



Stroke Pharmacogenomics and Genetics

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DESCRIPTION

The Stroke Pharmacogenomics and Genetics group is a multidisciplinary group composed of 12 members, including biologists, biotechnologists and neurologists. The objectives of the group are to find treatments for stroke and other neurological diseases that can be used in the clinical practice. To identify these treatments, we are utilising genome-wide techniques such as GWAS, EWAS, TWAS, PWAS, or microbiome analysis. This includes genetics, epigenetics, transcriptomics, proteomics and microbiomics with large cohorts of patients.

MAIN LINES OF RESEARCH

- L1 Genetic risk factors in stroke. (Cárcel Márquez, Jara).
- L2 Pharmacogenetics of neurovascular diseases. (Fernández Cadenas, Israel).
- L3 Genetic and epigenetic risk factors associated with the neurological deterioration and the disability after stroke. (Gallego Fabrega, Cristina; Cullell Fornes, Natalia).
- L4 Genetic, epigenetic and proteomic factors associated with the endophenotypes of the acute phase of stroke. Integromics. (Fernández Cadenas, Israel).
- L5 Microbiome and Stroke. (Fernández Cadenas, Israel).
- L6 Lipids and Stroke. (Martín Campos, Jesús María).
- L7 CADASIL and other neurological diseases. (Muiño Acuña, Elena).



SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

- Integration of multi-omic data to find the key drivers associated with stroke risk and outcome.
- To find drug targets and treatments in stroke risk and outcome using bioinformatic and AI analysis.
- To understand the biological mechanisms of stroke and other neurological pathologies.
- To find treatments for CADASIL, a rare disease that causes vascular dementia and stroke.

ACTIVE & AWARDED GRANTS

- Cárcel Márquez, Jara. Gen-X project: Genetic and epigenetic study of ischemic stroke and its sex differences. MARATO 202306-30. Fundació La Marató de TV3. Duration: 2024-2027. 199.801,25 €
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