



Editorial

CytoJournal monographs: First CMAS (CytoJournal Monograph/Atlas Series) on science of cell-block making, titled “CellBlockistry 101 (*Text Book of Cell-blocking science*)”

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As shared previously on a periodic basis with the editorial board, the CytoJournal^[1] has been planning to embark upon the project to produce cytopathology books in open access for easy availability of the scientific cytopathology literature around the globe. The first Monograph [Figures 1a and b] titled “CellBlockistry 101 (*Text Book of Cell-blocking science*)” will be a textbook on cell-blocks in cytopathology. We announce that this CMAS (CytoJournal Monograph and Atlas Series) volume^[2] is ready (currently available on-line as individual review articles under ‘CytoJournal Monograph Related Review Series’ at <https://cytojournal.com/category/cytojournal-monograph-related-review-series/>). It will be available soon in print. In addition, it will also be available under eCytoJournal (<https://cytojournal.com/eissues/>) to explore with on-screen reading experience comparable to page-flipping of printed book.

Editorial on the multi-chapter, multiauthor CytoJournal's CMAS (CytoJournal Monograph and Atlas Series) book:

Book title:

CellBlockistry 101 (*Text Book of Cell-blocking science*),

Monograph editor:

Vinod B Shidham, MD, FRCPath, FIAC

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Figure 1a: Details of the first CMAS: “CellBlockistry 101 (Text Book of Cell-blocking science)”.



Figure 1b: Cover page of the first CMAS (CytoJournal Monograph and Atlas Series): CellBlockistry 101 (*Text Book of Cell-blocking science*).

This CMAS volume will also serve as a template for future monographs in pipeline.

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Based on the feedback at various meetings, the CMAS project is an excellent opportunity for budding junior cytopathology stalwarts with the help of established cytopathology veterans to progress into leadership roles at a global level. CytoJournal with the Cytopathology Foundation will try to explore avenues to encourage initiatives and allow participation of many scholars with as wide an expertise as possible.

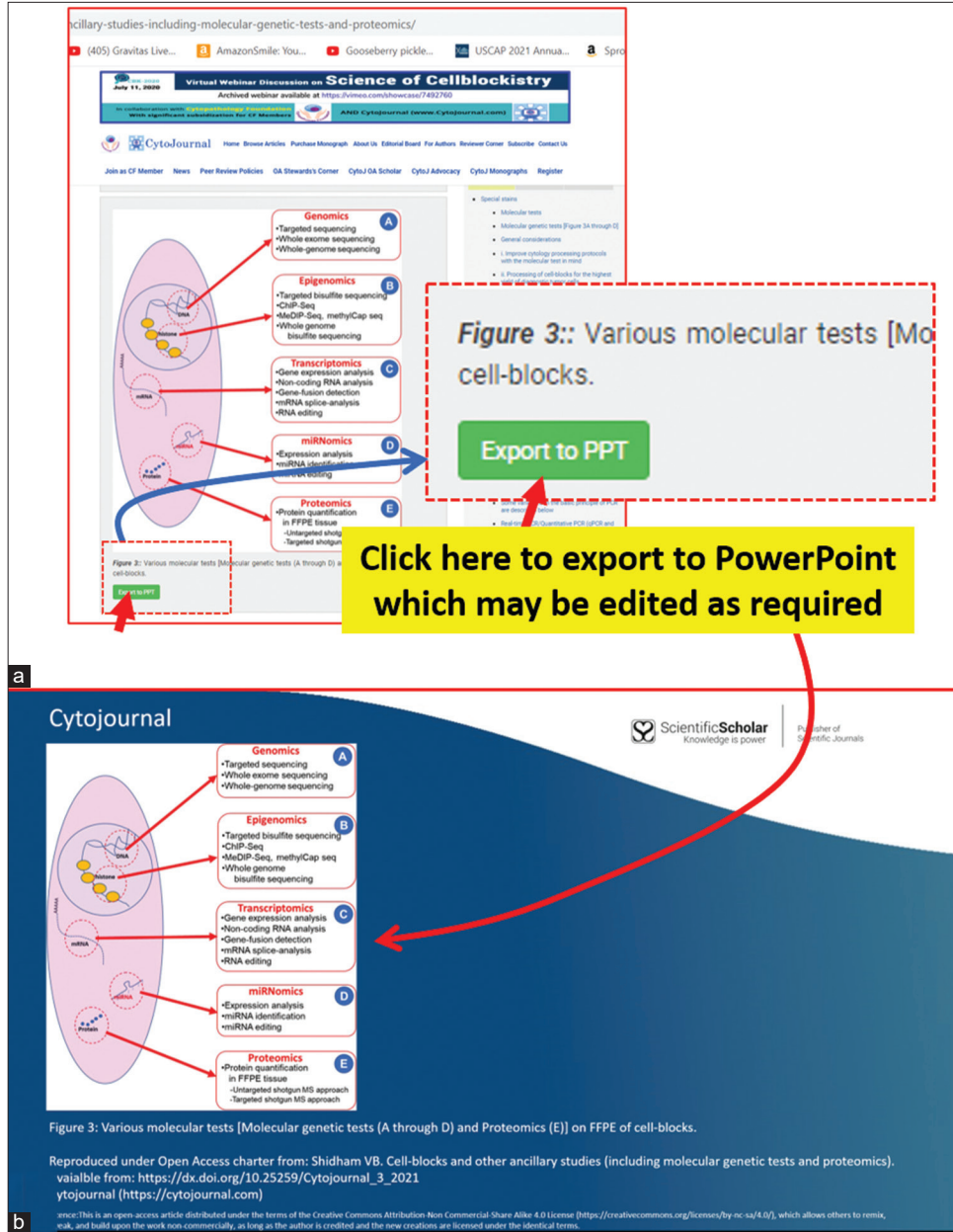


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The first multiauthor Monograph titled “CellBlockistry 101 (*Text Book of Cell-blocking science*)” and edited by Vinod B. Shidham has six chapters. In keeping with the CMAS guidelines, all of these chapters have been published as six different review articles under open access in CytoJournal.^[5-10] Subsequently, these articles would be modified slightly to format them as different chapters of the monograph as allowed under the Creative Commons

License.^[3] This first monograph is supported by limited funding from the Late Geeta Paradkar Memorial Fund.

The print versions of the monographs can be purchased online at <https://cytojournal.com/purchase-monograph/>^[11] but can also be read as soft copy under eCytoJournal (Site for reading CytoJournal articles and books in book-like format with flipping pages <https://cytojournal.com/issues/>)^[12] (free for Cytopathology Foundation members

<https://cytojournal.com/cf-member/>^[13] and at nominal cost for others).

The chapters in this monograph are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Contents of first CMAS: CellBlockistry 101.		
No.	Title	Author (s)
1	CellBlockistry: Science and Art of Cell-block Making	Vinod B Shidham ¹
2	Specimen specific approaches	Vinod B Shidham ¹
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5	Cell-blocks: Special stains & Molecular tests	Vinod B Shidham
6	Architectural Aspects of Cell-blocks: These are Micro-biopsies!	Swati Satturwar ³ Liron Pantanowitz ⁴

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The list of forthcoming monographs in CMAS series is mentioned below (the topic are subject to change as indicated):

1. Diagnostic Cytopathology of Serous Fluids (2nd Edition)
2. Pancreatic EUS-FNA
3. Textbook of FNA procedure
4. Urine Cytology
5. Thyroid FNA
6. Salivary Gland FNA
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8. Textbook of Molecular Cytopathology
9. Pediatric Cytopathology
10. FNA and soft tissue/bone tumors
11. Breast FNA.

CytoJournal (cytojournal@cytojournal.com) and Cytopathology Foundation invite experts in cytopathology to select any of these or other timely topics in diagnostic cytopathology for future monographs. The review versions of the individual chapters in the monograph books will be available around the globe on the open access platform of the CytoJournal with Cytopathology Foundation support with free access to the readers through PubMed archival and search assistance around the world.

The book release event of this CMAS monograph on CellBlockistry is expected to be held in April - May 2021. CytoJournal and Cytopathology Foundation is planning it as an online virtual book release event for global participation. Friends, family, and all associated with CytoJournal/ Cytopathology Foundation are invited to join the event

which may be recorded and archived on the CytoJournal website. Cytopathology Foundation will share the details of the event as the book release date approaches.

The editor(s) of individual CMAS monograph/atlas will enjoy royalty sharing on the sale of the printed version of their monograph/atlas with Cytopathology Foundation Inc after deducting the publishing expenses. Such royalty may be donated as a tax-deductible donation to Cytopathology Foundation Inc (non-profit entity)^[4] to help similar future projects under an open access charter in cytopathology.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (In alphabetic order)

CMAS – CytoJournal Monograph and Atlas Series
EUS – Endoscopic ultrasound-guided
FNA – Fine needle aspiration
PPT – PowerPoint presentation

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