

DBT-InStem fellows bag Biotech Ignition Grants

New Delhi, Aug 13: Drs. Abrar Rizvi & Anupam Dutta, both post-doctoral fellows in Prof. Colin Jamora's laboratory in the Inflammation and Tissue Homeostasis theme at the Department of Biotechnology's Institute for Stem Cell Science & Regenerative Medicine (DBT-inStem) have been awarded the 16th Biotech Ignition Grant (BIG) recently. This grant is the flagship scheme of the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (DBT-BIRAC) open to innovators in life sciences whose research projects have great commercialisation potential.



The BIG Scheme enables technology innovators and entrepreneurs to pursue a promising technology idea, establishing and validating proof of concept (POC) for it. It mainly supports high level innovation in the biotech sector and is not meant for basic research projects. As part of this scheme, successful BIG Innovators receive up to Rs 50 lakh (USD 70,000 approx) for a duration of up to 18 months.

Abrar has been granted the funding to develop treatments for fibrosis, which contributes to 33% of deaths worldwide but for which there is no effective therapy, and Anupam's project will test new approaches for accelerating wound healing.

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Abrar Rizvi & Anupam Dutta of @Jamora_lab at @DBT_inStem are awarded the 16th #BiotechIgnitionGrant. BIG @BIRAC_2012 's flagship scheme is open to #innovators in #LifeSciences whose research projects have great commercialization potential.

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Congratulations to Drs Abrar Rizvi & Anupam Dutta from the @Jamora_lab @DBT_inStem who were each awarded a Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG).

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