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Speaker Guidelines for the NSI Immunology Journal Club

1. **Paper Selection:** Choose an outstanding primary research paper (not a review!) in the field of immunology. It should be published in the last 12 months in high-impact journals such as *Nature*, *Science*, *Cell*, *Immunity*, *Nature Immunology*, or *Science Immunology*. These journals ensure broader interest. Articles presented at the JC should be of potential interest for anyone working with immunology. [For Principal Investigators (PIs): You have the flexibility to choose and decide the number of papers to present. However, it is advisable to include at least one paper from the high-impact journals mentioned above.]
2. **Notification of Paper Selection**: Please inform the organizers, Marit and Alex, about your paper choice preferably one week, but at least 2-3 days, prior to your JC session for the email announcement. Some journal club participants may wish to read the papers beforehand.
3. **Presentation Duration**: Prepare a 20-minute presentation (AND NOT LONGER). This will allow for 10 minutes of questions and discussion (e.g., 5 minutes during your presentation and 5 minutes at the end). Encourage audience interaction!
4. **Audience Awareness**: The audience consists of a mix of master's students, PhD candidates, postdocs, researchers, and PIs. Aim to make the paper accessible and engaging for all audience members. Don't be afraid of being too basic.
5. **Introduction**: Begin with a 5-minute introduction to the topic. The initial slides should cover basic concepts, like what would be taught in a basic university-level immunology course.
6. **Slide Design**: Avoid cluttering your slides. Break down complex figures into multiple slides for enhanced clarity.
7. **Text Readability**: Ensure that all slide text is large enough to be read from the back of the auditorium.
8. **Technical Considerations**: The auditorium (A3.3067 at Rikshospitalet) is equipped with a PC that has an older version of PowerPoint. We recommend bringing your laptop to avoid compatibility issues.
9. **Conclusion slide**: Conclude with a slide that presents your thoughts on the paper's main strengths, limitations, and future perspectives.
10. **Scheduling**: The first presentation begins at 9:00 AM, and the second should conclude by 10:00 AM, including time for questions and discussions. Therefore, the second presentation should start around 9:30 AM. [Presentations by PIs can last up to 60 minutes and should include ample time for discussion.] Attendees should feel free to leave by 10:00 AM.
11. **Preparation:** Remember, thorough preparation is key to a successful presentation!

Good luck!
Marit & Alex