

METAvivor Research Updates: Advancing MBC Research

The METAvivor Research Program

Impact Then and Now

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METAvivor's research mission:

To exclusively fund MBC
research through a peer
and patient advocate
review process



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METAVIVOR
Metastatic Breast Cancer | Research | Advocacy | Support

METAvivor Research: Impact at a Glance

17

Years of impact

218

Research grants
awarded

\$41M

Invested in advancing
MBC research

METAvivor Research: 2025 Portfolio

14 research grants awarded in 2025:

❑ 3 Translational Awards

❑ 9 Early Career Awards

❑ 1 Quality of Life Award

❑ 1 Research Advisor's Award

\$3.55M

2025 research investment

METAvivor 2025: Honoring Legacies through Research



**DAVID
ENTENBERG, PHD**

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Presented by #LightUpMBC Ambassador Team, in loving memory of Jessica Moore and all lives lost too soon to MBC



**ADRIANA KAHN,
MD**

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Presented by Jackson #LightUpMBC Glow Walk, in loving memory of Mary Cero and Alicia Sheckard



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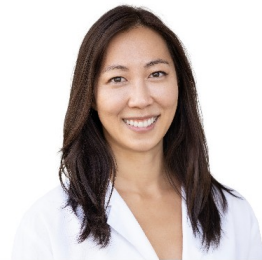
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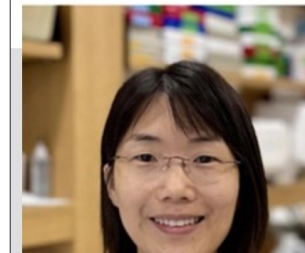
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Stage IV Summit 2026: Featured Research



Jill Bargonetti, PhD

CUNY Distinguished Professor

Hesselbach Professor of Biological Sciences

Hunter College and The Graduate Center City
University of New York (CUNY)

***Experimental MDM2/X Inhibitors in Combination
with CXCR4 Inhibitors Decrease Metastasis in
Mouse Models of Triple Negative Breast Cancer***