Dr Grennady Wirjanata completed his PhD at Menzies School of Health Research in 2017, investigating the mechanisms of chloroquine resistance in *Plasmodium falciparum* and *P. vivax*. His research involved collecting blood samples from malaria-infected patients in a malaria-endemic region of Papua, Indonesia, and investigating the parasites’ drug kinetic and susceptibility profiles to conventional and novel antimalarials. Grennady is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the School of Biological Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, where he is applying the skills and knowledge gained during his PhD to study antimalarial mode of action by using multiomics approaches including genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics.

Dr Jessica Loughland also completed her PhD at Menzies in 2017. Jessica first joined Menzies’ malaria immunology team in 2011 as a research assistant. She later embarked on a PhD evaluating human dendritic cell subset function in malaria. During this time, she developed expertise in studying cellular immune responses in malaria-naïve adults using the controlled human malaria infection clinical trials, as well as in adults and children living in malaria-endemic countries. Jessica is currently a research officer at Menzies and is working on two projects; assessing monocyte and dendritic cell function in children and adults with clinical malaria, and evaluating T follicular helper cell and B cell function in children and adults with malaria.

Dr Zuleima Pava Imitola completed her PhD on the molecular epidemiology of malaria in Papua, Indonesia at Menzies in 2017. Her thesis demonstrated the benefit of incorporating molecular tools into traditional surveillance including characterising the asymptomatic malaria reservoir and its impact on clinical disease and transmission dynamics, the suitability of passive molecular surveillance and its usefulness to measure the effect of malaria control interventions and finally, the utility of a putative molecular marker of chloroquine resistance in *P. vivax*.

Zuleima recently joined Queensland Institute of Medical Research Berghofer as a post-doctoral researcher. Her research focuses on malaria transmission, specifically in determining the short- and long-term effect of different antimalarial drugs on gametocyte stage development, and elucidating essential aspects of gametocyte-mosquito interaction, using the induced Blood Stage Malaria (IBSM) model and molecular tools.

Daniel Pfeffer is a PhD candidate with Menzies School of Health Research. His project aims to quantify the impact of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency (G6PDD) on the safe and radical cure of *P. vivax* malaria. Daniel’s research seeks to improve understanding of the diagnosis, prevalence and spatial distribution of G6PDD. This information will help to enhance the assessment of individual and population-level risk of severe G6PD-dependent haemolysis during primaquine radical cure of *P. vivax*. Upon completing his PhD, Daniel hopes to continue working in the field of spatial epidemiology within Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Dr Rob Commons is an infectious diseases physician. He has undergone specialist training at Royal Darwin Hospital and is currently completing his NHMRC-supported PhD at Menzies, examining the risks and benefits of primaquine radical cure for *P. vivax* malaria. Rob has collated a database of individual patient data from more than 50 clinical trials in collaboration with the WorldWide Antimalarial Resistance Network [WARN] at the University of Oxford. Rob hopes the skills obtained during his PhD will assist him to develop his own research program in the future, and to combine a career of clinical and academic medicine.

Steven Kho is a PhD candidate at Menzies. His current work explores innate host determinants in human malaria, and comprises four projects investigating the risk of malaria after splenectomy, the human spleen as a subclinical reservoir for malaria parasites, the role of platelets in host protection and parasite killing, and the function of neutrophils and neutrophil extracellular traps in human malaria. All his projects are field-based Papua studies in collaboration with Indonesia, France, and other institutes in Australia. Steven plans to remain at Menzies as a post-doctoral researcher and continue his research using the vast sample repositories that have been collected.

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