# FY 2024 Annual Report



#### **Unit Name**

#### Cell Proliferation and Gene Editing Unit

#### **Research Personnel**

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Feng Ying Esther Ng, Postdoctoral Scholar

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Orie Arakawa, Research Unit Technician

Hamzah Muhammad, PhD Student

Junho Lee, PhD Student

Anna Pavlovska, PhD Student

#### Scholarly Contributions and Creative Productions (by Faculty)

#### **Journal Article**

1. Sparr, C.; Meitinger, F.

Prolonged Mitosis: A Key Indicator for Detecting Stressed and Damaged Cells. Current opinion in cell biology 2025, 92, 102449.

2. Ng, E. F. Y.; Meitinger, F.

Genetic Engineering and Screening Using Base Editing and Inducible Gene Knockout. Methods in molecular biology (Clifton, N.J.) 2025, 2872, 167–187.

3. Belal, H.; Ying Ng, E. F. F.; Meitinger, F.

53BP1-Mediated Activation of the Tumor Suppressor p53. Current opinion in cell biology 2024, 91, 102424.

4. Meitinger, F.; Belal, H.; Davis, R. L.; Martinez, M. B.; Shiau, A. K.; Oegema, K.; Desai, A. Control of Cell Proliferation by Memories of Mitosis. Science (New York, N.Y.) 2024, 383, 1441–1448.

### **Presentation at Conference**

1. Meitinger, F. X.

Cancer-Associated Missense Mutations in USP28 Impair Mitotic Stress Response. 83rd Annual Meeting of the Japan Cancer Association 2024.

2. Meitinger, F. X.; Belal, H.; Ng, E. F.

Mitotic Stress-Specific Activation of the Tumor Suppressor p53. The 47th Annual Meeting of the Molecular Biology Society of Japan 2024.

3. Meitinger, F. X.; Belal, H.; Ng, E. F.

Mitotic Stress-Specific Activation of the Tumor Suppressor p53. Dynamic Kinetochore - EMBO Workshop 2024.

## **Scholarly Contributions (by Unit Members)**

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Name of Unit Member	Туре	Title	Outlet	Publisher
Esther Ng Feng Ying	Poster Presentation at Conference	Base Editor Screens Uncover Functional Domains in Mitotic Stopwatch Genes	OIST x Suntory Joint Conference	
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Midori Ohta	Presentation at Conference	Tissue-specific architecture and function of γ-tubulin complexes	STG Forum	
Midori Ohta	Presentation at Conference	Mechanisms of centrosome assembly and activation ensuring mitotic fidelity	OIST-Keio Showcase talk Series 7	
Midori Ohta	Presentation at Conference	Heterogeneity and function of $\gamma$ -tubulin complexes to nucleate microtubules	Cell division, arrest and beyond	
Midori Ohta	Seminars	Mechanism of γ-tubulin complex docking on mitotic centrosomes	Developmental Dynamics Seminar	Tohoku University

## Honors, Awards & Fellowships

2024 Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award, Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Award,

2024, OIST

## **Outreach Activities (For Unit Members Only)**

2024-10-09	Muhammad Hamzah, Yokohama Science Frontier School Visit, Yokohama Science Frontier School
2024-08-22	Muhammad Hamzah, Musashi Gakuen RED Program visit, Musashi Gakuen
2024-07-30	Midori Ohta, Lecture for Keio Summer Camp students, OIST/Keio University