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Presenting my poster on melanoma proteomics at the NSW Cancer Conference 2022, Sofitel Wentworth, Sydney, 15–16 September 2022.

My research works at the University of Sydney involve the identification and validation of proteins that could be used as biomarkers for the diagnosis of skin cancers. Australia has a unique cancer problem, especially skin cancer, that requires research and research discussions with a focus on the Australian population. I believe that the NSW Cancer Conference provides a unique platform in bringing Australia researchers together and helps them work towards a common goal of eliminating cancers. Therefore, presenting my works at this conference helped me know and exchange ideas with other skin cancer researchers with complementary expertise that I would not have known otherwise.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet Albert Chetcut from the University of NSW. Albert is managing

an online biobank catalogue, and we discussed the type of samples they have in their biobank and the process to access them. There is always a need to obtain patient samples from across Australia so that my research is representative of all Australian population. Albert and I exchanged contact details so that we could work together in near future to identify and retrieve skin cancer samples for my research.

Overall, I believe one of the key home messages from the NSW Cancer Conference was that impactful cancer research can be achieved only if the research communities come along and work together towards the same mission, that is zero cancer death in Australia.