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Biography: Lopamudra Das Roy, M.Sc, MBA, Ph.D, (Distinguished Cancer Scientist–Research Professor) resigned from her job & career in 2017 and founded Breast Cancer Hub (BCH), as honorary pro bono service to meet the mission. **She has 18+ years of experience in Research, Teaching and Mentoring undergraduate and Ph.D. candidates in the field of Genetics and Breast & Pancreatic Cancer. She received her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology (Genetics) from India, in addition to her research experience in Biochemistry at Delhi University, India. Dr. Das Roy did her Post-Doctoral fellowship from Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, USA in Cancer Immunology & therapeutics focusing on Breast and Pancreatic Cancer. She received her MBA from Northwestern University-Kellogg School of Management, Chicago.** Her professional career started as a lecturer of Genetics in Garden City College, Bengaluru, India, followed by her Post-Doctoral fellowship from Mayo Clinic. She moved to **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** and served as **Research Professor**, awarded with grants as **Principal Investigator from the Department of Defense cancer research program) investigating targeting therapies and signaling pathways in metastatic Breast and Pancreatic cancer.** Dr. Das Roy worked as a Research Director at OncoTAb, Inc, focusing on Cancer diagnostics and therapeutics and as an Adjunct Associate Professor at UNCC & **was awarded with Contract grant from National Cancer Institute as Principal investigator.** Her original research work is attributed with numerous **high impact factor publications, citations, press releases with global recognition from American Association of Cancer Research and public media for breakthrough work on discovering the signaling pathway between Breast cancer metastasis and Arthritis.** She is invited to present her work at worldwide conferences as Guest speaker and is a scientist reviewer of grants from Department of Defense and for Cancer related journals. **She serves as Global Leadership Panel member at Fight Cancer Global. Dr. Das Roy completed “Step into Impact” Nonprofit Executive Education Program from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management in 2018. Dr. Das Roy received “Award of Excellence for Humanitarian service” at Male Breast Cancer Coalition Conference, 2019 at Orlando, Florida, USA. She is awarded for Outstanding performance on relief and welfare activities in India during Covid 19 from Universal Diplomatic Affairs of Human Rights in May 2020.**

➤ **Scientific Accomplishments:**

- Discovered the link between **Arthritis (Inflammation)** and **Breast Cancer Metastasis** and received worldwide **Press Releases** for discovering the mechanism.
- Discovered the direct role of MUC1 protein in initiating epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT) in **pancreatic cancer.**
- Developed a novel antibody-based blood test for earlier detection of Breast Cancer.

➤ **Research Grants Awarded as Principal Investigator:**

1. Source: SBIR (Small business innovation research) contract grant issued by National Cancer Institute (NCI)

Title: Molecularly Targeted Radiation Therapy for Cancer Treatment;

Role: Principal Investigator (2016-2017)

2. **Source:** Department of Defense cancer research Program

Title: A novel association and therapeutic targeting of neuropilin-1 and MUC1 in Pancreatic Cancer

Role: CO-Principal Investigator (2012-2014)

3. **Source:** Department of Defense Breast cancer research Program: BCRP BC087792 Award

Title: Evaluate the mechanism of enhanced metastasis induced by arthritis.

Role: Principal Investigator (2009-2012)

- **Scientist reviewer for Journals:** Cancer Biomarkers, Cancer Research, PLoS ONE, BMC Cancer, Journal of Translational Medicine, International Journal of Biomedical Science, Immunopharmacology and immunotoxicology, Cancer Medicine, Molecular Carcinogenesis, Recent Patents on Biotechnology, Cellular Signaling, Annals of Clinical and Experimental Metabolism.
- **Scientist reviewer for grants/proposals**
 - DOD – US Department of Defense Breast cancer research Program (BCRP): 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- **Scientific Editorial board member** for Science Journals related to Cancer Immunology & Immunotherapy.
- **Distinguished Cancer researcher:** Awarded with US Permanent Residency as a distinguished cancer researcher and classified as an individual with extraordinary ability (EB1 category) and of national interest to USA by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Professional Experience

Founder and President, Breast Cancer Hub, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization,

www.breastcancerhub.org

with a mission to bridge the gap between the developed and developing countries on Breast Cancer awareness and research.

Pre-launched Breast Cancer Hub on October 20th, 2017 at Northwestern Kellogg School of Management by giving a presentation on Breast Cancer Scenario across the world.

Our Vision

Save lives by **A**wareness, **V**olunteering, **E**ducation and **R**esearch –**SAVER**

Our Mission

We are a global community with a vision to save lives of women & men with Breast Cancer by early detection via Awareness, Education and Research. **We believe in working together through network and collaboration—Together, we are stronger!**

Breast Cancer Hub Related Links:

1. **Website:** www.breastcancerhub.org
2. **Youtube channel for Breast Cancer Hub:**
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZvTfrE-8pYTKGVPIIIC0Yg/videos>
3. **Facebook page for Breast Cancer Hub:**
<https://www.facebook.com/breastcancerhub/>

Research Director at OncoTAb, Inc (UNCC spin off Company, focused on Cancer Diagnostics and antibody targeted therapy) (Nov 2012 – June 2017 and **Adjunct Associate Professor at University of North Carolina at Charlotte** (Oct 2014 –June 2017)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Nov 2012 –Sep 2014: Adjunct Assistant Professor (Cancer Research Lab)

Oct 2010 – Oct 2012: Research Assistant Professor (Cancer Research Lab)

Sep 2008 – Sep 2010: Post-Doctoral Research Associate (Cancer Research)

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale.

Sep 2007 – Aug 2008: Post-Doctoral Fellow, (Department of Cancer Immunology/Oncology)

Garden City College, Bangalore, India

2002-2004- Lecturer, Department of Genetics

2004-2005 – *Part time Lecturer Department of Genetics and registered for Ph.D. program in 2004*

Delhi University, Delhi, India

2001-2002 - Research Scholar, Hormone Research Lab, Department of Zoology

Education

Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Northwestern Kellogg School of Management (Executive MBA), 2018

Post-Doctoral Fellowship from University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2008-2010

Post-Doctoral Fellowship from Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, 2007-2008

Ph.D. in Genetics &Molecular Biology from Assam University India, 2004-2007

M.Sc. in Life Sciences (2000); 3rd rank in Assam University, 2000

B.Sc. in Zoology Honors (1998); 2nd rank in Assam University, 1998

Summary of Research and Academics experience along with Scientific Peer Reviewed Publications (Contribution to Science)

Doctoral Research-2004-2007: focused on evaluating the genotoxic potential of pharmaceuticals {Chloroquine (CHQ), metronidazole (MTZ), Ciprofloxacin (CIP)} using chromosome aberration (CA), micronucleus (MN), and sperm head abnormality (SA) assays *in vivo* in Swiss albino mice. The interaction between a low dose of radiation and pharmaceuticals, as well as the effect of vitamin C on pharmaceuticals-induced genotoxicity, was also evaluated. We found that these drugs induced dose dependent increase in the frequency of CA as well as MN in polychromatic erythrocytes.

Supplementation with vitamin C prior to drug treatment significantly reduced the frequency of CA as well as MN. Our findings also suggest that these drugs may sensitize bone marrow cells to radiation exposure and enhance genotoxicity.

1. **Das Roy, L.,** Mazumder, M., and Giri, S. (2008). Effects of low dose radiation and vitamin C treatment on chloroquine induced genotoxicity in mice. **Environ. Mol. Mutagenesis.** 49:488-495.
2. **Das Roy, L.,** and Giri, S. (2007). Genotoxicity of ciprofloxacin in mammalian test system. **Journal of Pediatric Oncall.** 70:39-40. (National Indian Journal).

3. **Das Roy, L.,** Giri, S., Singh, S., and Giri, A. (2013). Effects of radiation and vitamin C treatment on metronidazole genotoxicity in mice. **Mutation Research**. doi:pii: S1383-5718(13)00029-6. 10.1016/j.mrgentox.2013.02.001.
4. Singh, S., **Das Roy, L.,** and Giri S. (2013). Curcumin Protects Metronidazole and X-ray Induced Cytotoxicity and Oxidative Stress in Male Germ Cells in Mice. **Prague Med Rep**, 114(2):92-102.

Breast cancer and Arthritis- 2007-2012: Established a link between inflammation and breast cancer metastases, and that there are therapies and treatments that could be developed to decrease the metastases. Specifically, we have identified the key cytokines associated with the enhanced metastasis. We recognized the role of mast cells and SCF/c-Kit signaling in breast cancer with arthritis. The other route of mechanism reported is that IL-17 is up-regulated in the arthritic mice with Breast Cancer and blocking the IL-17 pathway may significantly reduce the rate of metastasis. These insights are fostering new anti-inflammatory therapeutic approaches to cancer development. We are the pioneer of this research investigation and in discovering that breast cancer associated metastasis is significantly augmented due to arthritis and I received press release for discovering the underlying mechanism. Our discoveries and insights are fostering new anti-inflammatory therapeutic approaches to cancer development. The data generated not only reveal the underlying mechanism of high susceptibility to bone and lung metastasis in an arthritic condition, but the combination therapies may lead to treatment modalities that will be capable of reducing tumor burden, and preventing relapse and metastasis in arthritic patients with breast cancer.

- **Awarded with grant on behalf of the Fiscal year 2008(FY08) Department of Defense (DOD) Breast cancer research program (BCRP).** Title of the proposal: “Evaluate the Mechanism of Enhanced Metastasis Induced by Arthritis”. **Role: Principal investigator**, 2009-2012.
 - “Arthritis augments breast cancer metastasis: role of mast cells and SCF/c-Kit signaling”, **Received Press release at AACR Annual Meeting 2012, held in Chicago.**
5. **Nature Precedings.** Available online: **Das Roy, Lopamudra,** Pathangey, Latha, Tinder, Teresa, and Mukherjee, Pinku. Breast Cancer Associated Metastasis is Significantly Increased in a Model of Autoimmune Arthritis. Available from Nature Precedings <<http://hdl.handle.net/10101/npre.2008.2632.1>> (2008) or <http://precedings.nature.com/documents/2632/version/1>.
 6. **Das Roy, L.,** Pathangey, B.L., Tinder, L.T., Schettini, L.J., Gruber, H.E., and Mukherjee, P. (2009). Breast cancer associated metastasis is significantly increased in mice with autoimmune arthritis. **Breast Cancer Res.** 11(4):R56. doi: 10.1186/bcr2345.
 7. **Das Roy, L.,** Pathangey, B.L., Tinder, L.T., Schettini, L.J., Gruber, H.E., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). Collagen induced arthritis increases secondary metastasis in MMTV-PyV MT mouse model of mammary cancer. **BMC Cancer**, 11:365. doi: 10.1186/1471-2407-11-365.
 8. **Das Roy, L.,** Curry, J., Sahraei, M., Kidiyoor, A., Besmer, D., Gruber, H.E and Mukherjee, P. (2013). Arthritis augments breast cancer metastasis: Role of mast cells and SCF/c-Kit signaling. **Breast Cancer Res.** 11;15(2):R32. doi: 10.1186/bcr3412
 9. **Das Roy, L,** Sahraei, M., Gruber, H.E., Besmer, D and Mukherjee, P. (2014). Systemic neutralization of IL-17A significantly reduces breast cancer associated metastasis in arthritic mice by reducing CXCL12/SDF-1 expression in the metastatic niches. **BMC Cancer**, doi: 10.1186/1471-2407-14-225.

Pancreatic Cancer Research: 2007-2017: MUC1 plays a crucial role in the oncogenic signaling pathways of human pancreatic cancer and we discovered the direct role of MUC1 protein in initiating epithelial to

mesenchymal transition (EMT) in pancreatic cancer. We also identified the oncogenic signaling pathways driven by MUC1 in **pancreatic cancer**.

- **Awarded with grant from Department of Defense (DOD) Breast cancer research program (BCRP).** Title: “A novel association and therapeutic targeting of neuropilin-1 and MUC1 in Pancreatic Cancer.” **Role: CO-Principal Investigator**, 2012-2014.
- 10. **Das Roy, L.,** Sahraei, M., Subramani, D., Besmer, D., Nath, S., Tinder, T., Kandavel, S., Lee, Y., Hwang, S.L., Gendler, S., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). MUC1 enhances invasiveness of pancreatic cancer cells by inducing epithelial to mesenchymal transition. **Oncogene Nature publication**, doi 10.1038/onc.2010.526.
- 11. Besmer M, L., Curry, J., **Das Roy, L.,** Tinder, T., Schettini, J., Hwang, S., Lee, Y., Gendler, S.J., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma mice lacking mucin 1 have a profound defect in tumor growth and metastasis. **Cancer Research**. 2011 Jul 1;71(13):4432-42.
- 12. Sahraei, M., **Das Roy, L.,** Curry, J., Tinder, L.T., Nath, S., Besmer, D., Kidiyoor, A., Dalia, R., Gendler, S., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). MUC1 plays a crucial role in the oncogenic signaling pathways of human pancreatic cancer cells. **Oncogene Nature publication**, doi 10.1038/onc.2011.651.
- 13. Schettini, J., Kidiyoor, A., Besmer, D., Tinder, T., **Das Roy, L.,** Lustgarten, J., Gendler, S and Mukherjee, P. (2012). Intratumoral Delivery of CpG-Conjugated Anti-MUC1 Antibody Enhances NK Cell Anti-Tumor Activity. **Cancer Immunology Immunotherapy**, DOI: 10.1007/s00262-012-1264-y.
- 14. Nath, S., Daneshvar, K., **Das Roy, L.,** Kidiyoor, A., Sahraei, M and Mukherjee, P. (2013) MUC1 induces drug resistance in pancreatic cancer cells via activation of PI3K/Akt pathway and upregulation of multidrug resistance genes. **Oncogenesis** (2013) 2, e51; doi:10.1038/oncsis.2013.16.
- 15. Kidiyoor, A., Schettini, J*, Besmer, D*, Rego, S., Nath, S., Curry, J., **Das Roy, L.,** Dreau D., and Mukherjee, P. (2014) Pancreatic Cancer Cells Isolated from Muc1-Null Tumors Favor the Generation of a Mature Less Suppressive MDSC Population. **Cancer Immunology Immunotherapy**, doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2014.00067.
- 16. Nath, S., **Das Roy, L.,** Grover, P., Rao, S., and Mukherjee, P. (2014) MUC1 regulates *Cox-2* gene in pancreatic cancer. **Pancreas** 2015;00: 00–00.
- 17. Zhou, R., Curry, J., **Das Roy, L.,** Grover, P., Moore, L., Wu, S., Kamesh, A., Leung, T., Mukherjee, P. (2016). A Novel Association and Therapeutic Targeting of Neuropilin-1 in MUC1^{high} Pancreatic Cancer. **Oncogene Nature Publication**, doi:10.1038/onc.2015.516.

Research at OncoTAB, Inc-November 2012-June 2017

Developed a novel antibody-based blood test (Agkura Personal Score™) for earlier detection of breast cancer (**Biomarker**). . **Awarded with SBIR** (Small business innovation research) contract grant issued by National Cancer Institute (NCI) as Principal Investigator. Title: Molecularly Targeted Radiation Therapy for Cancer Treatment

- 18. Moore, L., **Das Roy, L.,** Zhou, R., Grover, P., Wu, S., Curry, J., Dillon, L., Puri, R., Yazdanifar, M., Puri, R., Mukherjee, P and Dréau, D.. (2016) Antibody guided in vivo imaging for early detection of mammary gland tumors. *Translational Oncology*, (2016), 9, 295-305.
- 19. **Das Roy, L.,** Dhillon, L., Zhou, R., Moore, L., Puri, R., Livasy, C., Mukherjee, P. (2017) A monoclonal antibody with exceptional specificity across major breast cancer subtypes. *Genes and Cancer*, 8(3-4):536-549. doi:10.18632/genesandcancer.134.
- 20. Didier Dréau, Laura Jeffords Moore, Mike Wu, **Lopa Das Roy,** Lloye Dillion, Travis Porter, Rahul Puri, Noor Momin, K. Dane Wittrup, Pinku Mukherjee (2019) Combining the specific anti-MUC1 antibody TAB004 and Lip-MSA-IL-2 limits pancreatic cancer progression in immune

competent murine models of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. *Frontiers in Oncology*, section Cancer Immunity and Immunotherapy 441584.

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21. Chauhan, V., Nelson, D., **Das Roy, L.**, Mukherjee, P and Kenneth, B. (2012) Exacerbated metastatic disease in a mouse mammary tumor model following latent gamma herpes virus infection. ***Infectious Agents and Cancer***, 7(1):11.
22. Hastie, E*, Besmer, D*, Shah, N., Murphy, A., Moerdyk-Schauwecker, M., Molestina, C., **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., Mukherjee, P., and Grzelishvili, VZ. (2013). Oncolytic vesicular stomatitis virus in an immunocompetent model of pancreatic cancer. ***Journal of Virology***, doi:10.1128/JVI.01412-13
23. Jennifer M. Curry ,Dahlia M. Besmer ,Timothy K. Erick,Nury Steuerwald, **Lopamudra Das Roy**, Priyanka Grover,Shanti Rao,Sritama Nath,Jacob W. Ferrier,Robert W. Reid,Pinku Mukherje. (2019). **Indomethacin enhances anti-tumor efficacy of a MUC1 peptide vaccine against breast cancer in MUC1 transgenic mice. *Plos One***. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0224309>
24. Zhou, R; Yazdanifar, M; **Das Roy, L**; Whilding, L; Gavrill, A; Maher,J; Mukherjee, P. (2019). CAR T Cells Targeting the Tumor MUC1 Glycoprotein Reduce Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Growth. *Frontiers in Immunology*, section Cancer Immunity and Immunotherapy, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fimmu.2019.01149>

Complete List of Published Work in My Bibliography:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=lopamudra+das+roy>

Scientific Presentations at Conferences/Meetings/Events

1. Guest Speaker at Biology Department Seminar, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, USA, 2009.
2. Guest/Invited speaker for Conferences in USA, China, Canada, South America and India, 2009 onwards
3. Expert Speaker and Chairperson at “Global Cancer Summit Conference”, November 2015 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.
4. Guest Lecture on “Early detection of breast cancer” at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 2016.
5. **Das Roy, L.**, and Giri, S. (2007). Induction of Chromosomal Abnormality, Micronucleus and Sperm Shape Abnormality by Metronidazole: A Commonly Used Pharmaceutical. **International conference on Biomarkers in health and Environmental Management & Environmental Mutagen Society of India: XXX11 Annual Meet, Coimbatore, India.**
6. **Das Roy, L.**, and Giri, S. (2007). Effects of low dose radiation and vitamin C treatment on metronidazole induced genotoxicity in mammalian test system *in vivo*. **Indian Academy of Pediatrics 22nd Annual Conference, Assam, India.**
7. **Das Roy, L.**, and Giri, S. (2007). Induction of Chromosomal Abnormality, Micronucleus and Sperm Shape Abnormality by Metronidazole and Vitamin C Intervention. **National Conference on genomics: Impact on human health, Madhya Pradesh, India.**
8. **Das Roy, L.**, and Giri, S. (2007). Induction of Chromosomal Abnormality, Micronucleus and Sperm Shape Abnormality by chloroquine: A Commonly Used Pharmaceutical. **30th All India Cell Biology Conference and Symposium on - Molecule’s to Compartments: Cross- Talks and Network, New Delhi, India.**
9. **Das Roy, L.**, and Giri, S. (2007). Genotoxicity of ciprofloxacin in mammalian test system. Proceedings: ***Journal of Pediatric Oncall***. 70:39-40. (National Indian Journal).
10. **Das Roy, L.**, Pathangey, B.L., Tinder, T., Schettini, L.J., and Mukherjee, P. (2008). Study the influence of arthritis on breast cancer associated bone metastasis. **Era of Hope, Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, Baltimore, USA.**

11. **Das Roy, L.**, Pathangey, B.L., Tinder, T., and Mukherjee, P. (2008). Breast cancer-associated metastasis is significantly increased in mice with autoimmune arthritis. **Autumn Immunology Conference, Chicago, USA.**
12. **Das Roy, L.**, Pathangey, B.L., Tinder, T., Gruber, H.E., and Mukherjee, P. (2009). Increased breast cancer associated metastasis in PyV MT mice induced to develop arthritis. **American Association of Immunology Conference, Seattle, USA.**
13. **Das Roy, L.**, Schettini, J.L., Sahraei, M., Gruber, H.E., Sahraei, M., and Mukherjee, P. (2010). Treatment with anti-IL 17A coupled with COX-2 inhibitor significantly decreases breast cancer associated secondary metastasis in a model of autoimmune arthritis. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Washington D.C., USA**
14. Kidiyoor, A., Schettini, J., **Das Roy, L.**, Besmer, D., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). Pancreatic tumor cells that develop within a Muc1 knock-out mice generate less immunosuppressive MDSCs in vitro. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Orlando, USA.**
15. Nath, S., **Das Roy, L.**, Rao S., Tinder, T., and Mukherjee, P. (2011) The oncogenic role of MUC1 in the context of TGF- β production and signaling. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Orlando, USA.**
16. Besmer M, L., Curry, J., **Das Roy, L.**, Tinder, T., Schettini, J., Hwang, S., Lee, Y., Gendler, S.J., and Mukherjee, P. (2011). MUC1 increases proliferation of pancreatic cancer in vivo and in vitro through regulation of ERK1/2. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Orlando, USA**
17. **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., Sahraei, M., Kidiyoor, A., Besmer, D., Gruber, H.E and Mukherjee, P. (2011) Evaluate the Mechanism of Enhanced Metastasis Induced by Arthritis. **Era of Hope, Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, Orlando, USA.**
18. **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., Sahraei, M., Kidiyoor, A., Besmer, D., Gruber, H.E and Mukherjee, P. (2012)_Arthritis augments breast cancer metastasis: Role of mast cells and SCF/c-Kit signaling. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Chicago, USA.**
19. Besmer,D., Kidiyoor, A., Nath, S., **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., and Mukherjee,P. (2012). Investigating the Role of IDO in MUC1 Expressing Breast Cancers. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, Chicago, USA.**
20. Curry, J., Besmer, D.*, **Das Roy, L.**, Grover, P., Nath, S., Rao,S., Mukherjee, P. (2013). Combinational MUC1 vaccine therapy and Indomethacin treatment reduces breast tumor burden via a COX-independent pathway. **American Association of Cancer Research, Washington, USA.**
21. Hastie, E*., Besmer, D*., Shah, N., Murphy, A., Moerdyk-Schauwecker, M., Molestina, C., **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., Mukherjee, P., and Grzelishvili, VZ. (2013). Oncolytic vesicular stomatitis virus in an immunocompetent model of pancreatic cancer. **15th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, March 13, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.**
22. Hastie, E*., Besmer, D*., Shah, N., Murphy, A., Moerdyk-Schauwecker, M., Molestina, C., **Das Roy, L.**, Curry, J., Mukherjee, P., and Grzelishvili, VZ. (2013). Oncolytic vesicular stomatitis virus in an immunocompetent model of pancreatic cancer. **32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Virology, July 20 – 24, State College, Pennsylvania, USA.**
23. Zhou, R., Curry, J., Grover, P., **Das Roy, L.**, Leung, T., and Mukherjee,P. (2014) MUC1 enhances neuropilin-1 signaling in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. **Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, SanDiego, USA.**
24. **Das Roy, L.**, Zhou., R., Moore., L, Puri., R., Mukherjee., P. (2015) MUC1 expression in a panel of human breast cancer cell lines. Publication only: **American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual meeting, Chicago, USA.**
25. Allen, B., Wu, Shuta., **Das Roy, L.**, Zhou, Ru., Fowler, A., Ogle, J., Garmon, C., Ogle, C., Mukherjee,P.(2015) Targeting Breast and Pancreatic Cancer with Antibody-guided PLGA Nanoparticles. **URC (Undergraduate Research Conference) 2015 at UNC Charlotte, USA.**

26. Dréau,D., Moore, L., **Das Roy, L.**, Wu, S., Puri, R., Mukherjee,P. (2015) Early detection of mammary tumors in vivo using a highly specific tumor antibody: **Breast Cancer Symposium, ASCO, USA**
27. Expert Speaker and Chairperson at “Global Cancer Summit Conference”, November 2015 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZJCEdsQoyM>
28. **Das Roy, L.**, Zhou., R., Moore., L, Puri., R., Mukherjee., P. (2015) A monoclonal antibody with exceptional specificity across major breast cancer subtypes. **San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, San Antonio, USA.**
29. Zhou, R., **Das Roy, L.**, Yazdanifar, M., Moore., L, Cherian, E., Livasy, C., Mukherjee., P. (2016) Development of combinatorial immune therapy using tMUC1-specific chimeric antigen receptor-redirected T cells for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer. **Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy, AACR, Boston, USA.**
30. Mukherjee, P., Zhou, R., Yazdanifar, M., and **Das Roy, L.** (2017) Development and future of CAR T cell therapy for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and triple negative breast cancer. **American association for cancer research Frontiers in Cancer Treatment at Cape Town, January 2017.**
31. Zhou, R., **Das Roy,L.**, Yazdanifar, M., Livasy, C., and Mukherjee, P. (2017) The use of tMUC1 highly specific chimeric antigen receptor-redirected T cells for the eradication of triple negative breast cancer. **American association of immunology conference, Washington D.C, May 2017.**
32. Presentation on behalf of Breast Cancer Hub on October 20th, 2017 at Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, Chicago, IL, USA, focusing on Breast Cancer Scenario across the world.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3syTdzLYcM>
33. Presentation on Breast Cancer and self breast exam on 18th May, 2018 at Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, Chicago, IL, USA
34. More than 55 outreach events, as guest speaker in urban & rural India, Hospitals, Universities & Colleges, on Breast Cancer: June 27th to August 22nd 2018.
<https://www.breastcancerhub.org/events/>
35. Wells Fargo, Charlotte, USA, October 2018: **Guest speaker- Presentation Title:** Unique challenges with Breast Cancer - the Developed and Developing World.
<https://www.breastcancerhub.org/usa-1/wellsfargo>
36. Invited as Panelist/Speaker for various events in Charlotte highlighting Breast Cancer awareness & education: March 2-Telugu association of Greater Charlotte; March 8-Panelist as inspiring Community leader on International Women’s Day by United Indian Community Forum; March 22-Guest speaker at WellsFargo; March 23-Health Workshop by Shakthi Corporation; March 30-Cancer awareness seminar by Bengali Women’s Forum.
<https://www.breastcancerhub.org/events>
37. Invited as Guest speaker at Male Breast Cancer Coalition Conference in April 2019 in Orlando, USA.
38. **Invited in several organizations in US & India as guest speaker in 2019, 2020.All documented on BCH website.** <https://www.breastcancerhub.org/events>

Additional Honors and awards

2020:Universal Diplomatic Affairs of Human Rights: Awarded for Outstanding performance on relief and welfare activities in India during Covid 19.

2019: Young Scientist Cancer Meet September 14, 2019 – Spectrum News:
<https://www.facebook.com/breastcancerhub/videos/2433660736724319/>

2019: More press releases in India outreaches <https://www.breastcancerhub.org/news>

2019: Dr. Das Roy received “Award of Excellence for Humanitarian service” at Male Breast Cancer Coalition Conference on April 27th, 2019 at Orlando, Florida, USA.

2019: Global Leadership Panel member at Fight Cancer Globa

2018-2019: India outreaches: Invited speaker to talk on Breast Cancer Awareness & research. **Honored with various awards & press releases (newspapers & TV)-** <https://www.breastcancerhub.org/news>

Press Releases in 2012: Websites below

[AACR press release attached \(Page 10-11\)](#)

<https://www.breastcancerhub.org/news>

<http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/31948/title/News-from-Cancer-Meeting/>

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/04/120401134939.htm>

<http://cancerdiscovery.aacrjournals.org/content/early/2012/03/29/2159-8290.CD-NB2012-031.full>

<http://www.breastcancer.co/news/research/breast-cancer-metastases-link-identified-possibly-treatable>

<http://in.news.yahoo.com/intimate-relationship-between-metastatic-breast-cancer-arthritis-identified-044034701.html>

<http://www.dailyrx.com/news-article/breast-cancer-metastasis-associated-arthritis-18333.html>

http://www.newsmaxhealth.com/healthwire/breast_cancer_arthritis/2012/04/09/444146.html

<http://unccltnews.blogspot.com/2012/04/mechanism-found-connecting-metastatic.html>

- Approximately more than 600 citations of my publications.
- Awarded with First Class 2nd Position (2nd Highest score in the University and State) in the Bachelor’s Degree program from Assam, India, 1998
- Awarded with First Class 2nd Position (2nd Highest score in the University) in the Master’s Degree program from Assam, India, 2000
- Pre-doctoral Scholarship/Fellowship awarded from the Central Government of India, 2004-07 for PhD Research.
- Awarded with US Permanent Residency as a **distinguished cancer researcher** and classified as an individual with extraordinary ability (EB1 category) and of national interest to USA by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- **Awarded with grant on behalf of the Fiscal year 2008(FY08) Department of Defense (DOD) Breast cancer research program (BCRP).** Title of the proposal: “Evaluate the Mechanism of Enhanced Metastasis Induced by Arthritis”. Proposal rated Outstanding with a score of 1.3. **Role: Principal investigator, 2009-2012**
- Awarded with postdoctoral grant from **Susan Komen Foundation** but declined since I was awarded with DOD grant in the same year, 2009.
- Launched Breast Cancer Hub on October 20th, 2017 at Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, Chicago, IL, USA by giving a presentation on Breast Cancer Scenario across the world. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2HvKqLGhiQ>
- Expert Speaker and Chairperson at “Global Cancer Summit Conference”, November 2015 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZJCEdsQoyM>

- Guest Speaker on “Early detection of breast cancer” at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 2016.
- Guest Speaker at Biology Department Seminar, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, USA, 2009.
- Guest/Invited speaker for Conferences in USA, China, Canada, South America and India, 2009 onwards
- Certificate of Excellency in All India Talent Search Examination, 1993
- **Judge** for the fifth annual graduate student poster competition in the Charlotte Biotechnology conference, 2011
- **Review committee:** International Member of review committee for graduate students from Assam University (Central University), India, 2011-present
- **Millennial Magazine Spring/Summer 2011**, Page 12, Title: “**Inspiring Discovery**”. Article published on my work on breast and pancreatic cancer, **2011**.
- “Arthritis augments breast cancer metastasis: role of mast cells and SCF/c-Kit signaling”, **Identified as Newsworthy for the AACR Annual Meeting 2012, held in Chicago**. The work was reported through a wide range of consumer media outlets (newspapers, magazines, radio and television), trade publications, and social media platforms and press conference, 2012
- **Wikipedia on MUC1 protein (2014)** referenced the manuscript under reference#30: **Das Roy, L., Sahraei, M., Subramani, D., Besmer, D., Nath, S., Tinder, T., Kandavel, S., Lee, Y., Hwang, SL., Gendler, S., and Mukherjee, P.** MUC1 enhances invasiveness of pancreatic cancer cells by inducing epithelial to mesenchymal transition. Oncogene nature publication, doi 10.1038/onc.2010.526.
Link to Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MUC1>
- **Judge** at “**Global Cancer Summit Conference**”, November 2015 at **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India**.
- **Judge** for poster competition for Center for Biomedical Engineering and Science (CBES), UNCC, April, 2016.
- **2017-2019: Panelist and Invited Guest speaker to talk about Breast cancer at various health platforms & seminars**
- November, 2019: One of the panelists at Careers in Biosciences at University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

Other key interest and experience

- Completed training for educating children with special needs (**Cerebral Palsy**) at Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, India.
- Socially active and participate in community services and other social activities and campaigns.
- Professionally trained Indian Classical dancer and performs in several shows and events in multi-cultural events and functions.

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Link Between Inflammation and Breast Cancer Metastases Identified, May Be Treatable

- Metastases increased in mice with breast cancer and arthritis.

- Mast cells one of the major underlying causes of metastases.
- Therapies could be developed to decrease metastases.

CHICAGO — The incidence of breast cancer-associated metastasis was increased in animal models of the chronic inflammatory condition arthritis, according to results of a preclinical study presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2012, held here March 31 - April 4. The results indicate that inflammatory cells known as mast cells play a key role in this increase and that interfering with mast cells reduces the occurrence of bone and lung metastases.

“The most devastating aspect of breast cancer is the emergence of tumor cells that grow to distant organs,” said Lopamudra Das Roy, Ph.D., research assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. “It has been reported that sites of chronic inflammation are associated with the establishment and growth of tumor cells.”

Prior research conducted by Das Roy established that the incidence of breast cancer metastasis to the bone and lungs was increased in arthritic mice. Because both breast cancer and arthritis are prevalent in women, specifically postmenopausal women, the researchers conducted an additional study using two groups of mice to identify what might be causing the association between arthritis and breast cancer metastases.

The first group of mice had spontaneous arthritis and was induced to have breast cancer. The second group of mice had spontaneous breast cancer and was induced to have arthritis. Because mice in both groups had enhanced numbers of mast cells within the bone and lung, Das Roy and colleagues focused on understanding how these cells might influence breast cancer metastasis.

“We found that there were many proinflammatory factors that are upregulated in the arthritic microenvironment and several of these proinflammatory factors known to influence metastases are produced by mast cells, which are activated by tumor-derived stem cell factor (SCF) binding to its receptor c-Kit,” Das Roy said

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A subsequent key finding was that SCF/c-Kit signaling was increased in arthritic mice with breast cancer versus nonarthritic mice with breast cancer. This set the stage for examining the effects of blocking this signaling.

When the mice were treated with a therapy to target the c-Kit mast cell receptor in combination with celecoxib (a drug used to treat autoimmune arthritis), the incidence of breast cancer metastasis to the bone and lung was greatly reduced.

“The clinical implications of this research are huge,” Das Roy said. “We already have data that show that women with breast cancer and arthritis have lower survival as compared with women with breast cancer and no arthritis. This research indicates that we may be able to design a therapy to block SCF/c-Kit signaling, which could help reduce metastases to the bone and lungs.”

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