

SMI Mentorship Program

I had a good time with Prof. Mark Travis at University of Manchester. I got the opportunity to meet him in person and discuss research and my career plan. I presented my research work at his institute. My research seminar was attended by researchers in the immunology and cardiovascular field. I received good comments and suggestions on my research work in the seminar. I also met with 9 researchers at Prof. Mark's institute to discuss and find common grounds for new collaboration opportunities. With two researchers I plan to have further discussions in June 2023, to initiate and formulate ideas for collaboration. In the evening I met with Prof. Marks group members and other PhD and Postdoc fellows from the institute for a social gathering, which was great.

Overall, I would like to say that:

Being part of the SMI mentorship program has been a great experience for me at this important stage of my career. I received excellent support from my mentor, where I got valuable input on research, grants, and career development. My mentor also helped me to expand my research network. I would like to congratulate and thank SMI for establishing and supporting this amazing platform.

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