

Beyond Insulin:

Innovative research in T1D prevention and cure



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Speaker's name: A/Prof Stuart Mannering

Seminar date: Thursday, 21st September 2023, 1-2pm AEST

Seminar title: Who killed my beta cells and why did they do it?

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About the speaker: A/Prof Stuart Mannering leads the human T-cell laboratory at SVI. His group's work focuses on identifying the targets of human T-cell responses that cause T1D. Their long-term goals are to develop T-cell biomarkers and antigen-specific therapies to prevent T1D.



Stuart, and his collaborators, developed the first dye dilution assays, efficient human T-cell cloning methods, identified the first neoepitope in T1D, isolated human islet-infiltrating T cells, showed that islet-infiltrating T cells recognize HIPs and discovered that full-length C-peptide is a major autoantigen in human T1D.

He has received: a JDRF Advanced Postdoc Fellowship, a JDRF Career Development Award, a JDRF-Macquarie Foundation Diabetes Global Research Innovation Award, a Diabetes Australia Millennium Award and a JDRF-Australia T1D

CRN Innovation Award. Currently, he is supported by grants from JDRF, JDRF-A, the Helmsley Foundation and MRFF.

Brief outline of seminar content: This talk will discuss one of the fundamental outstanding questions in the immunology of T1D – how and why does the immune system attack the insulin producing cells? A/Prof Mannering will present his personal perspective on this question. He will review work done by his group, investigating the targets of human autoimmune T cell responses in T1D, which address this question. Finally, the prospects and obstacles for applying this emerging knowledge to improving therapies for people with T1D will be discussed.

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