

**Brain Injury
MedTech Co-operative**



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Multimodality Monitoring

MIC Theme 3

Professor Peter Hutchinson



‘it is not monitoring per se that affects outcomes; rather, it is using the information from monitoring to direct treatment.’

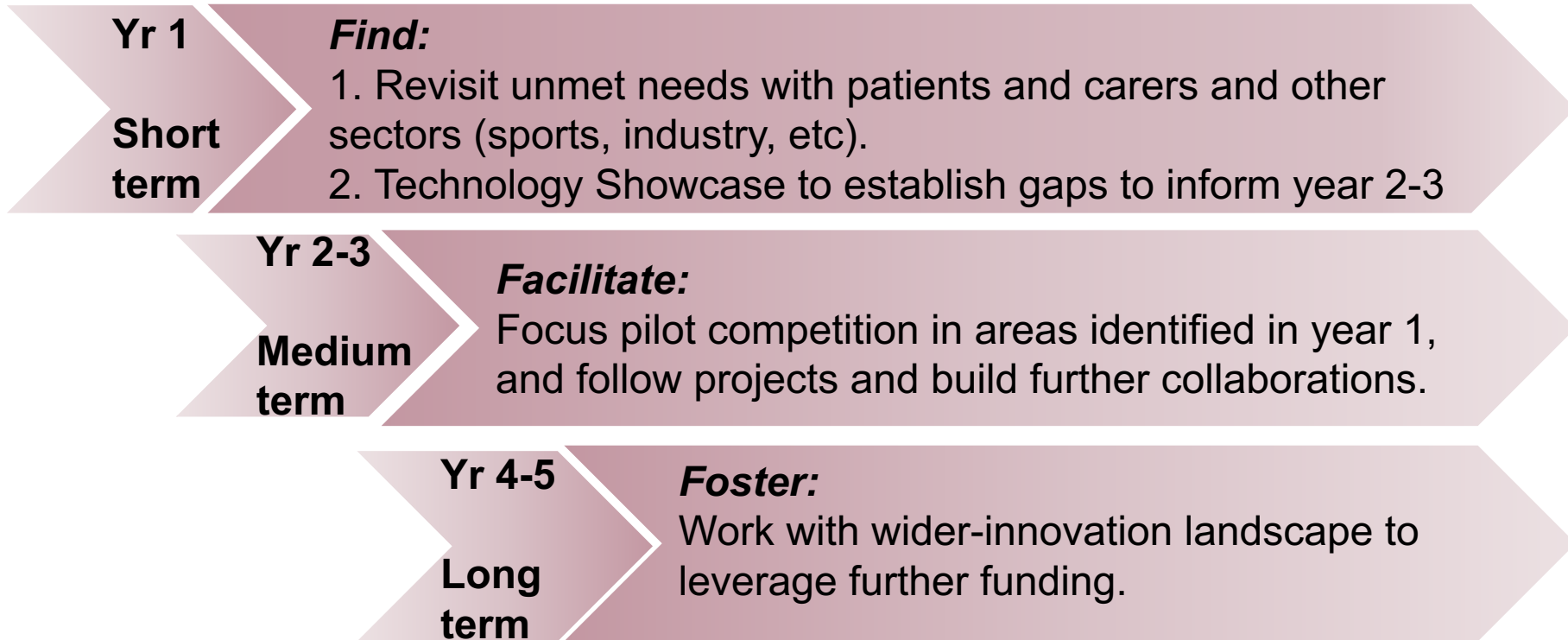
Brain Trauma Foundation Guidelines (4th Edition, 2016)

Strategy

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Sub Themes

- 1. Clinical application of multimodality monitoring in intensive care**
- 2. Increasing the understanding of the pathophysiology of acute brain injury**
- 3. Novel monitoring technology**
- 4. Development of 3D cranioplasty printing and novel internal sensors**
- 5 Addressing the challenge of assessing outcome**
- 6 Developing technology for low and middle income countries**
- 7 Monitoring mild traumatic brain injury and concussion**

Sub Theme 1: Clinical application of multimodality monitoring in intensive care

APTITUDE:
Novel aptamer technology for measuring interleukin at the bedside

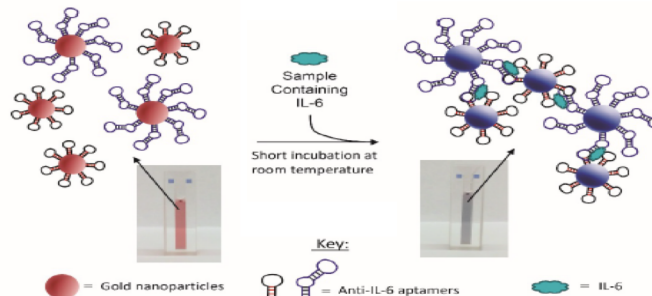


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Proof of concept project: Using mouse IL-6 aptamers to demonstrate the applicability of aptamer-gold nanoparticles for detection.

- **Current state-of-the-art bedside testing relies on antibodies to bind the target molecule**
Produced in animals or bacteria - Expensive - Batch variability - Temperature & moisture sensitive
- ✓ **Aptamers: DNA alternatives to antibodies**
 - Highly sensitive and specific - Synthetically produced - Cheaper, more consistent - Resistant to changes in temperature and moisture



- **Rapid, low-cost, easy-to-use point-of-care clinical test for improving diagnosis of acute infection.**
- **Assay targets immune signalling molecules such as interleukin-6 (IL-6) as a marker of the acute inflammation characteristic of infection.**
- **Multi-purpose - different infections, including sepsis and meningitis.**
- **Range of patient samples (e.g. serum & CSF). Robust, sensitive and highly specific.**

Sub Theme 2: Increasing the understanding of the pathophysiology of acute brain injury



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**See Clinical Theme 5 – Functional Neuroimaging & Neurophysiology
(Professor Franklin Aigbirhio)**

Development of microdialysis online sensor technology for use in critical care of acute brain trauma patients

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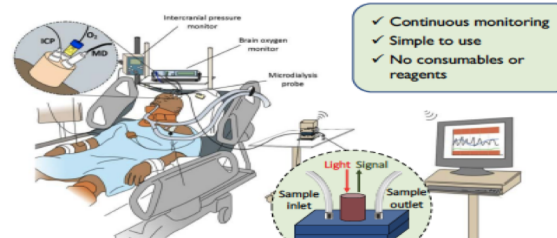
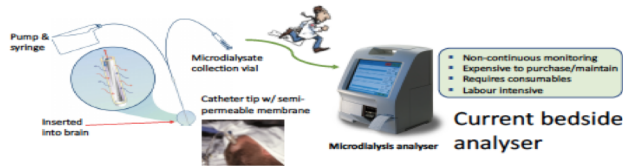


Clinical need

- Every 90 seconds an individual in the UK sustains a traumatic brain injury
- Management of the injured brain: close monitoring to guide intervention



New sensor technology



- **Brain injury monitoring of glucose, lactate, pyruvate.**
- Also for sensing of similar chemical molecules in biological fluids.
- Other organs and tissues, e.g. skin grafts in plastic (reconstructive) surgery, liver and kidney transplantation, gastrointestinal surgery, muscle, adipose tissue, diabetic patients and critically ill septic patients.

Sub Theme 4 Development of 3D cranioplasty printing and novel internal sensors



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SmartSkull: Sensor-Integrated Smart Wireless Skull-Monitoring System

*Collaborative: Cambridge University Hospitals NHS
Foundation Trust & University of Cambridge*



Sub Theme 5: Addressing the challenge of assessing outcome



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**See Core Activity 3 Clinical Informatics and Registries
(Dr Alexis Joannides)**

Incl. Small Feasibility Study: National Cranioplasty Registry



Sub Theme 6: Developing technology for low and middle income countries (Themes)



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Global Health
Research Group
on Neurotrauma

- 1: Mapping traumatic brain injury care
- 2: Understanding traumatic brain injury care
- 3: Innovation in traumatic brain injury care
- 4: Traumatic brain injury research capacity

Sub Theme 6: Developing technology for low and middle income countries (Innovations)

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1. Portable, non-invasive technologies to detect TBI

Infra-scanner - evaluating rapid access to TBI detection in areas where access to CT is limited

2. Non-invasive technologies for assessment of ICP

*USS - use of optic nerve sheath diameter as surrogate of ICP on ITU
TCD based fully non-invasive ICP assessment technology*

3. Automated detection of papilloedema

PEEKretina - smartphone based technology. Development of machine learning algorithms for automated detection

4. Long term follow – up

Telemedicine/online clinic - bringing neurosurgeons to rural communities and district hospitals



Sub Theme 7 Monitoring mild traumatic brain injury and concussion



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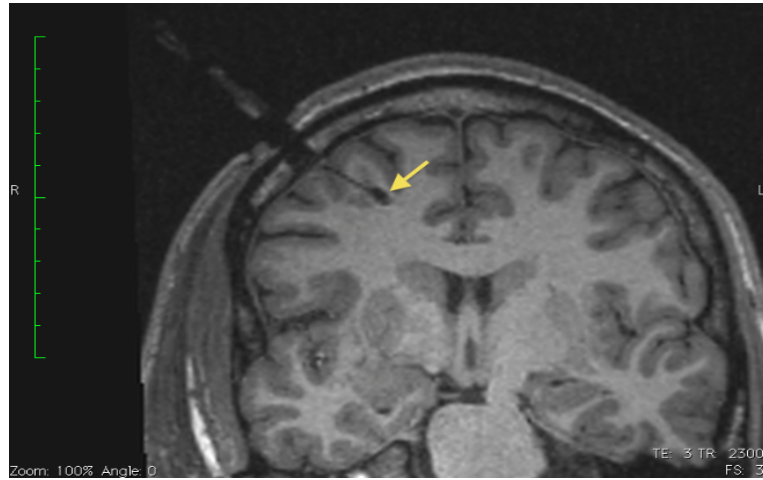
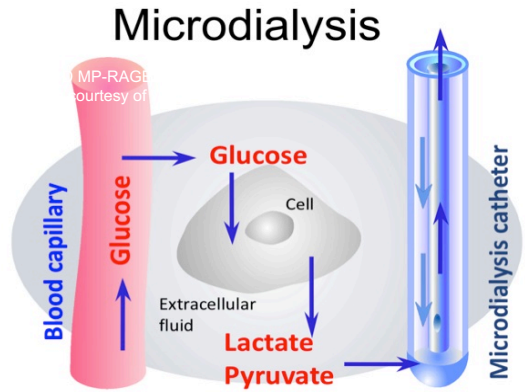
Concussion can occur from: contact sports such as **rugby**; a **clinical diagnosis**; **motorsport** where drivers returning to early.

Journal of Concussion found that **motorsport** has a high rate of **concussion** compared to other high risk sports and its incidence may be increasing.



‘a complex pathophysiological process affecting the brain induced by biomechanical forces’¹





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