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RESEARCH UNIT

Semmelweis University

SZENT-GYÖRGYI MENTOR

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SPECIALIZATION

physiology,
immunology,
autoimmune and
inflammatory diseases

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Veres Péter High School,
Békásmegyér

NAME OF TEACHER

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LANGUAGES

English/intermediate
German/intermediate

IMPORTANCE, AIMS AND POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF RESEARCH

My research encompasses the examination of the pathomechanism of bullous pemphigoid (BP), a rare autoimmune blistering. In this disease, the patients have severe pain and itching due to the developing tight blisters, but currently, for these symptoms, there is no specific therapy available. The investigation of BP pathology was made possible by a fully human ex vivo skin separation model that we previously set up, which replicated BP pathophysiology in our lab. Currently, I am using this model to assess the efficacy of various inhibitors and prospective medicinal treatments that can be further investigated in clinical investigations. With this research, I'm hoping to discover medicines that can effectively cure the severe symptoms of these individuals.

AMBITIONS AND CAREER GOALS

During my career, I want to work on the unanswered problems in rheumatology and immunology, two of the medical specialties that I find most fascinating. I'm hoping to get the chance to study and treat these critical, fascinating diseases from both a clinical and a scientific perspective. I also hope that I will be able to contribute to the body of knowledge about these diseases that is already known to humanity.

HONORS AND PRIZES

2023 National Scientific Students' Associations Conference, 1st place
2022 Semmelweis University Students' Scientific Conference, 1st place
2021 Semmelweis University Students' Scientific Conference

PUBLICATIONS

Vikár S, Szilveszter KP, Koszorú K, Sárdy M, Mócsai A. The Syk inhibitor entospletinib abolishes dermal-epidermal separation in a fully human ex vivo model of bullous pemphigoid. *J Invest Dermatol*. 2024 Jan 29:S0022-202X(24)00080-0. doi: 10.1016/j.jid.2024.01.009. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38296021.

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