



The Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your support of ADARC's mission to find solutions to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through scientific research. We want to share some of the scientific progress taking place in our laboratories, and hope you will enjoy being a part of future breakthroughs.

Congratulations



Sandhya Vasani, MD

Sandhya Vasani, MD has been promoted to Assistant Professor. Since 2002, Dr. Vasani has been an essential member of Dr. Ho's vaccine development team. She managed the trial of [ADVAX](#), a DNA vaccine engineered from HIV-1 genes, when delivered through electroporation, a process that uses electricity to boost the uptake of the vaccine into muscle cells, thus enhancing immune responses. She is also working to advance an adjuvant - a compound that can increase a vaccine's effectiveness - identified by ADARC's Dr. Moriya Tsuji into a Phase I clinical trial. With Dr. David Ho, she is working to develop the monoclonal antibody ibalizumab so it can be

used to prevent HIV infection in high-risk groups.

Dr. Vasani's work at ADARC follows her training as a clinical pediatrician. After her residency at Johns Hopkins University, she worked as a Henry

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Luce Foundation Fellow at the Communicable Disease Centre in Singapore, where she studied patterns of tuberculosis and HIV co-infection. She also worked with the National University of Singapore to conduct public health surveillance studies in rural Indonesia.

Dr. Vasan has a BS in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an MD from the Health Science and Technology program at Harvard Medical School.

Charity Navigator ranks ADARC a Top-Notch Charity



ADARC was recently included in a list of 10 Top-Notch Charities by Charity Navigator, an organization used by over four million donors for help with their charitable decisions. Charity Navigator evaluates the performance of nonprofit organizations based on financial health, accountability, transparency, effectiveness and results.

Charity Navigator rates organizations based on how responsibly they operate on a day-to-day basis, and how well they are positioned to continue operating in the long term. ADARC has received five consecutive four-star ratings, a distinction received by less than 10% of all charities evaluated

"We are proud to receive this endorsement from Charity Navigator," said Stephanie Sozomenu, ADARC's Chief Operating Officer. "Aaron Diamond supporters are dedicated to our mission to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and we are committed to using their donations as efficiently as possible."

Academic Seminars

Seminars geared toward the scientific community and held at ADARC on Mondays at 12pm. To attend, please email mbell@adarc.org.

October 18

Juan Martin-Serrano, PhD

"HIV exploitation of dendritic cells: infection and viral dissemination"

October 25

David Evans, PhD - New England Primate Research Center

"Evasion of Innate Immunity by a Simian Immunodeficiency Virus"

ADARC Discovery Seminar: HIV/AIDS and Women

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Please join us **Thursday, November 18** at 4:30pm for a Discovery Seminar, a briefing in non-technical terms on research and scientific progress in our laboratories.

The Seminar will feature a panel of scientists discussing how HIV/AIDS affects NYC women, new developments in prevention and treatment, and our work to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in China.

Space is limited: Please RSVP to Gary Gailor or (212) 448-5069.

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