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Congratulations to **Dr. Romuald Loutre**, first author of the article entitled “*Can mitochondrial DNA be CRISPRized: pro and contra*” co-authored by Ivan Tarassov, Anne-Marie Heckel, Anna Smirnova and Nina Entelis. The article has been published in ***IUBMB Life*** 70(12):1233-1239, 2018 as part of the theme issue on “Evolutionary Mitochondrial Biology”, coordinated by Prof. Mike Gray and Prof. Vamsi Mootha.



Romuald Loutre is a PhD student at the UMR 7156 (UDS-CNRS) Molecular Genetics Genomics Microbiology where he is currently studying the development of therapeutic strategies against diseases resulting from heteroplasmic mutations of mitochondrial DNA. He completed his BSc from the University Paul Verlaine Metz and MSc from the University Louis Pasteur (Strasbourg I).

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Congratulations to **Dr. Amanda R. Gross**, first author of the article entitled “*Chondroitin sulfate inhibits secretion of TNF and CXCL8 from human mast cells stimulated by IL - 33*” in collaboration with Theoharis C. Theoharides. The article has been published in ***BioFactors***, Volume 45, Issue 1, 2019.



Amanda Gross completed her PhD in Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics in 2018 at Tufts University in the laboratory of Dr. Theoharis Theoharides, where she studied the inhibitory effects of glycosaminoglycans on activated human mast cells. Prior to her PhD, she completed her B.S. in Biology at the University of Florida. Currently, she is a Scientist within the Genomic Immunology group at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in Cambridge, MA, where she is supporting target validation for autoimmune disease and immuno-oncology projects. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys playing ultimate frisbee and exploring new restaurants in town.