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Research Proposals : S. Nelson

1. All three topics use animal studies as a base for testing the hypotheses. Judging their feasibility is difficult at this stage in view of the very limited outlines given.
2. Two topics are shared within the different proposals - role and involvement of cytokines and the inflammatory or post-inflammatory response in lung disease.
3. Whilst none of the studies is directed at smoking-associated diseases, the inflammatory reaction is potentially of interest in understanding mechanisms of many respiratory diseases including asthma.
4. Cytokines are very much a current topic in scientific investigation. According to Eian it is less clear where they will lead or when. Could Nelson be a person to support to produce a review of the current position on these - at the same level as Eian's p53?

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