BOCA RATON, Fla. (Jan. 31, 2018) – Jigar Modi, M.D., Ph.D., was recently awarded a $100,000, Florida Department of Health postdoctoral fellowship grant from the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program. Dr. Modi is currently a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Jang-Yen (John) Wu's laboratory and this new grant, entitled "Neuroprotection of Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (GCSF) Gene Therapy in Alzheimer's Disease" will continue to support their important research.

Dr. Modi received a Master’s degree in Biomedical Science, a Ph.D. in Complex Systems and Brain Science, and passed the board examination for the M.D. degree in 2017. Dr. Modi has excelled in all aspects of research during graduate school, publishing more than ten papers. He is considered a rising star in translational medical research.

This two-year award is Dr. Modi's first grant and is an extension of the research being conducted in Dr. Wu's laboratory on GCSF gene therapy for strokes. The research is additionally supported by a $1.2 million grant awarded to Dr. Wu and co-investigators, Drs. Howard Prentice and Rui Tao, by the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, in the Florida Department of Health.