Developing a Cure for HGG:
The Deadliest and Most Aggressive Form of Brain Cancer

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Introduction

• Telethon Kids Institute specializes in researching diseases that primarily affect children worldwide.
• The work aimed to validate new potential medications that targeted overactivated ion channels in HGG cancer models.

Objective of Internship

The objective of the internship revolved primarily around discovering novel and effective brain cancer therapies for preclinical study.

Reflection

• As an intern, I gained a deeper appreciation for scientific research and laboratory work.
• I was able to work in a team setting which allowed me to learn novel molecular biology techniques.
• Aside from laboratory work, I was able to gain a cultural appreciation for the aboriginal communities of Australia.

• Conducting Lab Work with a microscope to analyze cancer cell growth after a two-week period.

Work profile

• Aided in testing new medicines that specifically target GBM cells.
• Used molecular biology, biochemical and histological techniques, to reveal the role of ion channels in HGG proliferation.
• Analysed the main ion channels (targets) using scientific software.

Looking ahead

• This internship has encouraged me to pursue a career that involves scientific research and patient-focused work, maybe as an oncologist.

Questions

• How can the research discovered in this cancer lab be made more readily available to the children of the more isolated Aboriginal communities of Australia?

Conclusion

• Determining the unknown function of ion channels in HGG is crucial for validating new potential drugs that target these proteins in HGG cancer cells.

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