francis Crick Institute
- 12.30 – 12.40 **Session Discussion**
- 12.40 – 13.30 Networking Lunch**

**Session 3. Diverse Roles of RET.**

Chairs: Prof Marta Korbonits, Dr Caroline Brain

13.30 – 13.55 **The Pituitary and RET.**

Clara Alvarez, Professor of Physiology, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

13.55 – 14.20 **Parkin regulates Ret protein levels**

Dr. Edgar Kramer, Group Leader University of Plymouth

14.20 – 14.45 **Novel functions in RET signalling; RET and GFRAL in body weight regulation.**

Dr. Sebastian Jørgensen, Novo Nordisk

14.45 – 15.10 **Activation of RET signalling improves haematopoietic stem cell potency and bone marrow transplantation.**

Dr. William Grey, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, the Francis Crick Institute

15.10 – 15.35 **Session Discussion.**

15.35 – 15.55 **Networking tea/coffee break.**

**Session 4. Targeting RET in Oncology.**

Chairs: Dr Rakhee Chauhan, Prof Ashley Grossman

15.55 – 16.20 **TracerX RET fusions in NSCLC.**

Dr. Crispin Hiley, Senior Lecturer & Consultant Clinical Oncologist UCLH

16.20 – 16.45 **Therapy of human cancers with RET fusion; from multiple kinase inhibitors to specific inhibitors**

Dr. Takashi Kohno, Chief of the Division of Genome Biology, National Cancer Centre Research Institute, Japan

16.45 – 17.10 **Targeting RET clinically: past and present therapeutics**

Dr. Kate Newbold, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, The Royal Marsden, London, UK

17.10 – 17.35 **Next generation RET inhibitors; the future is here!**

Blueprint BLU-667 clinical efficacy in Lung cancer and MTC

Dr Pablo Sierra, Blue Print Medicines, Cambridge, UK

17.35 – 17.45 **Session Discussion**

17.45 – 17.50. **Closing Remarks**

**Drinks Reception/Networking Evening at Norfolk Arms**

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