

**Report on Proteoglycan Gordon Research Seminar and Conference: Andover, NH, USA
7-13 July 2018.**

I really appreciate that ISMB awarded me a travel grant to attend the GRS and GRC meeting on proteoglycans 7-13 July, 2018, at Proctor Academy in Andover NH, US.

This was my second GRS/GRC on proteoglycan meeting, and this meeting has always been one of my favourite meetings to attend. This year was no exceptional. The conference started with the 2 day GRS, where only PhD students and post-doc attended. This was a great opportunity to network with the young scientists.

The GRC was straight after the GRS, where more senior researchers joined. The talks were excellent and the research was cutting-edge. Although some of them were not directly related to my research, I still learned a lot. My favourite talk was from Catherine Merry (University of Nottingham), where she talked about their chemically defined and serum free 3D cell culture environment that supports iPS and stem cell culture and differentiation.

I gave a Poster Preview talk, which was 90 seconds long. It was quite a challenge but good experience to summarise my poster content into 90 seconds, which also need to attract people's attention as well. The poster session was very helpful and interesting. The great thing about GRC is that people are very open to discuss their projects and are also willing to listen and give advices and suggestions. I was able to get some great suggestions and comments about my project during the poster session.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this year's GRS/GRC proteoglycan conference, and I would highly recommend this conference. I would like to thank the ISMB again for the financial support.

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