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Title: "New insights into cell-matrix interactions in lung injury – role of TLR5 and

primary cilia"

Synopsis: Cell-matrix interactions play a crucial role in the response to lung injury, but many

gaps remain in our knowledge of how the cells sense their microenvironment, and what signaling pathways are activated by the matrix. This talk will present two vignettes with unpublished data: The first will demonstrate that the innate immune

receptor TLR5 is integrated in the TLR4 signaling pathway and plays a central role

in the response to lung injury; the second will introduce primary cilia on

mesenchymal cells as important mediators of airway remodeling.