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This newsletter is written by members of the LPDA and LGSA Communications Committee. We welcome your questions and suggestions!

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Continuing #WhiteCoatsForBlackLives

As the pandemic continues, it is important to remember our organization’s commitment to addressing racism and bias contributing to health disparities in Northeastern Ohio and around the nation. In the spirit of continuing the conversation surrounding societal inequities, this month we feature some of our favorite Black-owned businesses in Cleveland.

We also recap the recent LEADERS seminar given by Dr. Justin Lathia about virtual networking, with special advice for how to navigate networking during the pandemic. The next LEADERS seminar on August 10th begins the Grant Writing series by Dr. Cassandra Talerico - don’t miss it!

This month, our featured LRI alumnus is Dr. Judith Hobert, featured fellow is Dr. Joon Yul Choi, and featured graduate student is Brandon Smith.

Join our LinkedIn Group

The Lerner Postdoc and Grad Student Alumni Network on LinkedIn is a group of current and former postdoctoral fellows, research scholars and graduate students at Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute. We share opportunities for career development, networking and highlighting our scientific achievements. We also post reminders about upcoming events, so be sure to turn on notifications! Request to join here.
Where did you obtain your PhD? I received my PhD from the University of Chicago in 2006.

When did you work in Lerner and in which lab? What positions did you hold? I began working in the Genomic Medicine Institute in the fall of 2006 and remained there until 2011. During most of this time, I worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Charis Eng.

What did you work on at Lerner? My projects primarily involved hereditary cancer syndromes and autism spectrum disorders, with particular focus on individuals with PTEN mutations. Some of my work also extended into hereditary cancer syndromes resulting from mutations in genes encoding subunits of the mitochondrial enzyme, succinate dehydrogenase.

What successes did you have at Lerner? My work at Lerner resulted in four research papers and one review article.

What is your current position title and where are you now? Currently, I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Utah School of Medicine and a Medical Director of Biochemical Genetics at ARUP Laboratories.

What does your role in your current position entail and what is your favorite part? My current position entails interpreting laboratory results from clinical biochemical genetic tests, communicating results to physicians or other care providers, ensuring the quality of clinical laboratory data, teaching (residents, fellows, graduate students and laboratory staff), and occasional participation in international conferences. My favorite part of my job is when I am able to integrate biochemical test results with clinical information to help provide a diagnosis for a patient.

What about your time at Lerner do you think prepared you for this position? My time at Lerner allowed me the opportunity to become more familiar with the different specialty areas of clinical genetics. It also allowed me to become more independent as a researcher and exposed me to many different laboratory techniques I had not previously used.

Is there something you particularly miss from your time at Lerner? I miss the camaraderie of my co-workers in the Genomic Medicine Institute.

In one sentence, what advice would you give current Lerner postdocs? Take a moment to write down your long-term goals and start working towards them, one step at a time.
Meet your Fellow
Joon Yul Choi, PhD

Where are you from? I am originally from New Jersey and grew up in South Korea.

What is your current research focus? The main purpose of my epilepsy research is to determine the location of patients’ epileptogenic zones to guide surgeries that aim to relieve these patients from epileptic seizures. I am applying a new MRI technique called magnetic resonance fingerprinting (MRF) with epilepsy patients in order to develop new analysis techniques to locate these epileptogenic zones using programming-based approaches. I am also trying to build an artificial intelligence model to detect lesions in epilepsy patients.

Do you have any recent accomplishments in your current position? Since I have started working at Cleveland Clinic in 2019, I published a book chapter titled “Merging MEG into epilepsy presurgical workup under the framework of multimodal integration” in an issue of Neuroimaging Clinics of North America that focused on magnetoencephalography. I also presented my work about the usage of MRI in epilepsy research at the 2019 American Epilepsy Society conference. I had two abstracts accepted for the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine conference. I also published four research articles about developing artificial intelligence models for clinical use.

What is your educational background? I have been on a long-lasting journey conducting magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) research for the last 7 years. I began MRI research with a physics research team at University of Pennsylvania in 2013 and then completed a PhD in electrical and computer engineering at Seoul National University in 2019.

What did your graduate research focus on? I mainly focused on improving quantitative MRI methods, such as myelin imaging, to ameliorate current weighted contrast MRI methods for clinical applications. In addition, I developed artificial intelligence models to improve diagnostic accuracy for various diseases with imaging data.

How did you decide to pursue your current postdoc at Cleveland Clinic? I was eager to apply my expertise to clinical research that will benefit patients. Therefore, I decided to pursue a postdoctoral research fellowship at Cleveland Clinic because I was confident that this institution is the best place to learn new skills and use my expertise to improve patients’ outcomes.

Which lab do you work in and for how long have you been a part of this team? I have worked under the supervision of Dr. Wang in the Epilepsy Center of the Neurological Institute since 2019.

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What do you like to do outside of the laboratory? Outside of work, I like to listen to classical music. I especially love listening to violin performances.
Meet your Graduate Student
Brandon Smith

Brandon Smith is a Cleveland State University graduate student, who recently published an original article titled “The impact of regional astrocyte interferon-γ signaling during chronic autoimmunity: a novel role for the immunoproteasome” in the *Journal of Neuroinflammation*.

His data reveals a protective role for IFN-γ in chronic neuroinflammation and identifies a novel function of the immunoproteasome (iP) in astrocytes during central nervous system autoimmunity. During autoimmunity, the iP reduces reactive oxygen species and poly-ubiquitinated proteins in a regionally heterogeneous manner, ultimately leading to amelioration of the disease.

Brandon is a student in Dr. Jessica Williams’ laboratory in the Department of Neurosciences. He is a Cleveland native and attended Cleveland State University as an undergraduate student.

After completing his undergraduate degree, he spent several years building his scientific skill-set while working in both clinical and basic science environments. Brandon began his tenure at Lerner as a research technician before deciding to transition and advance his work on multiple sclerosis as a PhD student at Cleveland State University.

Outside of his research, Brandon has an avid interest in beekeeping and honey collection.

“I like training at Lerner because it has a wide variety of technologies and expertise to help with any project.”
-Brandon Smith
Meet your LPDA Leaders

Kirsten Scarlett Evonuk, PhD | Chair of LPDA Communications Committee

Dr. Kirsten Scarlett Evonuk is from Maui, Hawaii. She earned her BA from the University of Portland in Oregon and her PhD from the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. Her primary research project examines the role that excess release of the neurotransmitter glutamate plays in causing demyelination and axonal damage in a model of multiple sclerosis. Her graduate mentor, Dr. Tara DeSilva, moved to Cleveland Clinic in 2016 and Dr. Evonuk chose to join her at Lerner as a postdoctoral fellow for the opportunity to collaborate with leaders in the fields of multiple sclerosis and immunology. She believes that it is important for leaders to have a vision of what success looks like, and have an idea of how to achieve it. Encompassed in this philosophy are organizational, motivational, and time management skills which she has developed and honed during her time as a postdoc. Her greatest strength as a scientist is her ability to plan for the future, even during those times when experiments don’t seem to match the expected hypotheses! Dr. Evonuk’s primary goal for the Communications Subcommittee is to ensure the timely release of the monthly newsletter as well as keeping everyone at Lerner informed and entertained. She believes that the current Communications Subcommittee has an incredibly collaborative team working to ensure that each edition is filled with new content for all to enjoy. She is also working to increase the membership of the subcommittee, and of LPDA in general. Outside of the lab she enjoys walking her two huskies, learning HTML and CSS to create websites, and browsing the Internet.

Emily Esakov, PhD | Chair of LPDA Mentorship Committee

Dr. Emily Esakov grew up in Akron, Ohio. She earned her BS in pharmaceutical science from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and her PhD in medicinal chemistry from the University of Toledo. She is currently exploring chemo-resistance mechanisms of cancer stem cells in ovarian cancer and developing a peptide therapy for triple-negative breast cancers focused on cancer stem cell-specific proteins. From an early age it has been a long term goal of hers to work at Cleveland Clinic. The ability to work closely with clinicians to impact patient care are the main reasons she decided to do a postdoc at Lerner. She believes that the most important value for a leader is teamwork. Strong leaders recognize that they cannot be successful without the hard work of their team, and she always tried to keep this philosophy close to heart. She believes her greatest strength is empathy, which enables her to easily understand another’s point of view to foster more effective communication and teamwork. This outlook has remained an essential part of both her personal and professional life throughout her academic career. Her goals for LPDA are to ensure that postdoctoral trainees within the LRI feel their concerns are being heard and addressed. Now, more than ever, she feels it is crucial for us all to stay connected and work together to help advance our careers. Outside of work, she enjoys crocheting and needlepoint.
LEADERS Seminar Series

2020 LEADERS Series for Lerner Research Institute Trainees

Lerner Experience in Advanced Development of Education and Research Skills

Grant Writing
Part 1

- Provides Lerner trainees with career development tools that will accelerate their professional development.
- Sessions open to all Lerner Research Institute trainees.
- 12 sessions in 2020
- Receive a certificate of completion if 75% of sessions are attended.

WHO: Cassandra Talerico, PhD
Science Writer, Department of Cancer Biology, LRI

WHEN: August 10, 2020
4:00 - 5:00 PM

WHERE: Virtual (Zoom)
Upcoming Events

Research Day

40th Annual
Cleveland Clinic Research Day

Call for Abstracts

June 1 - August 28
Submissions will close at noon on August 28, 2020.

2020 Research Day
Research Day will take place virtually on November 2, 2020. Stay tuned for details on how to join remotely.

Audience
All investigators are invited to participate and present basic/translational and clinical research in this enterprise-wide event.

Acceptance
Abstract submitters will be notified of acceptance in late September; all submitted abstracts will be posted on the Research Day website.

Awards
Junior basic/translational and junior clinical investigators are eligible for the F. Merlin Bumpus Junior Investigator Award. Judges will select the top 10 abstracts (5 basic and 5 clinical). The 10 semi-finalists will present their abstracts, and judges will award three prizes in each category (with a cash award) at Research Day virtually. Presentations will take place virtually. There will be no poster sessions this year.

Questions? Email halej6@ccf.org
For more information and to submit your abstract, please visit the Research Day website: intranet.lerner.ccf.org/researchday

Please note, you must be connected to the CC network to access this page.
Did you miss the virtual LEADERS seminar on ‘Virtual Networking’ presented by Dr. Justin Lathia? Here is the recap!

Dr. Lathia came to Cleveland Clinic as a postdoctoral fellow in 2009 and started his own lab in 2012. He credits much of his career success to networking - he met his postdoctoral mentor at a scientific meeting and discovered unposted openings for faculty positions through networking. Dr. Lathia’s many tips for successful networking, including considerations for networking during the pandemic, are described below.

Basic truths about networking
Dr. Lathia stressed that you are ultimately responsible for your own success. Simply having grants and papers isn’t enough to guarantee a successful career - one of the first hurdles is finding a job. Many job advertisements are posted with candidates already in mind. Being proactive with networking can allow you to uncover jobs that haven’t been posted and spare you from wasting time applying to positions that have already been filled. However, it is important to remember that networking doesn’t mean sending generic emails. It involves researching recipients and finding common interests and good reasons to contact them.

How do people find their jobs if many positions are already filled when posted?
As discussed above, searching for a job by only responding to job ads may end up being a waste of time. Dr. Lathia asked the audience how they had found their current positions and the following responses were given:

● Networking at conferences and meetings
● Emailing PIs with interesting research
● Luck

Dr. Lathia stressed that people find their jobs most often through networking, not by replying to posted job ads. He also described his own job search, noting that of the 5 interviews he went on, NONE of them had posted ads.

Scientific conferences and meetings are great networking resources
If used correctly, scientific conferences and meetings can be perfect places to begin networking, according to Dr. Lathia. This is true whether you’re interested in an academic career or an industrial/pharmaceutical one. However, being prepared is an important component of successfully networking at these meetings.

Conferences and meetings during the pandemic
COVID-19 has changed the landscape of scientific conferences and meetings, forcing most events to occur in a virtual format. The above tips can still apply to these virtual meetings - contacting people of interest and inviting them to view your presentation is a great way to start a conversation. Additionally, if you have the option, inviting people of interest to speak in your department seminars is another good way to meet people. Dr. Lathia noted that many conferences are entirely virtual and some are even free to attend, so this is a great time to take advantage of that readily available networking resource.

Creating your brand
Another tip for networking successfully, offered by Dr. Lathia, was creating a brand or presence for yourself. This can be done in a number of ways, with one of the easiest being asking questions during conferences. Introducing your name and institute, and asking insightful questions can be a great way to get your name out there. Dr. Lathia also recommended using Twitter to share your work, share others’ work, and comment on science you find interesting. Twitter can be a great way to converse with people of interest and generate excitement about your own research.

Final thoughts
Putting yourself out there through networking can be scary, but it’s a necessary part of job searching. Remember that networking acts as a two-way street. You must be genuinely interested in forming connections with others and maintaining those connections, rather than using networking to get things from people. Just remember that most people are friendly and willing to help, and have fun making new connections!
Support Black-Owned Businesses in CLE - Check These Out!

Jasmine Gajeton

Cleveland Clinic is committed to ending racism and bias resulting in health disparities. Recently, many of us at Lerner participated in a #WhiteCoatForBlackLives moment of reflection to stand with our community and in remembrance of George Floyd. In this special monthly feature, we highlight ways to support Black-owned businesses - here, we focus on 6 delicious eateries, all just minutes from Lerner. Call ahead to pick up some takeout to enjoy in the (safe and socially distanced) comfort of your own home. We would love to see which Black-owned businesses you’ve supported - send us your photos here! (Prices, hours, and menu items may be changed due to developing COVID-19 updates. Please check their websites or call ahead for the most updated information. Please remember to drink responsibly.)

Click on this custom Google maps (made by the CLE Bucket List) for a more detailed list of food options, pop-ups, art, auto, event planning, fitness/health, yard care, musicians, salons, services, and products.

The Ribcage Smokehouse and Bar

Kitchen Hours: Monday - Thursday (4 PM - 2 AM), Friday & Saturday (11:30 AM - 2 AM)
Delivery available on DoorDash and UberEats

Ribcage has two locations - one on Cedar Lee and another, more recently, on West 25th. Known for their smoked masterpieces and slow-cooked BBQ, you’ll be left wondering if you should have gotten that extra order of the Cajun Alligator Tail Bites or their House Cole Slaw. Their “Ribcage wings” were rated in the Top 10 Best Wings in CLE by the Cleveland Scene Magazine in 2013. One of their unique wing sauces to try out is the herb buffalo. They say, “The sauce is boss, but the meat got it beat!” Share a combo plate with 2 meat choices for $23 and load up on $5 sides like collard greens, mac and cheese, or candied yams (to name a few). Call 216-321-RIBS (Cleveland Hts.) or 216-762-1996 (Ohio City) to place an order.

Academy Tavern

Kitchen Hours: Monday - Thursday (11 AM - 10 PM), Friday & Saturday (11 AM - 11 PM), Sunday (11 AM - 9 PM)

Located just a few minutes from Shaker Square, Academy Tavern on Larchmere has been a local gem in the neighborhood since 1939 - they began serving cocktails just after Prohibition! In 2019, they were awarded the Nextdoor Neighborhood Favorite and were featured in Cleveland Scene’s “50 Cleveland Area Bars We Love.” They have weekly entertainment and live music on their outdoor patio! Craving some tacos to get you through the week? Check out their Taco Tuesday deals (3 tacos for $9, $8 margaritas)! Or just need some burger and fries? Try their Academy Burger ($13) with a choice of side. Check back on Fridays for their famous Fish Fry ($15). Call (216) 229-1171 to place your takeout order.

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Zanzibar Soul Fusion
Kitchen Hours: Monday - Thursday (5 PM - 11 PM), Friday & Saturday (11 AM - 1 AM), Sunday (11 AM - 11 PM). Delivery available on DoorDash, UberEats, GrubHub, Postmates

You don’t need to travel far for a taste of Southern food. Located right in Shaker Square (and another location downtown), Zanzibar features local favorites like Walleye Cakes ($16), Chicken and Waffles ($15), Shrimp and Grits ($17), and (my favorite) - their deep-fried Catfish ($16). Each entrée is served with a side dish of your choice and corn muffins. House cole slaw, beans and rice, or cajun corn are just some of the options of their “supporting cast” side menu. Place your order for the Shaker Square location online here, or you can call ahead (216) 752-1035. Expect about 40 - 60 minutes for your order during peak hours (i.e. Friday dinner rush).

Cleveland Cold Brew Coffee

Pick up hours for online orders: Monday - Friday (9 AM - 2 PM)

Yeah, beer growlers are cool, but have you ever gotten a growler full of cold brew coffee?! At Cleveland Cold Brew Coffee, you can grab a black cold brew growler for $30, or try out one of their smaller, flavored cold brew bottles ($3.75). Their love and passion for coffee matches the owner’s love for Cleveland, as the push for the new storefront was inspired by the 2016 NBA finals - “if they win, I’ll do it.” About a mile and a half north of Lerner, on East 105th, this coffee shop and café has just what you need to get you through the day. Order online before heading in to lab and pick up a breakfast sandwich ($3 - $4) along with your morning coffee ($4 - $5)! They also offer a nitro cold brew ($3 - $4) for those who love the extra smooth finish. Or maybe a strawberry banana smoothie ($4.75) to cool off during these summer heat waves. Order ahead online for a quick pick-up!

Vegan Doughnut Company

Hours: Saturday & Sunday (9 AM - 3 PM, or sold-out)

Visit Ohio’s first and only 100% vegan doughnut shop in Lakewood for some of their drool-worthy hand-crafted treats. They strive to buy organic and locally sourced ingredients while also “taking care of the animals, the earth, and our bodies.” Each month, they post a featured list of flavors, so don’t miss out! Past favorite flavors have been lemon lavender, cookies and cream, and blueberry cake. They often sell out before closing so keep an eye on their Instagram if you are planning to go (or go early). There is not an option to call or place orders online, so know which flavors you want before going.

Cathy’s Gourmet Ice Cream Sandwiches

Hours: Tuesday - Sunday (2 PM - 9 PM)

Founded in 2018, Cathy’s shop is in the heart of downtown Cleveland. Head over to Euclid and East 4th for a classic sweet treat: ice cream sandwiches! For $10, you can get your choice of a fresh warm cookie, churros, or a vegan ice cream sandwich customized with one of 16 ice cream flavors. Get half off on cookie ice cream sandwiches and scoops during their happy hours from 2 - 4 PM every Monday - Friday. Each purchase helps support their vision to maintain a woman-run, minority-owned business.
Postdoctoral Position in Immunology/ Chemical Biology | University of Toledo
A Postdoctoral Scholar Position is currently available in the lab of Professor Katherine Wall, Chair of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry, at the University of Toledo in Ohio. The ideal candidate will have experience in immunology and immunological assays, particularly using mouse models. Candidates must have earned a PhD in Immunology, Biochemistry, or a related field with a focus on Immunology or have equivalent experience. The project goals related to the position are the analysis of immune responses of mice to novel *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* vaccine designs prepared by a chemist co-PI on a new R01 NIH grant. The duties include managing the laboratory and assisting with several graduate students. This postdoctoral position is open immediately and will remain open until filled. All interested candidates are required to apply online at [https://utoledo.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/6/home/requisition/1913?c=utoledo](https://utoledo.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/6/home/requisition/1913?c=utoledo) and submit a cover letter that provides their research experience and availability, a curriculum vitae, and three reference letters. Further questions about this position can be sent directly to katherine.wall@utoledo.edu with the subject line Postdoctoral Scholar.

Postdoctoral Scholar in OARDC Plant Pathology | The Ohio State University
Candidates will conduct research focused on microbial communities in hydroponic production, including but not limited to human bacterial pathogens. They will study microbial communities as a whole in different components of hydroponic systems and will focus on specific plant and/or human pathogens associated to hydroponic production. This includes handling and processing of samples for microbial analysis, maintenance and identification of cultures, and environmental DNA extraction followed by metagenomic applications, as well as bioinformatics and data analysis. Candidates should hold a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, Molecular Biology, Microbiology, Food Safety or a related field. For more details [click here](https://utoledo.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/6/home/requisition/1913?c=utoledo).

Senior Scientist (Oncology) | Cancer Research UK (CRUK)
Cancer Research UK’s Therapeutic Discovery Laboratories (CRUK-TDL), is the in-house CRUK drug discovery unit with a principal focus on establishing and prosecuting biologically-themed multi-project alliances with industrial partners. The lab-based position involves biological exploration of novel potential drug targets and biomarkers. Development and execution of cell-based assays to enable drug discovery projects. Small molecule characterisation and mechanism of action studies, and working collaboratively within the Discovery Bioscience team, interacting with multi-disciplinary research teams both internally and with external collaborators. For more details [click here](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org).

Research Faculty-Structural Biology | University of Pittsburgh
The UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, celebrating its 34th year as a leading center for cancer research, is recruiting outstanding basic science faculty who are working on structure-function studies of proteins involved in oncogenic processes at the Assistant, Associate and Professor levels to join established programs in Cancer Biology, Cancer Virology, Cancer Immunology & Immunotherapy, and Genome Stability. Successful candidates will have PhD, MD or equivalent and an exceptional scientific research record encompassing structural biology using state-of-the-art approaches and will join in tenure-track or tenured faculty positions that are commensurate with prior training and experience. For more details [click here](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org).

Research Fellow | Dana Farber Cancer Institute
The Haq Lab is looking for an enthusiastic post-doctoral fellow to work on projects studying resistance to melanoma therapies including targeted and immunotherapy. Highly motivated PhD, MD, or MD/PhD with a record of stellar productivity during graduate training and is looking for a first post-doctoral position. For more details [click here](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org).
We love celebrating trainee accomplishments! To submit your own news or to recognize someone else, email lri-postdoc-assoc@ccf.org

Congratulations to Alyson Wolk from the Anand-Apte lab in the Department of Ophthalmic Research!

Aly will be joining the Ophthalmology Department at Duke University in Durham, NC as a postdoctoral associate in early 2021. She will be studying ocular immunology in the Saban Lab.

Congratulations to Dr. Fatemeh Ramezani from the Cresci lab in the Department of Inflammation and Immunity!


Congratulations to Dr. Krishnendu Khan from the Fox lab in the Department of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Sciences!

Dr. Krishnendu recently published a first-author paper titled, “3-Dimensional architecture of the human multi-tRNA synthetase complex” in Nucleic Acids Research. Click here.
Wellness Resources

Well-Being, Self-Care and Emotional Support for Caregivers

*Please note: A connection to the Cleveland Clinic network is required to access many of these resources.*

For a more detailed and complete list of resources, please visit [this link](#).

**Caregiver Experience Wellness Portal:**
disconnect, unwind or say thank you virtually

**Caring for Caregivers:** confidential services that preserve, restore and enhance wellbeing of our caregivers. Available at 1-800-989-8820 (including new Boost telephone appointment).

Cleveland Clinic Office of Caregiver Experience on [Facebook](#) and Instagram.

**Connect Today/Learner Connect:** resiliency resources to help you manage complex, changing times (virtual meetings, change and stress management, and communication)

**Occupational Health:** If you have further questions about COVID-19 please contact the COVID-19 Caregiver Hotline at 216-445-8246.

**OneClick to Well-Being:** well-being information and resources for staff

**Spiritual Care and Healing Services:** information for the religious and spiritual needs of CCF patients, their families and loved ones, and Cleveland Clinic caregivers. (216) 444-2518

**CCPD Victim Advocacy:** resource to help educate and support the CCF community on DV. Email the committee at: [dvcommittee@ccf.org](mailto:dvcommittee@ccf.org)

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Behind the Scenes

This newsletter is written by the communications teams of the LPDA Leadership Council, LGSA Leadership Team and fellow trainees. We welcome your questions and suggestions!

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