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As a priority area to develop for cancer research in India, I think we need rapid development with adequate support in the in vivo imaging and disease monitoring methodologies, special attentions are much required. Responding to Dr. Sarin's job offer, Pritha and myself joined ACTREC as the first place where preclinical cancer imaging initiatives were taken and we definitely like to see this area to grow throughout India. Since I joined ACTREC in 2009, with the expertise in hand I applied for DBT funding in cancer diagnostic areas (in other task forces). To my experience so far, this fast paced area requires real expertise involvement in the funding bodies and fast funding process is much required to match the world.

I strongly believe that deeper biological questions in a problem area and technology development has to go hand to hand and we need support to build the required infrastructure in the preclinical cancer imaging area. After all, in cancer research the most crucial thing to happen is translation and so we need to strengthen this pipeline.