



September 26, 2022

Please accept this Statement of Interest to be considered for the Board of Directors (Seat 1) at US-ASP.

BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

I am Professor of Anesthesiology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience and a member of the Faculty of the Washington University Pain Center. In addition, I've been serving as the Chief for the Division of Basic Research within the Department of Anesthesiology since September 2019. Research in my laboratory is focused on understanding the mechanisms underlying opioid addiction and the intersection with pain. These are some aspects of my profile most relevant to your needs:

- **I have ample experience working with under-represented minorities (URM) trainees** both at the postdoctoral, graduate and undergraduate levels (for more detailed information see attached Statement of Contributions to Diversity). Briefly, I have been acting as a mentor for the NIDA summer training program while at Columbia University and now at Washington University. This program provides resources from URM students to conduct research at NIDA funded laboratories. In addition, since joining Washington University I have been an active mentor for the BP-ENDURE and the AMGEM programs that provide resources for URM undergraduate students to spend 10 weeks during the summer at Washington University research labs. Finally, during this past year I have been involved in an inaugural program within the Department of Anesthesiology at Washington University which will provide support, mentorship and resources for URM students from the local St Louis community to spend 1 summer doing research in our Institution.
- **I have been actively involved in mentoring the next generation of scientists.** In this regard, I'm the co-PI of a T32 grant from the National Institute on Drug abuse to train postdoctoral fellows and residents interested in pursuing an academic career.
- I serve as a scientific member of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee which is in charge to provide guidelines to the NIH in relation to planning research portfolio in the pain field.
- I was invited by NIH Director Collins to take part in meetings to address the opioid crisis as a panelist at the "Development of Safe, Effective, Non-Addictive Pain Treatments" meeting on June 16, 2017.
- I have served as a permanent member of the Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling (MNPS) study section until this past year.

- I served as a member of a National Academy of Sciences committee charged with developing a report (<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/reports/2017/pain-management-and-the-opioid-epidemic.aspx>) for the FDA on the state of science regarding prescription opioid abuse and misuse, including prevention, management, and intervention, and to provide an update from the 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report Relieving Pain in America, which includes a further characterization of the evolving role that opioid analgesics play in pain management.
- I had the opportunity to meet with Senate members at the Capitol during the 2017 Society of Neuroscience meeting to request increased funding for research on pain and opioid alternatives for pain management.
- I have served as a member of the Executive Committee for the International Narcotics Research Conference (INRC), the premier opioid society in our country. I have served extensively as a grant reviewer for NIDA-based programs and have been continuously funded by NIDA for 15 years. Thus, I am a recognized leader in the field of the neurobiology of opioid misuse and pain.
- Finally, I've been nominated to serve in the National Council for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial research (NIDCR) starting Jan 2022.

Sincerely,



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Henry E. Mallinckrodt Professor of Anesthesiology
Chief, Division of Basic Research in Anesthesiology
Professor of Psychiatry & Neuroscience
Washington University Pain Center
Washington University School of Medicine

Curriculum Vitae WUSM Format – Jose A. Moron-Concepcion, Ph.D.

Date:08/07/2022

Personal Information:

Sex: Male

Place of Birth: Spain

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Present Position:

Henry E. Mallinckrodt Professor of Anesthesiology (with Tenure)

Chief of the Division of Basic Research

Professor Department of Anesthesiology

Professor Department of Neuroscience

Department of Psychiatry

Washington University Pain Center

Washington University School of Medicine

Education:

09/1988-12/1993 B.S. in Biochemistry. Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

07/1993-07/1994 M.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

08/1994-12/1998 Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, School of Medicine. Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

PhD thesis title: “Characterization of new MAO inhibitors as potential therapeutic tools for depression”.

Mentor: Mercedes Unzeta, Ph.D.

Academic Positions/Employment:

01/1999-06/2001	Postdoctoral Scientist, Behavioral Neuroscience Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, Baltimore
07/2001-06/2002	Postdoctoral Scientist, Department of Pharmacology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio
07/2002-09/2003	Neurology R&D Programme Manager. Neurological diseases Biomarker Team Leader, Proteomika S.L., Barcelona (Spain)
10/2003-11/2006	Research Instructor, Department of Pharmacology and Biological Chemistry. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York
12/2006-12/2009	Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston
12/2009-06/2013	Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, Department of Anesthesiology. Columbia University Medical Center, New York
07/2013-09/2015	Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology. Columbia University Medical Center, New York
10/2015-06/2019	Associate Professor, with Tenure, Department of Anesthesiology, Department of Neuroscience, Washington University Pain Center, Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis
07/2019-present	Full Professor, with Tenure, Department of Anesthesiology, Department of Neuroscience, Department of Psychiatry, Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis
09/2019-present	Chief Division of Basic Science Research, Department of Anesthesiology, Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis
04/2020-present	Endowed Henry E. Mallinckrodt Professor of Anesthesiology

University and Hospital Appointments and Committees:

University of Texas Medical Branch-School

2008-Member, GSBS Admissions committee

University of Texas Medical Branch - Departmental

2007-2009 Co-chair, PHTO Admissions committee

2008-2009 Director of the Seminar Program

Columbia University Medical Center – Departmental

2010-2015 Chair, Mentoring Committee Basic Science Junior Faculty

Washington University in St Louis

2016 Program committee and judge for Postdoctoral Symposium.

2018 Program committee and judge for Postdoctoral Symposium.

2017-present Director of the Seminar Series at the Dept of Anesthesiology

2018-present Neuroscience Graduate School Program Admission Committee
2019-present Member of the Appointments and Promotions Committee
2019-2020 Member of the Committee for the Neuroscience Department Head Search
2020-2021 Member of the Committee for the Biochemistry Department Head Search

Medical Licensure and Board Certification:

None

Honors and Awards:

09/1993-07/1994 Erasmus Program Student from the European Community
08/1994-12/1998 Predoctoral Fellowship from the Comissionat per a Universitats i Recerca, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain
01/1999-06/2001 Postdoctoral Visiting Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA
12/2012 Elected to the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

Editorial Responsibilities:

Journal of Neuroscience; PloS ONE; Journal of Neurochemistry; Hippocampus; Molecular Pharmacology; Brain Research; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; Neuropsychopharmacology; Psychopharmacology; European Journal of Neuroscience; British Journal of Pharmacology; Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

Professional Societies and Organizations:

American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (Full Member; election is by nomination only)
Society for Neuroscience
International Narcotics Research Conference (Member of the Executive Committee from 2013-2016).
American Pain Society
National Hispanic Society of Neuroscience

Federal Review Committees:

Adhoc Member of NIDA/NIH Study Section for B/START awards ZDA 1-MXS-M from 2008-2010
Adhoc Member of NIDA/NIH Study Section Special Emphasis Panel (Medications Development for Substance related disorders) ZDA1 JXR-D (10) 07/2010
Member of NIDA/NIH Study Section for Cutting-Edge Basic Research Awards (CEBRA) ZDA1 SXC-E(11) 03/2012
Adhoc member of NIH Study Section NTRC (Neurotransporters, Receptors and Ca²⁺ Signaling) 06/ 2012, 02/2013
Adhoc member of NIH Study Section NMB (Neurobiology of Motivated Behavior) 10/2012

Regular member of NIH Study Section MNPS (Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling) September 2013-June 2017

Adhoc member of NIDA Study Section for Center Grants (P50 and P30) 03/2017, 03/2018, 03/2020

International Review Committees:

External reviewer for the Government of Catalunya, Investigator Grants, Spain (2010-2015)

External reviewer for the Einstein Foundation Berlin, Germany (2016)

Committee Responsibilities:

National

2006-present Reviewer, National Student Research Forum

2016-2017 **Member for the National Academic of Sciences advisory committee to the FDA on Improving the use of prescription opioids to treat pain.**

2018-present **Member of the Program Committee for the Society for Neuroscience**

2019-present **Member of the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee at the NIH**

Major Invited Professorships and Lectureships:

Bordeaux Institute of Neuroscience, France. March 2006

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX. April 2006

University of Texas at San Antonio, TX. August 2007

Rosalind Franklin University, Chicago, IL. February 2008

Rush University, Chicago, IL. September 2008

Boston University Medical School, MA, March 2009

Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, April 2009

Columbia University, New York, NY, April 2009

NIDA Intramural Research Program, Baltimore, March 2010

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, June 2010

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, January 2011

Washington University, St. Louis, MO, March 2011

University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, May 2011

University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, August 2011

Gallo Clinic and Research Center, UCSF, Emeryville, CA, October 2011

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, January 2012

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX, April 2012

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, September 2012

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, January 2013

Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, February 2013

University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, September 2013

University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, FL, February 2014

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2014

University of Maryland, Baltimore, June 2014

University of Kentucky, Lexington, September 2014

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Baltimore, March 2015
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse, Bethesda, May 2015
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, April 2016
University of Barcelona, Barcelona, June 2016
University of Valencia, Valencia, June 2016
University of Calgary, Canada, September 2016
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, October 2016
University of California Los Angeles, LA, December 2016
University of Texas San Antonio, TX, May 2017
University of Michigan, MI, September 2017
University of California San Francisco, CA, September 2017
Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, February 2018
University of Valencia, Spain, March 2018
Rosalind Franklin University, IL, March 2018
Columbia University, NYC, May 2018
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, June 2018
National Institute on Drug Abuse, January 2019
University of Texas at Dallas, February 2019
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2019
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, March 2019
University of Indiana, April 2019
University of Valencia, Spain, May 2019
National Center of Complementary and Integrative Health, Bethesda, MD, June 2019
University of Alberta, Canada, September 2019
University of Texas Medical Branch, November 2019
University of Texas San Antonio, March 2020
MD Anderson, April 2021
University of Texas health Science Center San Antonio, June 2021
Medical School of South Carolina, April 2022
University of California San Diego, September 2022
Louisiana State University, January 2023
University of California Davis, March 2023

Talks at Pharmaceutical Companies

Janssen Pharmaceutica, Beerse, Belgium. May 2005
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Princetown, NJ. April 2005

Consulting Relationships and Board Memberships:

None

Research Support:

Area of Research

Neuropsychopharmacology; mechanisms of action of opiates; neuroplasticity induced by opiates, interactions between opiate dependence and pain sensitivity; effects of chronic pain on motivated behavior; role of the periphery in pain mechanisms.

ACTIVE

*Title: **Role of SK2 Channels in Morphine Dependence**

*Major Goals: The overall objectives are to uncover the cellular mechanisms underlying morphine-induced activation of SK2 channels, and to investigate how the activation of hippocampal SK2 channels is integral for formation of morphine conditioned behavior (CPP) and its reinstatement.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: R01DA042499

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 05/01/2017-01/31/2023
NCE

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$1,883,500

*Title: ***Dissecting Circuits Mediating Pain-Induced Alterations in Motivated Behavior***

*Major Goals: In this application, we propose cross disciplinary cutting-edge approaches to dissect the neuronal and cellular mechanisms underlying the downregulation of mu-opioid circuits in the presence of inflammatory pain.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: R01DA041781

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available):02/01/2017-11/30/2022
NCE

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$456,028

***Title: Defining a role for KAPPA opioid system in affective behavior and drug escalation in pain**

*Major Goals: Using a series of multidisplinary approaches including electrophysiology, microdialysis, voltammetry, optogenetics, chemogenetics, mouse genetics, and rodent PET imaging tools, we propose to determine whether in vivo manipulation of dynorphin-KOPR system in the VTA-NAc circuit prevents pain-induced negative affect which drives opioid dose escalation.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: R01DA045463

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 09/30/2018-07/30/2023

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$1,404,798

***Title: Development of an implantable closed-loop system for delivery of naloxone for the prevention of opioid-related overdose deaths**

*Major Goals: In the UG3 phase, our first aim is to design, fabricate, and demonstrate functional closed-loop delivery of naloxone in rat. The second aim is to perform pilot studies in pig that will inform preclinical trials to be carried out in the UH3 phase. In the UH3 phase our first aim is to develop a robust, biocompatible implantable device scaled for use in large animals and humans. The second aim is to conduct a preclinical trial in pigs to test the hypothesis that the newly developed closed-loop device is able to rescue a pig in acute respiratory depression induced by intravenous fentanyl.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: UH3DA050303

Name of PD/PI: Gereau, Rogers

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 09/15/2021-09/14/2024

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$6,275,050

***Title: Determining the impact of BNST CRF systems on inflammatory pain-induced disruptions of behavior**

*Major Goals: The overarching goal of this application is to examine the role for the BNST CRF system on pain-induced alterations in behaviors. Previous work in our laboratory has shown that the induction of persistent inflammatory pain leads to the emergence of negative affect which is characterized by a reduction/loss of motivated behaviors. The scope of the Moron-Concepcion laboratory for this project is to examine the manipulation of the BNST CRF systems in the impact of pain on goal directed behaviors for natural reinforcers as a proxy for motivational states.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: R01NS122230

Name of PD/PI: Kash (Site PI: Moron-Concepcion)

*Source of Support: NIH (UNC)

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 04/01/2021-03/31/2026

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$664,274

***Title: Amygdala Kappa Opioid System Involvement in Opioid Relapse in Pain States**

*Major Goals: The overarching goal of this application is to examine the role for the dynorphin-Kappa opioid receptor (KOR) system within the Central Amygdala (CeA) in the mechanisms underlying relapse to opioid seeking behavior in chronic pain conditions. The scope of the Moron-Concepcion laboratory for this project is to examine whether the dynorphin-KOR system in the CeA mediates negative reinforcement in chronic pain. More specifically, our laboratory will be conducting studies to: 1- Examine whether activation of dyn-KOR system in the CeA promotes place aversion. 2- Examine whether relapse to opioid seeking behavior is mediated via activation of the dyn-KOR system within the CeA.

*Status of Support: Active

Project Number: R01DA053752

Name of PD/PI: Cahill (Site PI: Moron-Concepcion)

*Source of Support: NIH (UCLA)

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 05/01/2022-02/28/2027

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$450,210

Pending

*Title: **Sex-specific mechanisms underlying the effects of pain on opioid seeking**

*Major Goals: The focus of our research proposal is to dissect the neuronal and cellular mechanisms underlying alterations in opioid circuits that lead to opioid misuse in pain conditions and in a sex-dependent manner. Findings generated from the proposed research will provide critical insight on the circuit-based mechanisms underlying pain-induced increase in opioid intake with an insight on sex differences, transforming our understanding of opioid misuse and abuse.

*Status of Support: Pending

Project Number: R01DA054900

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 07/01/2022-06/30/2027

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$3,023,262

*Title: **Dissecting the role of dorsal hippocampus to nucleus accumbens circuits in opioid seeking behavior**

*Major Goals: The focus of our research proposal is to dissect and uncover a role for the dorsal hippocampus and its excitatory inputs to the nucleus accumbens. Findings generated from the proposed research will provide critical insight on the circuit-based mechanisms underlying opioid seeking and relapse, transforming our understanding of opioid misuse and abuse.

*Status of Support: Pending

Project Number: R01DA055577-01A1

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 09/01/2022-08/31/2027

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$3,057,465

***Title: Dissecting the central and peripheral mechanisms to fentanyl induced respiratory depression**

*Major Goals: In this application we propose studies to assess how fentanyl complicates treatment of opioid overdose. In addition, our proposed studies might establish the mechanisms underlying fentanyl-induced respiratory depression. Overall, findings generated in this proposal will eventually lead to develop new therapeutic interventions to prevent and rescue fentanyl-induced fatal overdoses.

*Status of Support: Pending

Project Number: R01DA058006

Name of PD/PI: Moron-Concepcion

*Source of Support: NIH/NIDA

*Primary Place of Performance: Washington University

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: (MM/YYYY) (if available): 04/01/2023-03/31/2028

* Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$3,057,465

COMPLETED:

NARSAD (Moron-Concepcion) 09/15/2017-09/14/2019

Brain & Behavior Research Foundation

\$46,297

Role of KAPPA Opioid Receptors in the Comorbidity Between Pain and Affective Disorders

In this application we propose cross disciplinary cutting-edge approaches to dissect the neuronal and cellular mechanisms underlying the downregulation of mu-opioid circuits in the presence of inflammatory pain.

R21DA042581 (Moron-Concepcion)

06/01/2016-05/31/2018

NIH/NIDA

\$125,000

In vivo imaging of dynamic structural plasticity driving morphine conditioned place preference

In this proposal we will conduct *in vivo* imaging analyses in awake mice to elucidate the temporal dynamics of hippocampal dendritic spine remodeling and its relationship to the formation of drug-context associations that may play a role in the mechanisms underlying reinstatement of drug seeking. In addition we will implement novel virtual navigation approaches to examine hippocampal circuit dynamics during the formation of morphine-context associations.

Role: Principal Investigator

NIH/NIDA 1R03DA023454-01; "PSD-protein expression in extinction of morphine-dependent conditioned behavior"; Principal Investigator, 07/01/2007-06/30/2008, \$50,000.

This project examine alterations in the expression profile of PSD proteins during the extinction of morphine-induced conditioned place preference.

Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research , Clinical Trials Office Pilot Award; "Glial inhibitors: Novel therapeutic tools for opioid abuse and pain";

Principal Investigator, 07/01/2012-06/30/2013, \$50,000.

This project is conducted in collaboration with Dr Sandra Comer from the Dept Psychiatry at Columbia. The main goal of the project is to characterize the role of glial inhibitors on the abuse liability of opiates in the presence of chronic pain.

NIH/NIDA 1R01DA025036; "Mechanisms underlying opiate-induced neuroplasticity at the synapse"; Principal Investigator, 01/01/2009-11/30/2013, \$1,320,000.

This project examines the role of AMPA and NMDA receptors in the neuroadaptations in response to morphine administration.

Skin Disease Research Center/Department of Dermatology Pilot Grant Award, Pilot and Feasibility Study Program, Columbia University; "Characterization and identification of AMPA receptors in the skin". Principal Investigator. 07/01/2013-06/30/2014, \$25,000

This project will identify and characterize the expression of AMPA glutamate receptors in keratinocytes and their implication in the adverse effects of opioid treatments such as itch and hyperalgesia. This project will be conducted in collaboration with Drs Ellen Lumpkin and David Owens from the Dept Dermatology at Columbia.

R01DA027460 (Moron-Concepcion) 07/01/2010-06/30/2016 3.6 calendar months
NIH/NINDS \$423,123 NCE

"AMPA Receptors: Common role in opiate withdrawal and pain sensitivity".

Overall, these studies will provide insight into the neuroplasticity that may lead to novel approaches for pharmacotherapeutic intervention for pain treatment in opiate addicts.

Role: Principal Investigator

R21DA036826 (Moron-Concepcion) 06/01/2014-05/31/2017 NCE 1.8 calendar months
NIH/NINDS \$76,018

Role for delta opioid receptor in morphine tolerance during chronic pain

In this application we propose that pretreatment with DOP antagonists or disruption of the MOP-DOP heteromer will result in an attenuation of the analgesic tolerance that develops after repeated morphine injections during chronic pain. We also propose that morphine-induced analgesic tolerance is mediated by increased DOP function and MOP-DOP heteromer abundance, which in turn reduces MOP-mediated inhibition of excitatory transmission.

Role: Principal Investigator

McDonnell Small Grants (Moron-Concepcion) 07/01/2016-06/30/2017 0 calendar months

Center for Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology \$40,000

Dissecting the neural circuits involved in the effects of pain on opioid addiction
The overall goal of this proposed application is to determine whether the presence of persistent pain modifies the patterns of prescription opiate (i.e. morphine) self-administration by promoting tolerance to the reinforcing properties of the drug which could act to precipitate drug escalation.

Role: Principal Investigator

microPET Pilot Project (Moron-Concepcion) 04/01/2016-03/01/2017 0 calendar months

Internal grant \$22,000

The overall objectives for this resource are to optimize small animal imaging approaches to determine the specific anatomical localization of the reduction in DA transmission in this pathway.

Patents:

None

Teaching Experience and Responsibilities:

University of Texas Medical Branch

a. Teaching:

Graduate School

2007-2009 PHTO 6212 – Autonomic Cardiovascular and CNS Pharmacology

2007- PHTO 6223 – Neuropharmacology

b. Students/Mentees/Advisees/Trainees:

Post-doctoral fellows:

Sophie Grimond-Billa, Ph.D., 03/2007 – 01/2010

Sri Rayja Rudrabhatla, Ph.D., 06/2008 – 11/2009

Nicole Bjorklund, Ph.D. 01/2008 – 01/2010

Undergraduate students:

Mary Eldhart, 05-08/2007 (SURP Program)

Columbia University Medical Center

a. Teaching:

CA2 Anesthesiology residents

2010-present ABA-Basic Pharmacology of Opioids

Pain Medicine Fellows

2010-2015 Basic Research in Pain Medicine

2011-2015 New Advances in Pain Research

b. Former and Current Research Fellows

Post-doctoral fellows:

Yan Xia, PhD 12/2009-01/2011

George Portugal, Ph.D 07/2010-05/2013

David Cabanero Ferri, DVM, PhD 05/2010-07/2014

Lucia Hipolito, Ph.D 08/2011-08/2014

Zara Melyan, Ph.D	12/2010-2015
Amanda Fakira, Ph.D	02/2011-2015
Adrienne Wilson-Poe, Ph.D	10/2014-06/2019
Nicolas Massaly, Ph.D	11/2014-present

Clinical Faculty

Anis Dizdarevic, M.D.	01/2012-2015
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Dr Dizdarevic is a clinical faculty at the Pain Center at Columbia. We are conducting a collaborative project about the use of delta-opioid receptor ligands to prevent morphine-induced analgesic tolerance in animal chronic pain models.

Residents and Fellows

Takeshi Irie, MD, PhD	06/2012-January 2013 (Anesthesia Resident)
Kristoff Padjen, MD, PhD	09/2012-2015 (Pain Fellow)

Medical Students

Elaine Zhong	03/2013-2014 (second year Columbia medical student)
Blake Butler	06/2014-2015 (third year Columbia medical student)

Undergraduate Students:

Claudia Chauvet	04-06/2011
Brianna Carussillo	05/2011-01/ 2012
Arthur Avakian	06/2012-06-2013
Jose Gonzalez	06/2012-08/2014
Alexandra Berman	06/2013-09/2015
Rebecca Blandon	05/2013-08/2013
Katherine Lopez	05/2014-09/2015

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b. Former and Current Research Fellows

Post-doctoral fellows

Adrienne Wilson-Poe, Ph.D	10/2015-06/2019
Nicolas Massaly, Ph.D	10/2015-10/2022
Sidney Williams, PhD	06/2016-06/2020
Nisa Ibrahim, PhD	01/2019-present
Brian Ruyle, PhD	05/2019-present
Jessica Higginbotham, PhD	09/2019-present
Yolanda Campos, PhD	01/2020-present

Graduate Students:

Tamara Markovic (Neuroscience)	04/2016-04/2021
Hannah Frye (Neuroscience)	04/2016-04/2021
Dominika Burek (Neuroscience)	08/2016-08/2021
Tania Lintz (Neuroscience)	06/2021-present

Residents and Fellows

Nicholas Gregory, MD, PhD 10/2015-05/2019

Undergraduate Students:

Kristine Yoon 01/2016-04/2017
Mathew Bredder 01/2016-05/2017
Will Post 01/2016-05/2019
Kevin Nakajima 05/2016-05/2018
Kyung Bae Lee 06/2016-05/2018
Beth Weise 07/2016-06/2018
Eriz Sze 09/2018-present
Luis Cuevas 09/2018-present
Grace Yu 05/2019-present

Technicians:

Chris Trousdale, Bsc 01/2016-05/2019
Will Post, Bsc 05/2017-06/2019
Jennifer Garcia, Bsc 09/2017-06/2019
Kristine Yoon Bsc 05/2017-05/2021
Justin Meyer Bsc 08/2019-present
Yinka Idowu 04/2019-present

Thesis Advisor:

Hannah Frye, PhD candidate, Washington University. Role: Advisor. Thesis Defense: April 2021

Tamara Markovic, PhD candidate, Washington University. Role: Advisor. Thesis Defense: April 2021.

Dominika Burek, PhD candidate, Washington University. Role: Advisor. Thesis Defense: August 2021.

Tania Lintz, PhD candidate, Washington University. Role: Advisor.

Thesis Committees:

Samantha White, PhD candidate, University of Pennsylvania. Advisor: Dr Christopher Pierce. Thesis defense: June 21, 2013 (external committee member).

Daniel Christofell, PhD candidate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Advisor: Dr Scott Russo. Thesis defense: August 14, 2013 (external committee member)

Sam Golden, PhD candidate, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Advisor: Dr Scott Russo. Thesis defense: September 26, 2014 (external committee member)

Greg Salimando, PhD candidate, Vanderbilt University. Advisory: Dr Danny Winder.

Jose Grajales, MD/PhD candidate, Washington University. Advisor: Dr Rob Gereau.

Kyla Nygaard, PhD candidate, Washington University. Advisor: Dr Joe Dougherty

Sarah Bernard, PhD candidate, Washington University, Advisor: Dr Sush Majumdar

Bibliography:

A. ARTICLES:

(*) Indicates senior authorship

1) M.Valoti, J.A. Morón, G.P. Sgaragli and M. Unzeta. "Evidence of a coupled mechanism between monoamine oxidase and peroxidase in the metabolism of tyramine in rat intestinal mitochondria". *Biochemical Pharmacology* (1998) 55: 37-43.

2) J.A. Morón, V. Perez, E. Fernandez-Alvarez, J.L. Marco and M. Unzeta. "In vitro effects of some 5-hydroxy-indolealkylamine derivatives on monoamine uptake systems". *Journal of Neural Transmission* (1998) [suppl] 52: 343-349.

3) J.A. Morón, V. Pérez, E. Fernández-Alvarez, J.L. Marco and M. Unzeta. "New 2-[(5-methoxy-1-methylindolyl)]alkylamine derivatives: the effect of branching and elongation of the side chain on MAO inhibition". *Journal . Enzyme Inhibition* (1998) 13: 237-251

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B. OTHER:

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2. Annual Experimental Biology Meeting. "Neuroproteomics of Drug Addiction". April 2006, San Francisco, USA (invited speaker).
3. International Narcotics Research Conference. "Changes in the presynaptic active zone and PSD proteins during chronic morphine". July 2006, Minnesota, USA (invited speaker).
4. College on Problems on Drug Dependence. "Mechanisms of morphine-induced neuroplasticity at the synapse". June 2008. San Juan, Puerto Rico (invited speaker).
5. International Narcotics Research Conference. "Context-dependent behavioral sensitization to morphine alters hippocampal neuroplasticity". June 2011. Hollywood, Florida (invited speaker).

6. American Pain Society. "Targeting of spinal GluA2-lacking AMPA receptors abolishes morphine-induced hyperalgesia". May 2012, Honolulu, Hawaii (invited speaker).
7. Eastern Pain Association Annual Meeting. "Molecular mechanisms underlying opiate dependence and opiate-induced hyperalgesia". December 2012, New York (invited speaker).
8. Winter Brain Research Conference. "AMPA receptors and addiction: the chicken or the egg". January 2013, Colorado (panel Chair).
9. International Narcotics Research Conference. "AMPA receptors in the spinal cord mediate morphine-induced hyperalgesia". July 2013, Cairns, Australia (invited speaker).
10. American Pain Society. "Novel mechanisms of opioid-induced hyperalgesia: A focus in the periphery". May 2014, Tampa, Florida (invited speaker).
11. International Narcotics Research Conference. "New technologies in Drug Addiction". July 2014, Montreal, Canada. Discussion Leader.
12. American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics meeting. "Chronic inflammatory pain increases opioid intake through a accumbal mechanism". March 2015, Boston (invited speaker).
13. Spring Pain meeting. "Effect of pain on the reward pathway and drug intake". May 2015. Palm Springs, California (invited speaker).
14. American Pain Society. "GluA4 containing AMPAR are expressed in epidermal keratinocytes: A possible role in chronic itch and painful conditions". May 2015, Palm Springs, California (invited speaker).
15. Winter Brain Research Conference. "Opioid-induced neuroplasticity in the brain". January 2016, Colorado (invited speaker).
16. Winter Brain Research Conference. "Kappa opioid receptors mediate the effect of pain on motivated behavior". January 2016, Colorado (invited speaker).
17. Pain Mechanisms and Therapeutics Conference. "Effects of pain on the reward pathway". June 2016, Sicily (panel Chair).
18. International Narcotics Research Conference. "Inflammatory pain affects opioid intake and associated motivated behavior" July 2016, Bath, UK.
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20. American Academy of Pain Medicine. "Impact of pain on the reward pathway". March 2017, Florida (panel Chair).
21. Canadian Pain Society. "Pain enhances opioid self-administration through dysregulation of the opioids system. May 2017, Halifax, Canada (invited speaker).
22. International Narcotics Research Conference. "Cutting-edge approaches to examine neural plasticity" July 2017, Chicago, IL (panel Chair).
23. International Addiction Research Meeting. "Opioid induced plasticity and the intersection with pain" September 2017, Dubrovnik, Croatia. (invited speaker)
24. American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. "Opioids and pain: a role for kappa opioid receptor" December 2017, California. (invited speaker)
25. Winter Brain Research Conference. "Role of kappa opioid receptor in pain-induced negative affect". January 2018, Whistler, Canada. (invited speaker)
26. Experimental Biology. "Opioid-induced neuroplasticity: novel imaging approaches". April 2018. San Diego, CA (invited speaker)
27. Pain Mechanisms and Therapeutics Conference. "Kappa opioid receptors in Pain". June 2018, Taormina, Italy (panel Chair).
28. Molecular Psychiatry Conference. "Pain-induced negative affect is mediated via recruitment of the kappa opioid system". September 2018, Kauai, HI. (invited speaker).
29. American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. "Novel in vivo imaging and virtual reality paradigms to dissect neural circuits underlying brain plasticity". December 2018, Hollywood, FL (panel Chair).
30. Anxiety and Depression Association of America. "Lessons from the bench to address the opioid crisis". March 2019, Chicago (invited speaker).
31. American Pain Society. "Opioid-induced plasticity and the intersection with pain". Plenary Lecture, April 2019 Milwaukee, WI (invited plenary speaker).
32. Gordon Research Conference on Catecholamines. "A novel role for the kappa opioid receptor in pain and motivated behavior". August, 2019. Newry, ME (invited speaker).

33. Keystone Symposia on Pain: Aligning the Target. “Dissecting the neural circuits driving pain-induced negative affect”. February 2020, Keystone CO (invited plenary speaker).
34. US-Association for the Study of Pain. “Pain impact on motivated behavior and opioid seeking is driven by dynamic activity of VTA dopamine neurons”. May 2022, Cincinnati, OH (invited speaker).
35. Pain Therapeutics Conference. “Pain impact on motivated behavior and opioid seeking is driven by dynamic activity of VTA dopamine neurons”. June 2022, Verona, Italy (invited speaker).
36. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories Addiction Course. October 2022, Venice, Italy (Invited Faculty).
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