2013 Translational Pilot Program Awardees

**Principal Investigator:** Muhammad Shaalan Beg, MD  
**Project Title:** A pilot study of magnetic resonance imaging as a tool to characterize intratumor fat deposition and body fat distribution in pancreatic cancer patients treated with pioglitazone

**Principal Investigator:** Sai Chavala, MD  
**Project Title:** Cellular reprogramming for retinal degeneration

**Principal Investigator:** Christopher T. Chen, PhD  
**Project Title:** Quantitative assessment of cartilage degeneration by gagCEST MRI

**Principal Investigator:** Michelle Kandalaft, PhD  
**Project Title:** Relation of Autism Behavioral Phenotype to Training Outcomes in Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Principal Investigator:** Doris Lambracht-Washington, PhD  
**Project Title:** Optimization of a DNA Abeta42 immunization approach for possible clinical use in Alzheimer patients

**Principal Investigator:** Samuel Peña-Llopis, PhD  
**Project Title:** Identification of miRNAs regulated by BAP1 mutations in renal cell carcinoma