MoLBi Newsletter

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Dear collaborators, partners, and members of the MoLBi community,



We have reached 400 participants!

In less than two years, Monash Live-Biobanking (MoLBi) has grown into a remarkable collaborative research platform. This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our clinical and research teams and, above all, the generosity of our patients and families. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to this achievement!

But 400 participants is only the beginning. Our next chapter is about translating this extraordinary resource into meaningful discoveries, innovative treatments and, ultimately, better outcomes for patients with brain cancer.

Celebrating research excellence

MoLBi was recognised as the School of Clinical Sciences Research Team of the Year. This award celebrates the collective effort behind our growing platform and the collaborations that make it possible.
Read about our award







International collaboration and clinical translation

We were delighted to engage with Professor Roger Stupp in discussions about collaborative brain cancer research, emerging treatment strategies and complex patient management. These connections help bridge laboratory discovery and clinical care.

ZERO on MoLBi: moving towards the clinic

Our Phase Zero programme has been resubmitted to the Monash Human Research Ethics Committee following constructive discussions, with further consideration expected in November. The study aims to assess whether investigational medicines reach brain tumours by analysing tissue collected during planned surgery. We are hopeful of opening in early 2027, subject to approvals.

Sharing MoLBi research

At the Monash Neuroscience Open Haus on 8 October, Dr Adrian Praeger and Dr Gwo Yaw Ho presented in the neuro-oncology session, showcasing advances in brain cancer research and immunotherapy. The event provided an excellent opportunity to highlight MoLBi-related research and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborations.



New MoLBi-associated publication

Our latest collaborative publication highlights significant disparities in access to brain cancer care across the Asia-Pacific region, including neurosurgery, imaging, molecular diagnostics and cancer treatments. The study proposes a practical framework for adapting high-grade glioma care to local healthcare resources, supporting more equitable access to quality care across the region.
Read the publication

MoLBi Student Academy: Nurturing future clinician–scientists

We recently held our second MoLBi Student Academy meeting and welcomed Yuta Maa, joining Shin Pan and Joyce Wang, all second-year Monash University medical students. The Academy aims to inspire and mentor future clinician–scientists through early exposure to translational cancer research, research opportunities and career guidance. We warmly welcome medical students interested in research to join the Academy and explore opportunities to become future clinician–scientists. For more information, please visit the MoLBi website.

Thank you for being part of the MoLBi journey. We look forward to celebrating our 400-participant milestone together!

With best wishes,

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