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**Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph:**

Dr. Paul J Verma is a Professorial Research Fellow at the Monash Institute of Medical Research where he is the Program Leader for Stem Cell Biology. His research aims to produce patient-specific (autologous) stem cells, using cell-reprogramming techniques such as somatic cell nuclear transfer and induced Pluripotent Stem Cell technology. He has authored over 50 scientific publications and heads a research group of 15 staff and students.

He has served on the Cellular Therapies Advisory Committee (CTAC) to the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council, serves on the Government of India DBT "International Vision Group for Stem Cell Research", the Scientific Advisory Panels of the Australian Government Aus-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF), the Stem Cell Research Forum of India and the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry. He is a visiting Professor at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India and is Stream Leader, Stem Cells at the IITB-Monash Academy in Mumbai.