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Craig grew up in Maine before heading to college in Boston and then graduate school at the University of Virginia. During his postdoc at Harvard he encountered the ubiquitin pathway which led him to join a small biotech company, Progenra, that was focused on early drug discovery for ubiquitin proteases and ligases. Craig joined GSK in 2010 and has worked across multiple therapy areas recently leading the biology efforts to develop the CyTaC platform which combines a platform antibody and a heterobivalent small molecule to deplete pathogenic cells.



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Jamie joined GSK from the University of Pennsylvania, where she completed a Ph.D. in Bioengineering followed by a postdoc in the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Penn investigating the role of the microenvironment in cardiac progenitor cell fate decisions and direct reprogramming strategies. While at GSK, Jamie utilized her unique interdisciplinary training to design and execute the development of hiPSC-based platforms of interest, with a particular focus on microglia, for chemical and genomic-based screens for internal programs and several external collaborations.



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Ciara Gimblet-Ochieng received her B.S. in Biology from Howard University in 2010. She then began her graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania in the Cell and Molecular Biology

Program. Ciara joined the laboratory of Dr. Phillip Scott, where she studied interactions between the immune response, the skin microbiota, and infection with the protozoan parasite, Leishmania. Upon completing her Ph.D., Ciara moved to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to join the de Silva lab as a postdoctoral fellow in May of 2017. As a part of the de Silva lab, Ciara studied the humoral immune response to flaviviral infections focusing on characterizing antibodies that have broad neutralization capabilities against dengue and zika viruses. Ciara joined GSK in October of 2020 as a Scientific Investigator in the Immunology Research Unit where she develops assays to validate potential therapies for autoimmune disorders.



Heidi Felsler, PhD

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Heidi Feldser is a Biologist and Scientific Director in the Immunology Research Unit at GSK. Her role includes identifying new disease targets linked to immune signaling, by using genetics and designing experiments to test their link to disease processes. She also manages a small team of scientific colleagues. Before this job, she was a laboratory-based scientist at a small biotech company in Boston, MA and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, studying programmed cell death in human cancer cells. Heidi holds a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Medicine from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Outside work she enjoys hiking, camping, cooking, and being a mom to her two boys.