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Eukaryotic Model Organisms Workshop Seminar

Using the *C. elegans* Model to Understand *in vivo*Synaptic Vesicle Transport in Neurons

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Sandhya Koushika, PhD Abstract

Transport of synaptic vesicles from the cell body to synapses is essential for neuronal function and is carried out by the conserved Kinesin-3 motor. We have found two regulatory mechanisms involving (1) cargo formation and motor exit from the cell body and (2) motor degradation at synapses. I will also discuss how using the *C. elegans* model has proved a useful means to approach this scientific problem. It enables us to use a variety of genetic and newer technologies to achieve a deeper understanding of this complex process.