



Report of the GSCN non-PI Meeting

Berlin, 22 Sept. 2019, 10:45 – 19:00 h

**Berlin Institute for Medical Systems Biology (BIMSB), Max Delbrück Center (MDC),
Hannoversche Str. 28, Seminar room 1st floor**

General comments:

The meeting was attended by 11 participants, one of them joined last minute. 9 participants belonged to research groups from Germany, 1 from Switzerland, 1 from Dubai. The range of career positions of attendees was from someone starting an internship at the end of their bachelor to someone just starting to set up their own lab. Despite having less people than expected, the schedule run well, and the time was properly used for discussion. The dinner at the end of the meeting was excellent, both the location and the menu.

In general, the participants were very satisfied. On one hand, the atmosphere was warm and enjoyable. Some participants shared current non-technical problems and were, correspondingly, advised on ways how to solve them. Other participants shared their experience and tips on publishing their studies.

On the other hand, there was substantial discussion regarding challenges in isolation derivation, culture, differentiation, banking, QC and (genetic) manipulation of different stem cell types, more prominently hiPSCs. Participants exchanged ideas, critical information about protocols and procedures, latest technologies, reagents for cell culture and molecular biology. If the knowledge for solving a specific technical problem could not be provided by any of the attendants, there was always someone willing to introduce the troubled one to an experienced coworker that would be at the conference. For that reason, it was very convenient that the conference subsequently took place. Hence, the information acquired by the participants through the meeting is an absolute invaluable good and will certainly help them and their labs progressing in their objectives.

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