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Presentation



The present Annual Report is a mirror which reflects the scientific outputs and outcomes of IR-IIB Sant Pau (Instituto de Investigación Biosanitaria del Hospital Universitario de la Santa Creu I Sant Pau). It provides an opportunity to recognize the efforts and achievements of our researchers organized in 55 excellence groups and 21 associated clinical groups, and is therefore essential to the continued evaluation of our Institution. In addition to acting as the key instrument for evaluating the scientific impact of our research, the Annual Report is also a basic tool for working within our own network and to make available external visibility, as it provides a record of the activities carried out, in particular the projects undertaken, methods employed and results obtained. Our scientific activity is structured into seven research areas, five Vertical Areas (Cardiovascular Diseases; Genetic, Metabolic and Inflammatory Diseases; Hematological and Oncological Diseases; Neurological and Mental Disorders; and Urology and Experimental Surgery) and two Transversal Lines (Epidemiology, Public Health and Healthcare Services; and Molecular, Genomic, Cellular and Kinetic-Dynamic Bases for Diseases and their Treatment).

Over the years, we have maintained a progressive growth of our scientific activity, without this year being an exception. Thus, once again this year, I congratulate all members for the magnificent performed work and the achieved results.

In 2017, IIB Sant Pau researchers published 1167 documents of which 866 were original articles with an overall impact factor that reached 5.170 points, generously exceeding the 4,000-point threshold that we have achieved in the last years. There was also a consolidation in the quality of the source journals, with a mean impact factor of 5.0695 and with more than 56% of the manuscripts published in journals in the first quartile of their subject area.

Again this year, our clinical research activity continues to be very active, which keeps us as one of the most active centres in the country in clinical trials. More specifically, 204 new contracts for clinical trials were signed in 2017.

Regarding innovation, 5 new patents were presented and two were conferred in 2017. Thus, until December 2017, the IR- IIB Sant Pau had 13 conferred patents and 12 in process of resolution. Moreover, one start-up (Nanoligent S.L) and 2 Spin-off (Glycardial Diagnostics S.L and Blumentech S.L) were created in 2017.

Much work has yet to be done in order to reach IR-IIB's projected level of internationalization and participation in European research projects. A great part of the proposals for the new Strategic Plan 2019-2023 is presently focused to planning IIB's future strategies for reaching this goal. Thus, the challenges that lie ahead continued to be the increased awareness of opportunities for IR-IIB research groups to succeed within the context of European and international programs and a greater level of participation in European collaborative projects as either partners or coordinators.

The transfer of knowledge acquired thanks to the Research Institute-IIB Sant Pau must lead to improved clinical practice and advances that can be applied to the community. Although we cannot expect immediate results, we anticipate that the opening of the Experimental Research Building of the IR-IIB Sant Pau will bring about critical change in the every-day life of our researchers and will facilitate the continuous growing of the scientific quality of our groups.

Throughout the year, the IR-IIB and its groups also organized several workshops, courses, seminars and conferences. The outreach activities of the IR-IIB allow the network to reach its main goal of promoting quality research in the many areas of interest of our Institute by transferring knowledge to and from its researchers and by communicating its activities and findings to a variety of audiences.

Once again, thanks to the high quality of our researchers and the commitment of all the personnel of the IR – IIB Sant Pau that represents the best guarantee of continued success, we are optimistic about the future of our research activities that ultimately seeks to improve the health of the citizens.

Jaume Kulisevsky

Scientific Director IIB Sant Pau

IIB Sant Pau Entities

Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Healthcare Management Foundation



The Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Healthcare Management Foundation (HSCSP Healthcare Management Foundation) is a high-technology specialist care hospital performing patient care, teaching and research activities in the clinical, epidemiological and healthcare services fields. It offers accredited specialist and undergraduate health science training courses.

Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Research Institute



Institut de Recerca

The Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Research Institute (HSCSP RI) promotes, manages and communicates biomedical research conducted in the HSCSP. It raises and manages funds and other resources for health science research in the basic, clinical, epidemiological and healthcare service fields.

Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Private Foundation



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The Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Private Foundation (HSCSP Private Foundation), which owns the HSCSP, is responsible for building, improving and maintaining buildings and premises used for medical care and associated and complementary activities.

Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) - Ageing Institute



Institut de l'Envel·liment
UAB

The UAB, a leading university renowned for quality and innovation in research, coordinates an influential scientific and technological centre, called Esfera UAB, responsible for promoting new business projects. The UAB also projects its productive activity in such a way as to disseminate new knowledge in society.

The Ageing Institute, attached to this university, is a non-profit foundation governed by a board of trustees formed by the UAB, the UAB Foundation and the Agrupació Mútua del Comerç i de la Indústria. Its mission is to improve knowledge of different aspects related to ageing with the aim of enhancing the quality of life of older people and promoting actions that contribute to adapting society and people to the challenges of demographic change.



Catalan Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences (ICCC)

The ICCC performs basic and clinical research into cardiovascular and heart diseases. The fact that it competes successfully at the international level enables it to avail of the infrastructure necessary to transfer basic research to the development of therapies and diagnostic methods, ultimately improving medical care for patients.



Puigvert Foundation

The Puigvert Foundation has the aim of deepening medical knowledge and perfecting medical techniques in the field of research and treatment of urinary and male reproductive system disorders and diseases. More specifically, it performs urology, nephrology and andrology research, focusing particularly on medical care, teaching, training and studies.



Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre

This independent, not-for-profit organization has as its main aim the promotion of medical practice based on the best available scientific evidence. To this end, it ensures that valid, useful, up-to-date and thoroughly reviewed information is made available for clinical and healthcare decision making.



Barcelona-Sardenya Primary Care Centre

Part of the public healthcare system, this teaching and care centre provides primary care services in its catchment area of Barcelona and has a research unit which performs clinical trials and epidemiology studies.



Public Health Agency of Barcelona

This autonomous body, created by the Barcelona Health Consortium, has as its main mission to analyse and monitor the health of the population of Barcelona with a view to improving health and preventing risk. It is also responsible for epidemiological surveillance and the provision of medical care to substance abusers. It has an excellent track record in the public health and applied research fields.



Blood and Tissue Bank

The Blood and Tissue Bank is a public healthcare body which carries out patient care, teaching and research activities in the blood transfusion and tissue bank fields.

Vertical Areas of Research



Cardiovascular Diseases

The incorporation of new technologies that facilitate molecular profiling and gene regulation has led to innovative research into heart disease. The great diversity of the groups in this area gives research varied perspectives, whether in developing or testing the effectiveness of new biomarkers (as in the investigation of the metabolic and genetic bases of diseases) or improving the range of results and possible applications in short-term therapies.



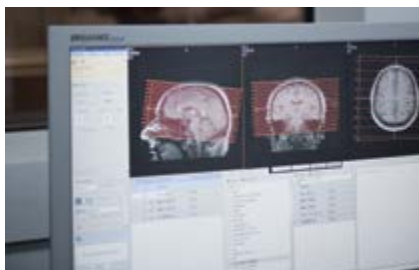
Genetic, Metabolic and Inflammatory Diseases

Identifying the genes and mutations responsible for genetic diseases is an essential component of knowledge and understanding of the physiological bases of metabolic pathways and also in the development of new forms of treatment for common diseases affecting large proportions of the population, such as diabetes and obesity, known but with a hereditary diseases, infectious diseases (AIDS, tuberculosis, etc) and rare diseases (not well know but with a devastating impact on those affected).



Haematological and Oncological Diseases

A broad range of research is conducted in this area, particularly in head-and-neck, breast, ovary, colorectal and haematological cancers, among others. Research in covers a wide range of fields, with disciplines that include nanomedicine, new anticancer agents and predictive molecular markers. Initiatives of specific relevance include the GAIT (Genetic Analysis of Idiopathic Thrombophilia) project, a world pioneer in the identification of genes influencing the risk of thromboembolic disease, and research into antitumour immunotherapy in animals and humans.



Neurological, Mental Disorders and Ageing

This area covers research in a broad range of disciplines. Besides the study of ageing and the most common neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer and Parkinson, neurological research is also focused on stroke, neuroimmunology and neuromuscular diseases. Research into cognitive, affective, psychotic and personality disorders ranges from identification and evaluation of new therapeutic targets to neurogenesis and the effects of deep-brain stimulation. Research in this field has the support of the Drug Research Centre, which assesses the effectiveness of new drugs and therapies in humans.



Uronephrology and Experimental Surgery

IIB Sant Pau promotes experimental surgery in the knowledge that this area has a promising future both as an independent research line and as a complement to general surgery. This interdisciplinary approach provides valuable new insights and ensures techniques and procedures of great clinical relevance. Current areas of interest include the development of minimally invasive techniques and the application of deep-brain stimulation in different pathologies. In the fields of andrology, urology and nephrology research, the Puigvert Foundation is a leading centre in Spain.

Transversal Areas of Research



Epidemiology, Public Health and Healthcare Services

Research in these fields aims to determine the magnitude and distribution and identify the determinants of public health problems in order to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of public interventions and prevention practices. This area also aims to reduce patient risk and make healthcare safer by promoting evidence-based medical practice and ensuring the use of conscious, explicit and rational decision making concerning patient care.



Molecular, Genomic, Cellular and Kinetic-Dynamic Bases for Diseases and their Treatment

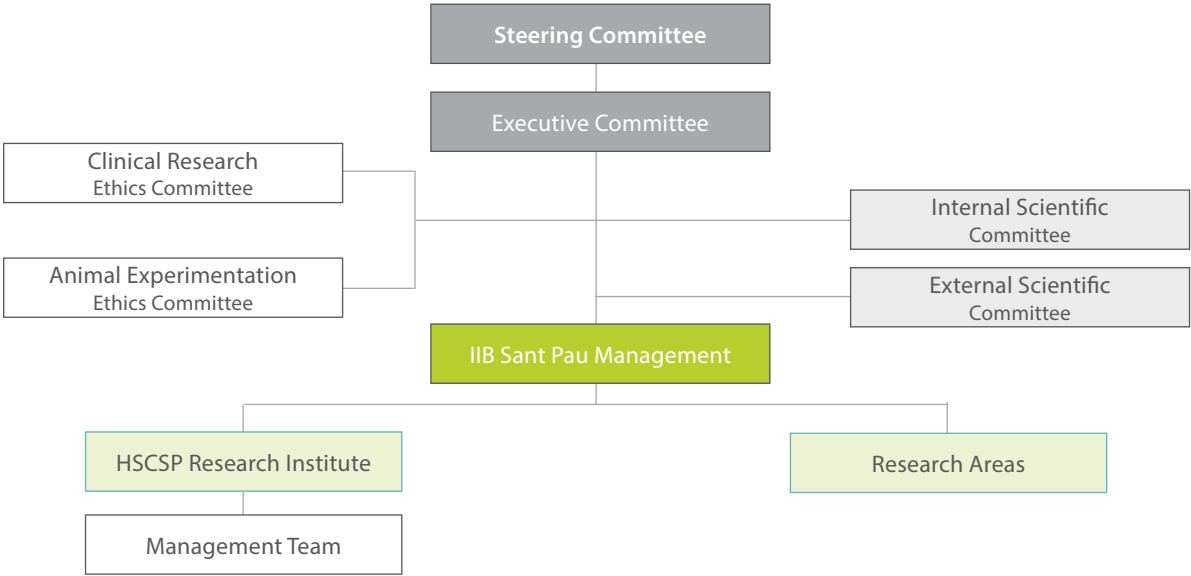
This area focuses on the structure of proteins associated with neurodegenerative diseases and inflammatory processes and on factors linked to the innate immune system. Research is also conducted in the area of osteoporosis, ageing-related macular degeneration and coagulation-cascade factors closely linked to cardiovascular disease and haemophilia. Such studies are vital to the understanding of diseases of the heart, blood and nervous systems and to advances in the fields of cancer and epidemiology.

Associated Groups



This area includes HSCSP Research Institute groups that do not form part of IIB Sant Pau because they have not, as yet, been accredited by the External Scientific Committee.

Organization Chart



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Dr. Alex Bayes
Molecular physiology of the synapse

Dr. Sílvia Mateu
Puigvert Foundation

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Barcelona-Sardenya Care Research Centre

2 members each representing IIB Sant Pau thematic areas

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Genetic, Metabolic, Inflammatory and Infectious Diseases

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Haematological and Oncological Diseases

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Ear, nose and throat cancers

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Neurological, Mental Disorders and Ageing

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Molecular, Genomic, Cellular and Kinetic-Dynamic Bases for Diseases and Treatments

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Financial Data

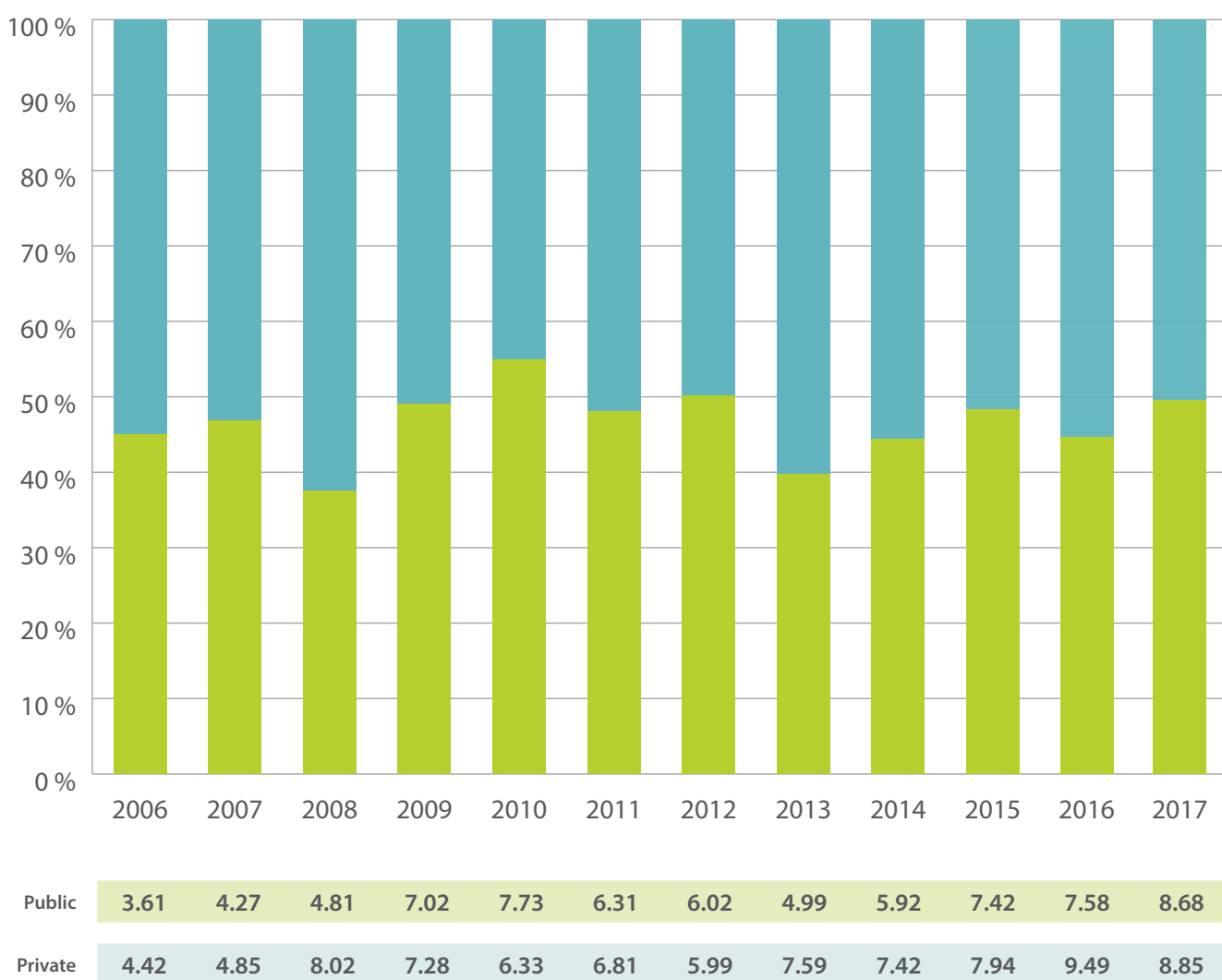


Next we highlight some economic data. The first chart shows the evolution of the public and private funds raised by the IIB San Pau during the period 2006-2017. The Income Statement for 2017 are displayed in the following page.

As a relevant event in 2017, on 31 December, the "Institut Català de Ciències Cardiovasculars" was dissolved by global assignment of its assets and liabilities, with effect from 01/01/2018, to the "Fundació Institut de Recerca del Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau".

Esther Zamora
Financial Director

Public/Private Income Summary 2006-2017



In millions of euros

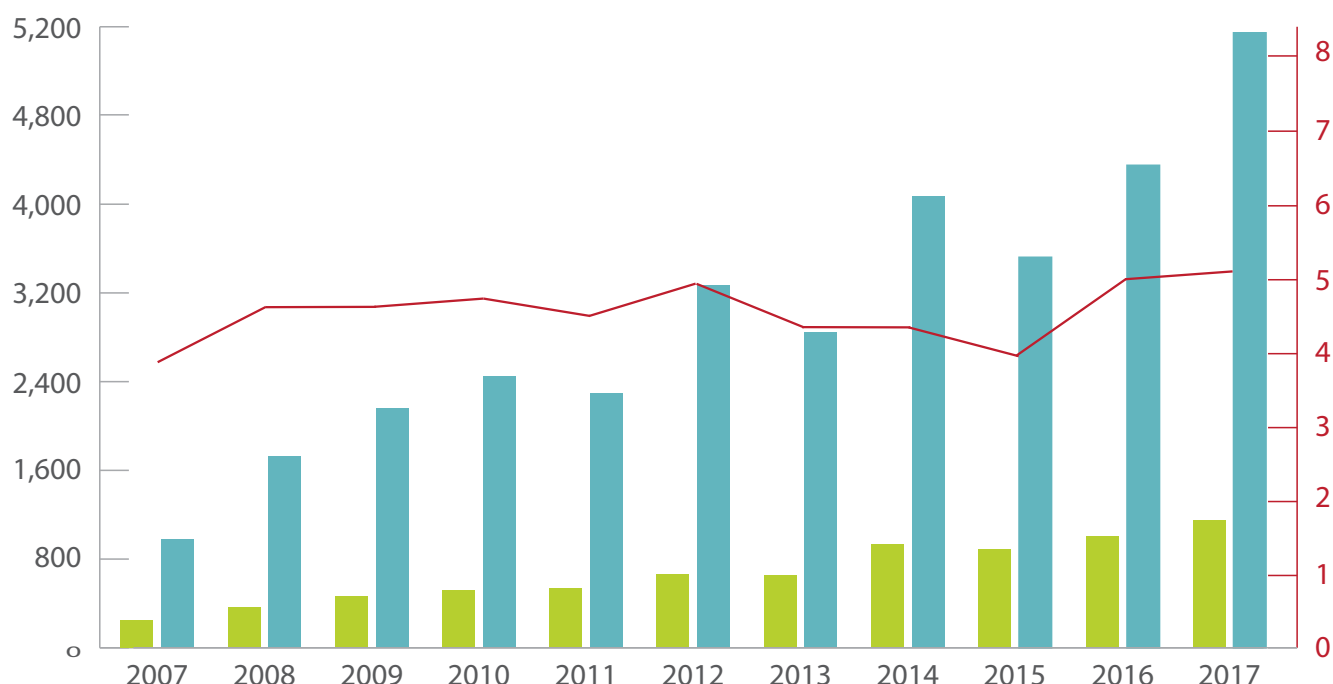
Income Statement year ending 31 December 2017

Income from activities	16.049.341,80
Services	5.228.002,36
Collaborations with partners and sponsors	2.742.355,22
Government grants	7.203.741,68
Other grants, donations and legacies	959.842,50
Repayment of grants, donations, etc	-84.599,96
Stocks and supplies	-1.449.504,87
Material and equipment for activities	-1.449.504,87
Grants awarded and other expenses	-23.000,00
Personnel expenditure	-8.875.073,29
Salaries	-6.843.074,97
Social security	-2.031.998,32
Other operating expenses	-5.610.389,28
External services	-4.960.623,75
Taxes	-65.100,43
Loss, deterioration and variation in provisions for operations	30.792,09
Other operating expenses	-615.457,19
Depreciation of fixed assets	-934.322,61
Grants, donations and bequests transferred to results	663.698,50
Other gains/losses	204.111,75
OPERATIONAL PROFIT/LOSS	24.862,00
Financial income	157.311,80
Financial expenditure	-159.147,08
FINANCIAL PROFIT/LOSS	-2.683,66
OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS	22.178,34

In euros

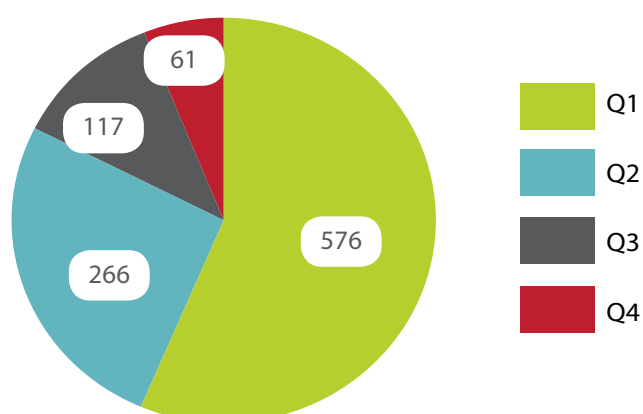
Publications with an Impact Factor and Quartile

Production status



Publications	250	367	461	514	534	664	654	933	804	996	1,167
Total IF	975.36	1,722.76	2,158.53	2,448.88	2,298.44	3,269.47	2,848.27	4,074.22	3,927.43	4,338,839	5,170,871
Mean IF	3.9	4.69	4.68	4.78	4.30	4.92	4.35	4.37	3.98	5	5.07

Indexed publications by quartile



Research Resources

Centre	Active		Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
AGAUR (Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitats i Recerca)	24	24	–	1
Comissió Europea	3	3	–	1
Projectes americans	–	–	–	1
Fundació Infermeria i Societat	1	3	2	1
Fundació Marató TV3	12	14	2	3
Fundación Mutua Madrileña (FMM)	2	1	–	1
Fundació Josep Carreras Internacional	–	1	1	–
ISCIII (Instituto de Salud Carlos III)	99	111	28	29
MINECO (Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad)	7	6	3	–
Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad	5	5	2	–
SEPAR (Sociedad Española de Neumología y Cirugía Torácica)	3	2	–	–
AECC (Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer)	5	4	–	–
SOCAP (Societat Catalana de Pneumologia)	1	–	–	–
Sociedad Española de Diabetes	1	–	–	–
Fundació Catalana de Pneumologia	3	1	–	1
Sociedad Española de Cardiología	1	–	–	–
AFM Telethon	1	–	–	–
Societat Catalana de Psiquiatria i Salut Mental	1	–	–	–
GILEAD	–	1	1*	–
Grupo Español de Investigación en Sarcomas	1	1	–	–
Fed Esp de Enfermedades Raras / Fund Isabel Gemio / Fed Esp de Enfermedades Neuromusculares	1	1	–	–
Fundació Privada de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau	6	7	7	–
Col·legi de Farmacèutics de Barcelona	1	–	–	–
Fundación y Sociedad Española de Arteriosclerosis	1	1	–	–
European Society of Cardiology	1	1	–	–
Fundació Víctor Grífols i Lucas	1	–	–	1
Fundació Ramon Pla Armengol	1	1	–	–
Institució CERCA	1	1	1	–
Fundación BBVA	–	1	1	–
BIOCAT	–	1	1	–
Grupo Español de Oncología Genitourinaria	–	1	1	–
Fundació Privada Daniel Bravo-Andreu	1	1	–	–
Foundation International Guillain-Barré	1	–	–	–
Fundación Española para el Fomento de la Investigación de la Esclerosis Lateral Amiotrófica	–	–	–	1
Acadèmia de Ciències Mèdiques	–	–	–	1
Departament de Salut (Generalitat de Catalunya)	–	–	–	8
	185	193	50	49

* A project has resigned.

** Five projects have resigned.

Research Training

Centre	Active		Granted	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
AGAUR (Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitats i Recerca)	5	6	2	3*
Departament de Salut (Generalitat de Catalunya)	1	1	–	–
MEC (Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte)	–	–	–	1
MINECO (Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad)	3	3	1	3*
ISCIII (Instituto de Salud Carlos III)	34	30	12	15**
Fundación Casa del Corazón	1	–	–	–
Projectes americans	1	1	–	–
Fundació Privada de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau	3	10	10	–
SEPAR (Sociedad Española de Neumología y Cirugía Torácica)	–	1	1	–
SOCAP (Societat Catalana de Pneumologia)	–	1	1	1
FUCAP (Fundació Catalana de Pneumologia)	–	1	1	–
FEHH (Fundación Española de Hematología y Hemoterapia)	–	1	1	–
AECC (Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer)	–	1	1	1
Departament de Salut (Generalitat de Catalunya)	–	–	–	5
	48	56	30	29

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Innovation Activity

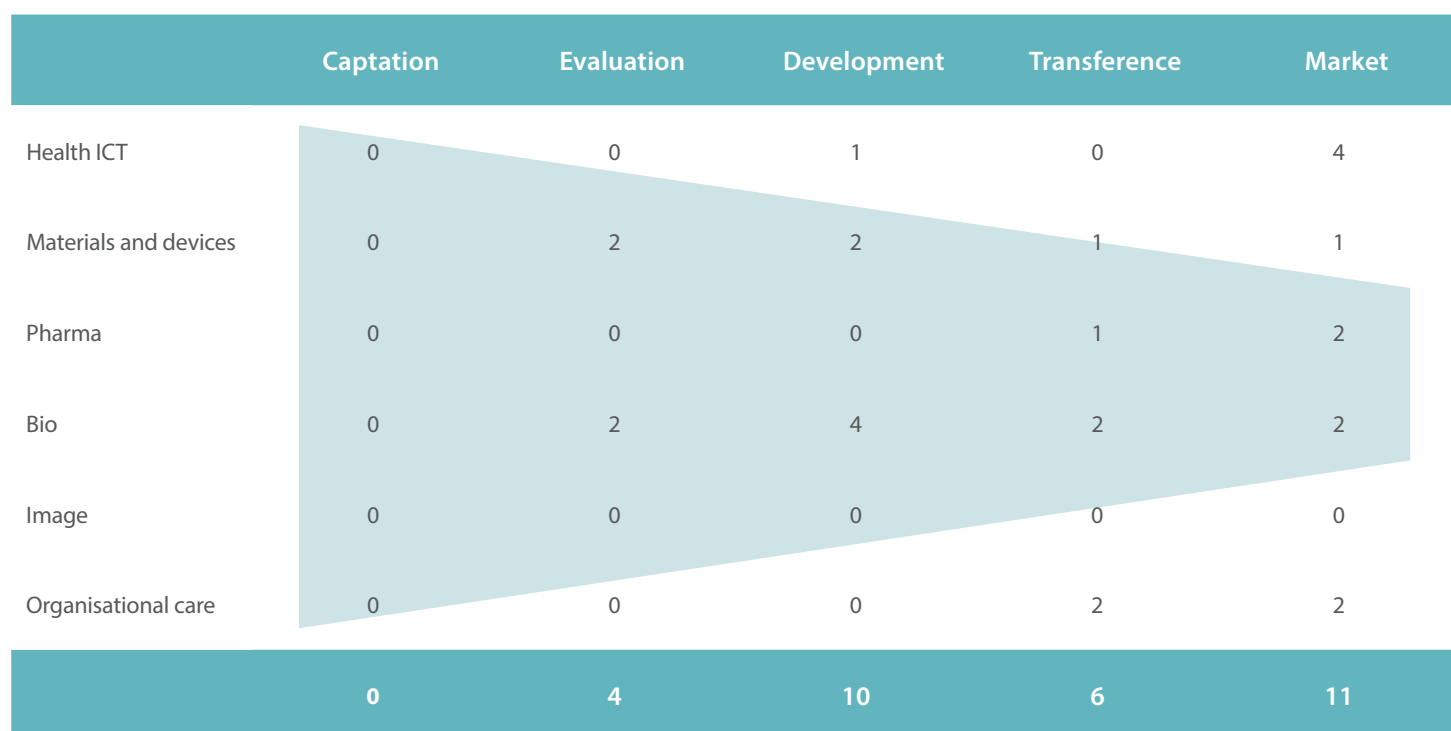
Innovation funnel 2017



The Transfer and Innovation Unit manages the innovation projects developed at the Institute, from the capture and evaluation of the opportunities, to their development, implementation and/or transfer to the market. The chart below shows the innovation projects portfolio according to their phase and typology as of December 31, 2017. The Results of Innovation are detailed in the following pages.

Miriam Ors Riera

Director of the Technology Transfer and Innovation Unit
Deputy Director of Research Institute



Source: Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Research Institute

Patents

Title	HSCSP RI author(s)	Territory	Application number	Filing date	Status	Grant number	Grant date
Marcadores para la miocardiopatía dilatada	David de Gonzalo	-	201700749	24/11/2017	In process	-	-
Genetic biomarker profiles for endurance sport suitability	José Manuel Soria	-	EP17382799.9	27/11/2017	In process	-	-
Nanostructured proteins and uses thereof	Ramon Mangues	-	EP17169722.0	05/05/2017	In process	-	-
Therapeutic nanoconjugates and uses thereof	Ramon Mangues	-	EP17382461.6	14/07/2017	In process	-	-
New therapeutic compounds targeting the androgen receptor	Pablo Fuentes	GB	GB1701887.0	05/02/2017	In process	-	-
Systems and methods to assess infarcted myocardial tissue by measuring electrical impedance during the cardiac cycle	Juan Maria Cinca; Gerard Amorós; Esther Jorge	-	PCT/ EP2016/056933	30/03/2016	In process	-	-
Dispositivo para simular una operación endoscópica vía orificio natural	Ramon Rovira	-	PCT/ EP2016/080572	12/12/2016	In process	-	-
Methods and kits for the diagnosis and risk stratification of patients with ischemia	Lina Badimon Maestro; Judit Cubedo Ràfols; Teresa Padró Capmany	-	PCT/ EP2017/058768	12/04/2016	In process	-	-
Prevention and/or treatment of ischemia or ischemia / reperfusion injury	Lina Badimon Maestro; Judit Cubero Ràfols; Gemma Vilahur García; Teresa Padró Capmany	-	PCT/ EP2017/056027	14/06/2016	In process	-	-
Procedimiento y dispositivo para el aprendizaje y entrenamiento de operaciones de cirugía laparoscópica e intervenciones similares	Ramon Rovira	Spain	P201331528	16/10/2013	Granted	ES2534140B1	17/04/2015
Methods and reagents for efficient and targeted delivery of therapeutic molecules to CXCR4 cells	Ramon Mangues; Ugutz Unzueta; Virtudes Céspedes; Isolda Casanova (CIBER)	Australia	2012206533	19/07/2012	Granted	-	18/12/2017
Methods and reagents for efficient and targeted delivery of therapeutic molecules to CXCR4 cells	Ramon Mangues; Ugutz Unzueta; Virtudes Céspedes; Isolda Casanova (CIBER)	Israel	227442	13/01/2012	In process	-	-

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Methods and reagents for efficient and targeted delivery of therapeutic molecules to CXCR4 cells	Ramon Mangues; Ugutz Unzueta; Virtudes Céspedes; Isolda Casanova (CIBER)	Europe	EP12704711.6	13/01/2012	In process	-	-
Methods and reagents for efficient and targeted delivery of therapeutic molecules to CXCR4 cells	Ramon Mangues; Ugutz Unzueta; Virtudes Céspedes; Isolda Casanova (CIBER)	USA	US 13/979560	03/04/2014	Granted	US 20140094404 A1	28/02/2017
LRP1 as key receptor for the transfer of sterified cholesterol from very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDL) to ischaemic cardiac muscle	Vicenta Llorente Cortés; Lina Badimon Maestro;	USA	US14129446	29/06/2011	Granted	US 9096671 B2	08/04/2015
LRP1 as key receptor for the transfer of sterified cholesterol from very-low-density lipoproteins (VLDL) to ischaemic cardiac muscle	Vicenta Llorente Cortés; Lina Badimon Maestro;	Europe	12804028.4	29/06/2011	Granted	EP2728005B1	22/08/2018
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	Japan	JP2011540141	13/06/2011	Granted	P1133JP00	07/01/2016
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	Canada	CA2745972	06/06/2011	Granted	CA2745972	11/04/2016
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	Israel	il213408	06/06/2011	In process	-	-
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	Turkey	P1133TREP	06/06/2011	Granted	TR 2014 11735 T4	23/02/2016
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	Europe	EP20090768395	15/12/2009	Granted	EP2379114B1	09/07/2014
Conjugates comprising nanoparticles coated with platinum containing compounds	Òscar Gallego	USA	US13140347	15/12/2009	Granted	US9023370 B2	20/12/2015
Blood-based assay for dysferlinopathies	Isabel Illa; Eduard Gallardo	Canada	2468431	26/05/2004	Granted	CA2468431C	28/06/2011
Blood-based assay for dysferlinopathies	Isabel Illa; Eduard Gallardo	USA	US10/306662	27/11/2002	Granted	US7172858B2	06/02/2007
Blood-based assay for dysferlinopathies	Isabel Illa; Eduard Gallardo	Japan	JP2003547654A	27/11/2002	Granted	JP4282483B2	24/06/2009

Spin off

Tax number	Business name	HSCSP RI Entrepreneur	Type	Constitution date	Licensed technology	Status
B-66970088	Nanoligent S.L.	Manuel Rodríguez	Start-up	13/03/2017	New therapeutic product in the oncology area, especially in the treatment of metastasis.	Active
B-67079186	Glycardial Diagnostics S.L.	Lina Badimon, Teresa Padró, Judit Cubedo, Gemma Vilahur	Spin-off	15/09/2017	Apo J-Glyc as a novel biomarker for the diagnosis and prognosis of myocardial ischemia	Active
B-66963257	Blumentech S.L.	Jordi Riba	Spin-off	01/03/2017	Pharmacological therapies for psychiatric and neurological patients	Active
B-66663303	Surgitrainer S.L.	Ramon Rovira	Start-up	15/03/2016	Method and device for learning and training operations laparoscopic surgery and similar procedures	Active

Other IP

Type	Title	Author(s)	Register date
Trademark registration	m-HEART	M ^a Antonia Mangues; Mar Gomis	19/05/2017
Notary registration	DUO QUEST Clinical Scale	Antonia Campolongo	08/04/2016
Notary registration	Memory Unit Database	Daniel Alcolea; Juan Fortea	30/09/2015
Notary registration	PARKINSON DISEASE COGNITIVE FUNCTIONAL RATING SCALE (PD-CFRS)	Jaime Kulisevsky; Javier Pagonabarraga	17/07/2015
Notary registration	PARKINSON'S DISEASE - COGNITIVE RATING SCALE (PD-CRS)	Jaime Kulisevsky; Javier Pagonabarraga	17/07/2015

Technology Transfer Agreements

Year	Title Contract	Collaborator /Client	IP	Research group
2017	Acord de llicència patent	Nanoligent, SL	Ramon Mangues Bafalluy	Oncogènesi i antitumorals
2017	Acord de transferència	Blumentech, SL	Jordi Riba Serrano	Neuropsicofarmacologia humana experimental
2017	Acord d'explotació	Nabelia, SL	Oscar Gallego Rubio	Recerca clínica en oncologia
2016	Llicència escala PD-CRS	Sanofi-Aventis	Jaime Kulisevsky Bojarski	Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
2016	Transferència DiGestEpiClin	Fundació Institut per l'Excel·lència Clínica i Sanitària	Xavier Bonfill Cosp	Clinical Epidemiology and Healthcare Services
2016	Tranferència Surgitrainer and Hystrainer	Surgitrainer SL	Ramon Rovira Negre	Reproductive Health
2015	Contracte llicència escala clínica	Eli Lilly & Co.	Jaime Kulisevsky Bojarski	Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
2015	Llicència escala clínica	Bracket Global LLC	Jaime Kulisevsky Bojarski	Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
2015	Cooperation treaty iFightDepression	European Alliance Against Depression e.V.	Maria J. Portella	Clinical Psychiatry
2014	License Agreement PREDI-NU Project	European Alliance Against Depression e.V.	Saiko Allende	Clinical Psychiatry

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Clinical Trial Documentation Management

Functions:

- > Manage and supervise all documentation associated with active clinical trials in the experimental phase and destruction of documentation for terminated clinical trials located in the external archive.
- > Store the supplies until the end of the studies, when they are destroyed or recycled.
- > Oversee and manage documentation of completed trials for the Centre for Drug Research (CIM)
- > Maintain and update the clinical workstation database and manage clinical studies.
- > Manage restricted access by clinical trial monitors to the clinical workstation.
- > Supervise data processing and management.
- > Coordinate researchers and monitors; draw up agendas for meetings and study monitoring.
- > Provide logistical support to the cold area and the clinical materials store associated with clinical trials in the experimental phase.
- > Ship biological samples to central laboratory services.

Facilities:

- Several areas have been designated to implement these functions:
- > Head office and administration area
 - > Data processing and management area
 - > Clinical trial monitoring meeting rooms
 - > Documentation filing area
 - > Cold room.
 - > Archive.



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Research Institute Management

Functions:

- > Management of HSCSP Research Institute and IIB Sant Pau finances: manage accounts and fiscal matters; design, administer and control budget-related issues; manage and monitor financial and material resources.
- > Management of public body funding requirements: fulfil obligations imposed by government and official regional and state entities; ensure compliance with current fiscal, financial, labour and legal regulations and with HSCSP Research Institute–IIB Sant Pau management policies.
- > Administration and management of activities, providing management support for research groups in different areas; project management, human resources, procurement, invoicing, control and monitoring of projects, general administration, management of services (courses, travel and continuing professional development).
- > Design, elaboration, development and maintenance of information systems for management area units, both for HSCSP Research Institute–IIB Sant Pau and research groups.



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Research Institute Projects Unit

Functions:

- > Search of public and private funding, broadcast, assessment and review for the success of the application submission, send applications, register and monitoring until its resolution.
- > Internal and external audits from different financial entities.
- > Researchers: meetings for starting and managing projects.
- > Registration of granted projects, economic monitoring of both national and international projects and agreements, costs validation (concept/balance), preparing annual and final reports, manage incidences, interlocutor with official entities.
- > Interaction with different transversal areas to implement the regulations of the calls.
- > Activity reports: scientific report, Board, Direction and others.



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Quality and Information Systems Unit

Functions:

- > General:
 - Support management with strategic projects (accreditation, CERCA evaluation, biobank legalization, evaluation of research groups, etc).
 - Manage IIB Sant Pau research groups: creation, dissolution and changes in composition.
 - Implement the functional plan for the new research building.
 - Support management of the IIB Sant Pau Internal Scientific Committee, External Scientific Committee, Executive Committee and Delegate Committee.
 - Implement policies for the dissemination of research among the general public and especially among secondary pupils and health science university students.
 - Represent the HSCSP Research Institute before external organizations.
- > Quality:
 - Implement policies to improve quality under GLP, GCP, GMP, ISO 9001 and UNE 166002 standards.
 - Lead the quality assurance programme at CIM Sant Pau and in clinical trials where the HSCSP Research Institute acts as sponsor.
 - Oversee auditing for protocols, databases, experimental phases, facilities, processes and final reports for clinical trials.
- > Information systems:
 - Oversee supplier audits.
 - Monitor non-conformity in internal and external audits.
 - Draw up own SOPs and provide support for SOPs preparation by other units.
 - Establish mechanisms to assess quality and good scientific practices in IIB Sant Pau.
 - Design mechanisms and implement tools for the collection and organization of data and information to feed decision making.
 - Manage and transform information and data to contribute to the fulfillment of objectives and strategies.
 - Respond to external requests for data and information (statistical surveys, SIRECS, etc).
 - Implement policies to improve information systems.
 - Develop new indicators of use for the institution.
 - Update research group staff details on the intranet.
- > Biosafety Committee:
 - Management of the biosafety committee.



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Radioactivity Unit

Functions:

- > The Radioactivity Unit provides groups with specific research laboratories in which to work with radioactive isotopes in liquid form. These areas are fully equipped and adapted for the handling of radioactive material and apply optimum measures for the safety and radioprotection of staff and the environment.
- > This area has been authorized by the nuclear safety authority and its staff supervise compliance with the corresponding laws, guidelines and regulations.
- > Services include support for:
 - In vitro labelling of proteins, lipoproteins and liposomes.
 - Cellular proliferation and toxicity.
 - Nucleic acid labelling.
 - Immunoassay techniques.
 - Determination of enzymatic activities using radiolabelled substrates.
 - Analysis and separation of labelled molecules.
 - Metabolism in vitro and in vivo.

Facilities:

The Radioactivity Unit has the following facilities:

- > 1 room for radioactive material storage.
- > 7 equipped laboratories, one of them refrigerated.
- > 1 room for gamma- and beta- counters.
- > 1 room for radioactive waste storage.
- > 1 room for controlled disposal of radioactive waste.
- > Radioactive liquid waste containers for controlled radioactive waste disposal.
- > Shielding accessories for radiation safety (table top shields, shielded containers, protective equipment, etc)
- > Portable radiation and environmental contamination detectors.
- > 1 ventilated rack for in vivo studies.
- > 2 chemical safety cabinets for gas extraction.
- > 1 vertical laminar air flow cabinet for cell cultures.
- > 1 CO₂ incubator for cell cultures.

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Centre for Drug Research (CIM Sant Pau)

Functions:

Perform clinical drug trials and/or clinical research in compliance with methodological, ethical and legal requirements in the context of international GCP guidelines concerning:

- > Clinical trials that are not of therapeutic interest for participants (phase I, special populations, psychopathological research, biomarkers, proof of concept).
- > Clinical trials in neuropsychopharmacology.
- > Clinical trials in initial developmental phases.

Facilities:

Three separate work areas have been designated for the trials:

Healthcare:

- > Admission zone.
- > 24 beds distributed in 4 units: trials in healthy volunteers and patients.
- > 2 individual rooms for CNS studies.
- > Ambulatory zone.
- > 4 consulting rooms for complementary testing, mainly related to CNS.
- > 3 cubicles to evaluate psychomotor performance.

Logistical support:

- > Rest area for clinical trial participants with bathrooms and kitchen.
- > Areas for the preparation, centrifugation and separation of biological samples.
- > Cold room.
- > Archives.

Management, administration and data processing:

- > Offices.
- > Area for monitors.
- > IT equipment for clinical trial activities of a non-experimental nature.

Communications Coordination Team

Functions:

- > Coordinate IIB Sant Pau communications.
- > Prepare IIB Sant Pau annual reports and other communication materials.
- > Provide an effective news distribution service and generate positive media coverage.
- > Respond to media enquiries.
- > Update website content.
- > Establish standards concerning graphics and linguistic style to ensure visual uniformity in all IIB Sant Pau communications.



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Clinical Research and Clinical Trials Unit (UICEC Sant Pau)

Functions:

It provides comprehensive support to researchers in the development of independent research projects (not sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry) on the methodological, regulatory, administrative, economic and practical aspects, subject to compliance with the ethical, good clinical practice and legislation.

UICEC Sant Pau is part of the Spanish Clinical Research Network (SCReN), a functional organization network to support the conduction of multi-center clinical trials.

Knowledge management:

- > One-stop information for independent research group projects.
- > Comprehensive assessment and project coordination.
- > Point of communication between researchers and technical units.
- > Pharmacovigilance activities for trials including drugs or medical devices.
- > Knowledge management:
 - Study of dimensionality and feasibility of projects.
 - Identification of each project needs.
 - Advice on the preparation of documentation: protocol, annexes, monitoring report, final report.
 - Advice on the submission of documentation to Spanish Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS), Ethics Committee for research with medicinal products (CEIm), Autonomous Communities (CCAA) and other relevant authorities.
 - Advice on project registration in public databases.
 - Identification of spinoff projects.
 - Advice on the presentation of research results.

Methodological and statistical support unit:

- > Advice on study design.
- > Data entry.
- > Data processing.
- > Development of statistical reports.
- > Electronic CRFs validation and management.
- > Documentation and reports.

Documentation, archiving, monitoring and follow-up unit:

- > Support in document creation: EudraCT application form and annexes / other application forms / evaluation forms / monitoring reports.
- > Support in the processing of initial applications, clarifications and amendments: AEMPS, CEIm, other health authorities regarding clinical trials, and other post-authorization studies.
- > Comprehensive monitoring of clinical trials and observational studies.
- > Management of initial, follow-up and final reports.
- > Development and file custody promoter (Master File), file preparation investigator.
- > Other communications to CEIC, autonomous communities and competent authorities.

Unit of management and financial management:

- > Management of clinical trials contracts with participating centers.
- > Management of collaboration agreements with laboratories / companies for funding.
- > Management of clinical trial-related contracts (CRO's, E-CRDs, statistics, etc.).
- > Management of clinical trial-related client and supplier invoices.
- > Management of clinical trial insurance policies.
- > Preparation of financial reports for the submission of studies to ethics committees.
- > Management of payment of fees to the competent authorities.


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Animal Experimentation Service

The Animal Experimentation Service is the area dedicated to the house and care of experimental animals, and to work with experimental procedures that use them. The SEA has the ISO 9001: 2015 certification and guarantees compliance with the legal and ethical laws related to the use of animals for experimentation and for other scientific purposes. It is officially registered as a breeding center, supplier and user of experimental animals (B9900067 and REGA ES080190036528), and it also has the authorization to house and work with Genetically Modified Organisms (A / ES / 08/21 and A / ES / 08 / I-14) . The staff of the SEA is also officially trained and accredited: Welfare and Animal Health Specialist, Advisor on Animal Welfare, Technicians and Caregivers.

Translational research needs responsible use of experimental animals and the reproducibility of results. The use of animals of high genetic and health quality and their use, maintenance and well-being in appropriate facilities are accurate to obtain these results. The SEA offers its services to keep the animals in the right conditions and also to advice and give specialized support to the researchers in the realization and design of the experimental procedures and techniques

The SEA consists of 2 separate buildings:

- > Conventional Facility, one floor area of 650m², designed according to the requirements of Decret 214/1997 and R D 53/2013. It has the necessary facilities to house up to 40 pigs, 114 rabbits, 350 rats and 2500 mice in conventional conditions and 90 ratios and 2200 mice in SPF or Special Pathogen-Free conditions (individually ventilates cages in a positive pressure room).

The SEA facility has work halls for rodents and rabbits and 4 experimental operating theaters for pigs. It also has advanced medical equipment for small animals: bioluminescence (Hamamatsu), high frequency ultrasound (Vevo2100), intravital microscope, flow measurement equipment and probes, ECG monitor, NIP equipment, mechanical ventilators , equipment of anesthesia with sebu / isoflurane, surgery microscopes... For the large animals the SEA has: multiparameter monitors, defibrillators, anesthesia equipment with sebu / isoflurane, mechanical ventilators, RX (Philips and Siemens) equipment, equipment Trans-echocardiography and transesophageal echocardiography (Philips iE33), intravascular echocardiography (Siemens Acuson), real-time 3D imaging equipment (CartoXP), radiofrequency ablation equipment, 12-lead ECG...

The operating theaters can be used to teach microsurgery courses, experimental surgery, medical equipment presentations...

- > The Biomodule-SPF is a barrier area of 30m² that can house up to 400 immunodeprived mice. The entrance to the installation is through an air shower for people or a SAS of peroxide for materials. Work with animals is under biosafety hood, it has a preclinical in vivo image system for fluorescence and / or bioluminescence (IVIS Spectrum) and inhalatory anesthesia equipment.

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Functions:

- > Facilitate collaboration between institute's research groups and industry.
- > Support to public and private funding of technology development projects.
- > Support the submission of European projects.
- > Analysis of the business viability of technological projects.
- > Intellectual Property protection.
- > Technology Transfer.
- > Support the creation of spin-offs and start-ups.
- > Legal support to agreements with third parties.



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Ethics Committee for research with medicinal products (CEIm)

The Ethics Committee for research with medicinal products (CEIm) of the HSCSP Healthcare Management Foundation is an independent body that, according to the laws that accredit it, has the mission to ensure the protection of rights, safety and welfare of the subjects involved in a research study and provide

public assurance of that protection by reviewing the protocol, the suitability of the researchers, facilities, equipment and methods to be used in obtaining and documenting the informed consent of the subjects.

Its specific functions are:

- > Evaluate the methodological, ethical and legal aspects of:
 - Clinical trials with medicinal products and medical devices
 - Non interventional studies.
 - Pharmacogenetic and pharmacogenomic studies.
 - Studies evaluating surgical or psychological treatments.
 - Studies involving invasive procedures or the use of health data or biological samples.
- > Evaluate the relevant amendments in projects approved by the CEIm.
- > Conduct a follow up of clinical trials with medicinal products and medical devices, as well as the other approved research studies.



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Technical Secretariat of the CEIm

The Technical Secretariat of the CEIm is an independent agency whose mission is to protect the rights, safety and wellbeing of persons participating in HSCSP research projects which may entail physical or psychological harm. The Technical Secretariat of the CEIm evaluates the methodological, ethical and legal aspects

Functions:

- > Receive, log and validate documentation for clinical research projects submitted to the Committee for evaluation.
- > Arrange and call Committee meetings, inform members of the agenda and provide them with copies of protocol summaries and patient informed consent and information sheets.
- > Prepare and submit reports to the Committee containing a methodological, ethical and legal description and analysis (and any other relevant information) of the research projects listed in agendas.
- > Act as a reference point in communications with and between researchers, sponsors, medical administrators and managers and healthcare authorities regarding all aspects of the activities of the Committee and of the research projects evaluated by the Committee.

as well as any other relevant information regarding all research projects listed in the minutes of the Committee's meetings. It also advises researchers in the HSCSP and the HSCSP Research Institute regarding the preparation and presentation of clinical research projects.

- > Prepare and sign the reports of the Committee and communicate its decisions to the corresponding sponsors and researchers.
- > Prepare the minutes of meetings and distribute them to Committee members within the established period.
- > Manage all documentation associated with the operations and activities of the Committee and with the research projects evaluated by the Committee.
- > Manage contracts for all clinical studies to be performed at the HSCSP.
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Biobank

The Biobank is a core facility for coordinating the collection, processing, store and transfer of human biological samples at the highest standard.

It's comprised of three main sections:

- > Blood and fluids: samples of hematological neoplasias, respiratory, psychiatric and neurological diseases. The processing is performed in the biobank's BSL-2 laboratory.
- > Tumour bank: Tumoral and non-tumoral tissue samples from patients affected by a neoplasia.
- > Histopathology laboratory: tissue processing, paraffin and OCT-block preparation, block cutting (microtome and cryostat), automatic immunostaining, histological stainings, special stainings, FISH staining, tissue microarray, high-resolution slide scan.

Equipment:

- > BSL-2 II A cabinet, inverted microscope, TC automated cell counter, refrigerated centrifuge, refrigerated microfuge, computer system for managing samples and data, automated molecular extraction (Qiacube, Qiagen), controlled freezing ramp
- > liquid nitrogen tanks, -20°C freezer, -80°C freezers with safety systems
- > Tissue processor VIP Jr (Sakura), paraffin tissue embedding console system (Sakura), microtome (Microm), cryostat (Leica), Automated Immunostaining System (DAKO AS 48), Semiautomatic tissue arrayer (Galileo), Digital slide scanner Panoramic Midi (3DHi-tech), microwave tissue processor (KOS), multiobserver microscope with fluorescent light illumination system (Olympus)

Grants:

- > HSCSP Research Institute. Biobank Network 2014-2017. Amount: 138,000 €
- > ICO Agreement (Oncology Director Plan for members of the Catalan Network of Tumour Banks) 15,000 €

Genomics and Transcriptomics Platform

Equipment:

- > Affymetrix array platform (upgrade 7G).
- > 7900HT Real time quantitative PCR (Applied Biosystems)
- > Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine, Ion OneTouch™ System
- > 3130xl Genetic Analyzer capillary electrophoresis sequencer
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Equipment:

- > Confocal multispectral Leica SP5 AOBS with high-resolution scanning system and high-speed tandem scanning, FLIM/FCS modules and time-lapse incubation system.
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> FLOW CYTOMETRY LABORATORY

Equipment:

- > MACSQuant (Milteny Biotech) conventional flow cytometry.
- > FACSCalibur (BD) conventional flow cytometry.
- > FACSARIA (BD) flow cytometry cell sorter.

> CELL CULTURE LABORATORY

Equipment:

- > CO₂ incubators, 2 hypoxia incubators (2-21% O₂), IIA biosafety cabinets (BSL2), hypoxia cabinets (BSL1), Culture baths, inverted microscope with high-resolution colour camera, Refrigerated centrifuge, Fridge 4°C and freezer -20°C, Thermo-desinfector and autoclave.

Equipment for General Use

> IMAGE ANALYSIS LABORATORY:

Equipment:

- > Revolution 4200 microarray scanner (Vidar).
- > Image Station 4000MM Pro (Kodak) gel documentation: luminescence, fluorescence, absorption.

> OTHER EQUIPMENT

- > Precision weighing balances (Sartorius).
- > Infinite 200 (Tecan) microplate reader: spectrophotometer, fluorometer, luminometer.

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Areas of Research

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Associated Groups

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Electrophysiology and arrhythmias, clinical and experimental.
- ▶ Heart failure.
- ▶ Ischemic heart disease.
- ▶ Valvular heart disease.
- ▶ Cardiac imaging.
- ▶ Percutaneous valve repair.
- ▶ Bioengineering

Challenges

Electrophysiology

- ▶ Describe the mechanisms and clinical significance of the electrocardiographic alterations in patients with acute myocardial infarction, using translational research in pig heart models.
- ▶ Develop animal models for the study of left bundle branch block.
- ▶ Prognosis in patients with left circumflex coronary occlusion.
- ▶ Develop clinical applications of myocardial impedance in patients undergoing ablation of arrhythmias.

Heart failure

- ▶ Develop new risk scores for ambulatory heart failure patients predicting death and rehospitalizations.
- ▶ Research on new biomarkers in patients with heart failure included in the Spanish registry Redinscor II (RIC) (1500 patients). Our group is the national coordinator.
- ▶ Develop new markers for early detection of cardiac graft rejection in transplanted patients.
- ▶ Develop palliative care programs for patients with advanced heart failure.

Ischaemic heart disease

- ▶ Settle a Program for patients with refractory angina.
- ▶ Treat complex atherosclerotic coronary artery lesions using international techniques.

Valvular heart disease

- ▶ Implement new percutaneous techniques for the treatment of mitral valve regeneration and degenerative aortic stenosis.
- ▶ Implement devices for the treatment of prosthetic valve leak.

Cardiac imaging

- ▶ Implement new imaging software analysis to detect structural abnormalities of the myocardium (fibrosis, necrosis).
- ▶ Implement new software analysis for fusion imaging in patients submitted to coronary interventions.
- ▶ Implement new percutaneous techniques for the treatment of mitral regurgitation in patients with heart failure or myocardial infarction.

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- ▶ Formed by 60 members, spread among all European countries

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Investigation of the genetic basis of venous and arterial thrombosis. GAIT-1 and GAIT-2 projects.
- ▶ Investigation of new antithrombotic drugs: thrombin inhibitors, molecules against activated factor X, low molecular weight heparin with oral activity, among others.
- ▶ Biomarkers of prothrombotic states in patients under 55 years with venous thromboembolic disease, acute ischaemic stroke, or acute myocardial infarction. VEREMA project.
- ▶ Applied clinical development of the self-management model of oral anticoagulant treatment. ORION project. Retrospective analysis of the clinical outcomes from patient self-management of antivitamin-K treatment at the Hospital de Sant Pau. NCT3532724
- ▶ Mathematical models of prediction of the individual risk of thromboembolic disease in general population (RETROVE Project) and in cancer patients (MIRTO Project).
- ▶ CITA project. Centre for Antithrombotic Therapy Management. Research into a new ambulatory management model for patients receiving any kind of antithrombotic therapy (anti vitamin-K, new oral anticoagulants, low molecular weight heparins, antiplatelets) by incorporating new educational programmes, specialized nursing and new communication technologies.

Challenges

- ▶ Study QTL detected in GAIT-1 families in relation to phenotypes of haemostasis with thrombosis risk (resistance to activated protein C, factor VIII, homocysteine, factor XII, body mass index and others).
- ▶ Replicate QTL related to thrombosis in GAIT-1 families by means of the linkage analysis using new GAIT-2 families.
- ▶ Conduct genome-wide association study (GWAS) of phenotypes involved in GAIT-1.
- ▶ GWAS of phenotypes included in GAIT-2.
- ▶ Analyse RNA expression in the GAIT-2 families.
- ▶ Investigate miRNA associated with thromboembolic disease in GAIT-2.
- ▶ To complete the recruitment of the cohorts included in MIRTO Project (Modelling the Individual Risk of Thrombosis in Oncology), with the goal of establishing an individual risk score for venous thromboembolism (RETROVO sub-project) and for ischaemic stroke (SINO subproject) in patients with cancer.
- ▶ Research plasma proteins associated with the risk of venous thromboembolism by using high affinity proteomics developed at Karolinska Institutet. VEREMA project, joint collaboration between the European case-control studies VEBIOS (Sweden), RETROVE (from our unit) and MARTHA (France).
- ▶ Investigation on laboratory management of DOACs.
- ▶ Search for new universal laboratory methods for the assessment of any kind of oral anticoagulant (AVK and DOACs).
- ▶ To finish the recruitment of patients for the ORION project.

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Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Genomics of Complex Diseases (GAIT1, GAIT2, RETROVE, VEREMA and MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Stroke Unit (HERO and MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Vascular Surgery (GAIT2, genetics of venous insufficiency).
- ▶ Medical Oncology (MIRTO Project).
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External Collaborations

- ▶ Cardiovascular Research Network (RIC).
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- ▶ Thrombosis Group of the Spanish Medical Oncology Society (SEOM): ONCOTHROMB and MIRTO.
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Main Lines of Research

Atherosclerosis mechanisms

- ▶ Mechanisms leading to lipoprotein aggregation in the arterial wall.
- ▶ Use of mimetic peptides derived from apoJ as therapeutic tools.
- ▶ Involvement of LDL(-) on lipid accumulation in cardiomyocytes associated to diabetes and obesity.
- ▶ Association of lipid accumulation in cardiomyocytes with heart failure.
- ▶ Inflammatory mechanisms induced by LDL(-) on monocytes from patients with diabetes.

Diagnosis and Biomarkers

- ▶ Analysis of apolipoprotein J (apoJ) as a marker of CVR.
- ▶ Diagnosis of chronic or acute cardiovascular diseases.
- ▶ Development of algorithms for ruling-out acute coronary disease.
- ▶ Assessment of new biomarkers of acute cardiovascular disease: cardiac troponins, natriuretic peptides, ST-2.
- ▶ Development of methods for point-of-care biomarker measurement.
- ▶ Vulnerability markers in atheromatous plaque: electronegative LDL, LDL size, HDL function, myeloperoxidase, phospholipase.

Challenges

- ▶ Determine the intracellular mechanisms involved in the inflammatory response induced by LDL(-) and the components of the particle that entail atherogenicity.
- ▶ Analyse the therapeutic potential of mimetic peptides derived from apoJ to delay the development of atherosclerosis in animal models.
- ▶ Demonstrate that electronegative LDL is a marker of vulnerable atheromatous plaque.
- ▶ Find new markers of cardiovascular risk in diseases such as diabetes, HIV or cardiac failure.

Active Grants

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Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk (Dr. F. Blanco Vaca).
- ▶ Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition (Dr. A. Pérez).
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (Dr. M. Camacho).
- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology (Dr. J. Cinca).
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- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (Dr. J. Martí Fàbregas).
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Research into diagnosis

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- ▶ Dr. Joan Sabater-Riera, Critical Care Department, Bellvitge University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain.

- ▶ Formation and maintenance of a bank of samples within the Cardiovascular Research Network (RIC), Programme 6 (Clinical and Translational Heart Failure).
- ▶ Cardiovascular Research Network (RIC): Dr Francisco Marín, Cardiology, Hospital Virgen de Arrixaca, Murcia, Spain, 3-month stay by Dr Juan Antonio Vilchez (during a Rio Hortega contract) in our collaborative studies laboratory.
- ▶ Dr. Mariano Valdés, Virgen de Arrixaca University Hospital, Murcia (Spain), 3-week stay by Dr Carmen Puche in our collaborative studies laboratory.
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- ▶ Dr. Rafael Vázquez, Cardiology Service, Puerta del Mar University Hospital, Cádiz, Spain.
- ▶ Dr. Antoni Bayes-Genís, Cardiology Department, Germans Trias i Pujol University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain.
- ▶ IFCC Task Force on Clinical Applications of Cardiac Biomarkers (Dr Jordi Ordóñez-Llanos, member).
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- ▶ Dr James L. Januzzi, Cardiology Division, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, USA.

Participation in multicentre studies in the field of heart failure

- ▶ MUSIC (sudden death in heart failure) Risk Score, Spanish Society of Cardiology.
- ▶ MAGGIC (meta-analysis global group in chronic heart failure), European Society of Cardiology.

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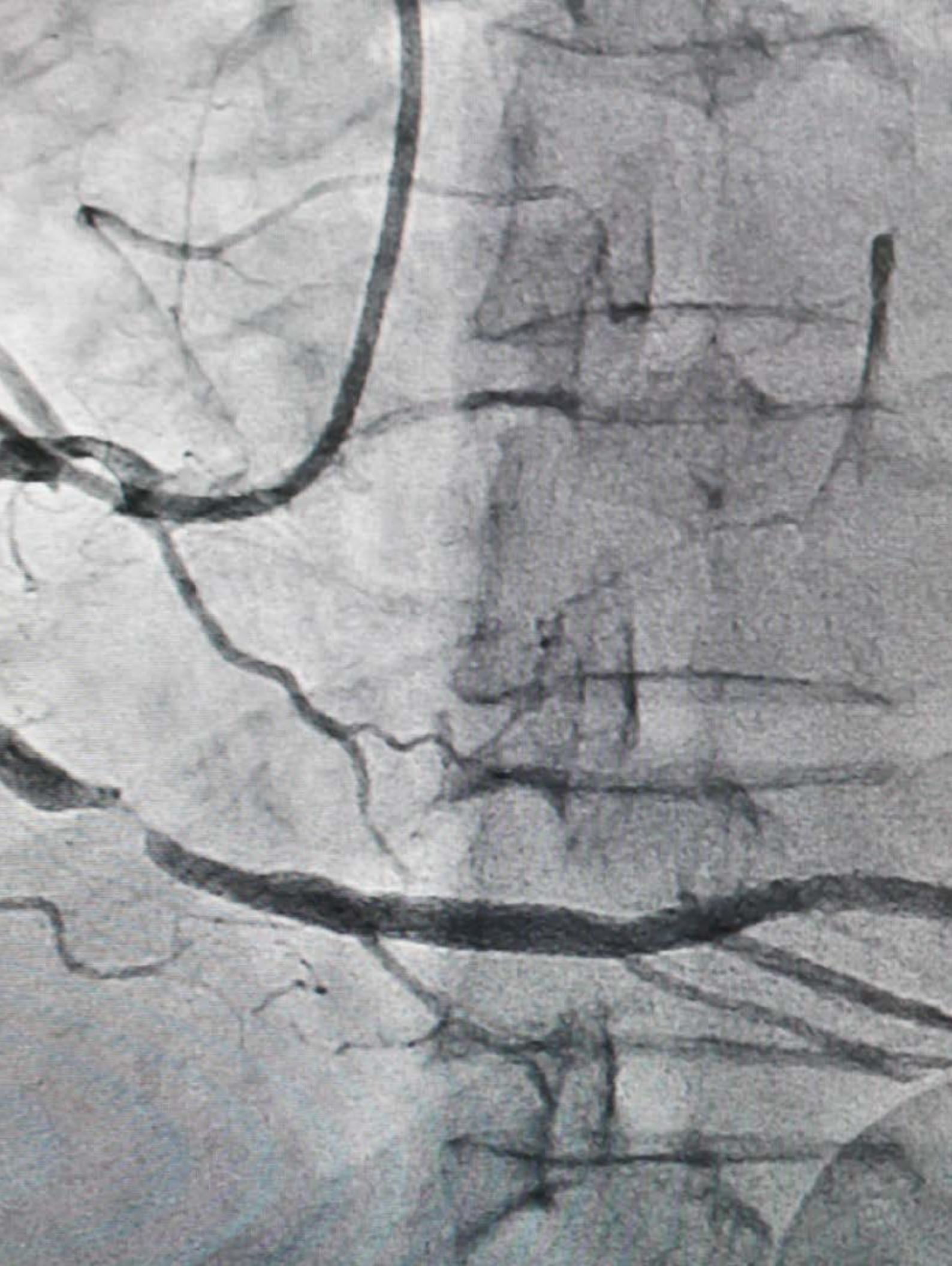
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Main Lines of Research

Cardiovascular Research

- ▶ Inflammatory mechanisms involved in vascular disorders.
- ▶ Genetic basis of vascular pathologies: atherothrombosis, aortic aneurism and chronic venous insufficiency.
- ▶ New, more effective targets. Research into pharmacologic targets for NSAIDs of cardiovascular interest.

Cancer Research

- ▶ Role of inflammatory mediators in head and neck squamous carcinoma and in regulating gene expression in tumour relapse.

Challenges

- ▶ Increase cooperation between clinicians and experimental researchers to enhance the translation level of our research by setting up training programmes for clinical physicians.
- ▶ Increase funding sources by establishing collaborations with the industrial sector.
- ▶ Improve research quality in terms of standard evaluation indexes.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Ear, Nose and Throat Cancers (Xavier León, Jacinto Gracia and Miquel Quer).
- ▶ Genomics of Complex Diseases (José Manuel Soria, PI).
- ▶ Thrombosis and Haemostasis (Juan Carlos Souto, PI).
- ▶ Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology (José Martínez, PI).
- ▶ Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling (Cristina Rodríguez, PI).
- ▶ General and Digestive Surgery (Eduard Targarona and Carmen Balagué).
- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (Joan Martí Fàbregas, PI; Pol Camps Renom, Elena Jiménez Xarrie)

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- ▶ Prueba piloto de un programa de cribado poblacional de aneurismas de aorta abdominal realizada en atención primaria mediante ecografía. PERIS: SLT 002/16/00441.

Active Grants

- ▶ María Galán Arroyo. Contratos Miguel Servet I 2015. MS15/00126. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2016-2021. 202,500.00 €.
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Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Physiopathological role of LRP family proteins in chronic diseases.
- ▶ Role of lipids and inflammation in atherosclerosis and ischemic heart disease.
- ▶ Vascular impact of ischaemia and angiogenesis in heart disease. Cell therapy.
- ▶ Research into new targets to inhibit the transformation of silent atherosclerosis into ischaemic syndromes: tissue-factor-mediated angiogenic switch.

Challenges

- ▶ Broaden the experimental focus to include transgenic animal models with/without cardiovascular risk factors in order to proceed to in-depth analysis of molecules involved in the modulation of new proteins identified by post-genomic technologies and systems biology approaches.
- ▶ Maintain present scientific networks and establish new multidisciplinary collaborations.
- ▶ Increase international funding for the extension of new and established platforms in order to implement proposed activities.

Active Grants

- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Red de Terapia Celular (TerCel). RD16/0011/0018. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2017-2021. 66,502.00 €.
- ▶ Gemma Vilahr García. L'administració intravenosa d'un inhibidor modificat de l'HMG-COA-reductasa: una prometedora estratègia cardioprotectora en la malaltia isquèmica del cor, desentranyant beneficis i mecanismes d'acció. MARATO 20154310. Fundació La Marató de TV3. Duration: 2016-2019. 154,150.00 €.
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- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro (CP IP). Factor tisular no-coagulante y angiogenesis terapéutica para reparar el tejido isquémico. SAF2016-76819-R. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Duration: 2016-2019. 320,000.00 €.
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- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Investigación y desarrollo clínico de una nueva molécula para el control de peso y prevención de la obesidad. RTC-2016-5317-1. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Duration: 2016-2018. 180,000.40 €.
- ▶ Gemma Vilahr García. Remodelado estructural y funcional de las partículas HDL y su implicación en la salud cardiovascular: identificación de moduladores con potencial terapéutico. SAF2015-71653-R. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Duration: 2016-2018. 90,000.00 €.
- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Validación de un nuevo y original biomarcador, ApoJ-glyc, para el diagnóstico y la estratificación del riesgo en pacientes con isquemia miocárdica. DTS16/00194. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2017-2018. 70,500.00 €.
- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Patología molecular i terapèutica de les malalties aterotrombòtiques. 2017 SGR 1480. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2017-2019. 61,192.00 €.
- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Identificación de nuevos biomarcadores en el manejo de la insuficiencia cardíaca. Sociedad Española de Cardiología (SEC). Duration: 2016-2017. 20,000 €.
- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. Moderate beer intake effects of the inflammasome pathway and TLR-mediated immunomodulation in humans. The European Foundation for Alcohol Research (ERAB Grants). Duration: 2017-2018. 65,000 €.
- ▶ Lina Badimon Maestro. CIBER Enfermedades Cardiovasculares. (CIBERCV). CB16/11/00411. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. 188,362 €.

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Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology (PI: Juan Cinca).
- ▶ Biomarkers for Cardiovascular Disease (PI: Teresa Padró).
- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (PI: Joan Martí Fábregas).
- ▶ Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition (PI: Alberto de Leiva).
- ▶ Pharmacological Research in Humans (PI: Rosa M. Antonijoan).
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (PI: Luis Vila)
- ▶ Radiodiagnostics (PI: Antoni Capdevila)
- ▶ Molecular Basis of Cardiovascular Risk (PI: Joan Carles Escolà)

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- ▶ Fundación Hipercolesterolemia Familiar. Madrid (Pedro Mata, Rodrigo Alonso, Leopoldo Pérez-Isla).
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- ▶ Centre for Clinical Heart Research, Department of Cardiology, Oslo University Hospital Ullevål, Oslo, Norway (Ingebjørg Seljeflot).
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- ▶ TACTICS - Transnational Alliance for Regenerative Therapies in Cardiovascular Syndromes (Fernández-Avilés F, Sanz-Ruiz R, Climent AM, Badimon L, Charron D, Fuster V, Janssens S, Kastrup J, Kim HS, Lüscher TF, Martin J, Menasché P, Simari R, Stone GW, Terzic A, Willerson JT, Wu J).
- ▶ Cardiology Department, University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" of Bucharest, Emergency Clinical Hospital of Bucharest, 8, Calea Floreasca, Sector 1, 014461 Bucuresti, Romania (Maria Dorobantu).
- ▶ Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases, Innovative Medicines and Early Development Biotech Unit, AstraZeneca, Mölndal, Sweden (Leif Carlsson).
- ▶ Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH, USA (Vladimir Y Bogdanov).

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- ▶ Gemma Chiva 2017 Young Investigator Award for excellence in Clinical Research of the European Society for Clinical Investigation (ESCI).
- ▶ Lina Badimon. Visiting Professorship Manchester Metropolitan University (2017).
- ▶ Lina Badimon. Honorary Member of the Hungarian Society of Cardiology (2017).
- ▶ Lina Badimon. Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the International Aspirin Foundation. England (2017).
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Main Lines of Research

- Identification of new biomarkers of atherothrombosis and ischaemic heart disease with potential use in diagnosis and prognosis research is based on cell culture studies, animal models of cardiovascular disease and human samples of patients with coronary heart disease risk factors.

Challenges

- Advance research aiming to identify and characterize new biomarkers of tissue remodelling, vascular injury, atherothrombotic disease and/or ischaemic, coronary and cerebrovascular syndromes using postgenomic techniques.
- Generate new information on potential soluble biomarkers (serum, plasma, urine) and in microvesicles /exosomes circulating in blood/urine, as well as in blood and/or vascular cells through proteomic and lipidomic studies based on liquid chromatography and bidimensional electrophoresis, mass spectrometry (MALDI/ToF; linear ion trap) and antigen-antibody based assays, as well as transcriptomic studies (mRNA, miRNA) using arrays systems and real-time PCR.
- Validate biomarkers identified in the diagnosis and prognosis of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular disease using specific quantitative techniques (confocal microscope, ELISA, multiplex assays, etc).
- Characterize molecular and functional mechanisms for selected biomarkers in cardiovascular pathology and myocardial remodeling (biology of systems).

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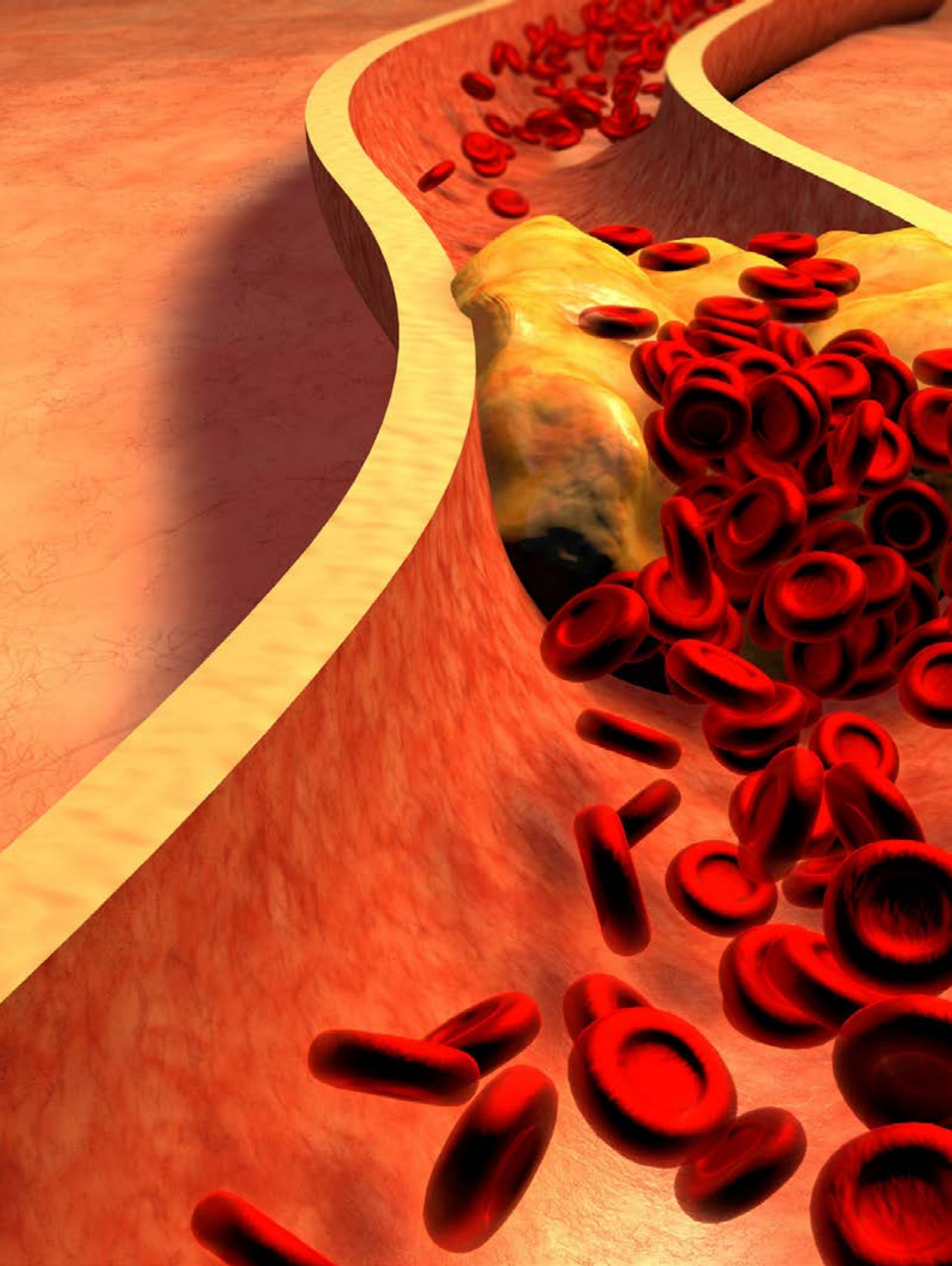
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Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology



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Main Lines of Research

- Identification and characterization of master genes involved in the onset, development and complication of ischaemic heart disease (IHD), abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) and cardiac hypertrophy.
- Mechanisms involving nuclear receptors in IHD, AAA and cardiac hypertrophy.
- Identification and validation of new targets for diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases.
- Development of new (genetically modified) animal models for IHD, AAA and cardiac hypertrophy.

Challenges

- Incorporate new PhD and postdoctoral students as well as staff investigators to preserve the core group and implement new technical expertise and experimental approaches.
- Find affinities with other IIB Sant Pau groups in order to increase critical mass and implement joint strategies to optimize resources and access to alternative funding sources.
- Consolidate present relationships with national collaborators and expand our international collaborations.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling (PI: Cristina Rodríguez).
- Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (PI: Luis Vila).
- Regulation of Cardiac Rhythm and Contraction (PI: Leif Hove-Madsen).

External Collaborations

- Francisco Sánchez Madrid. Hospital de la Princesa-UAM.
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- Francisco Marín. Hospital Clínico Universitario Virgen de la Arrixaca, Murcia.
- Jesús Osada. Universidad de Zaragoza.
- Mercedes Salaices. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, UAM.
- Vicente Andrés García. CNIC.
- Victoria Cachafeiro. Universidad Complutense de Madrid, UCM.
- Lisardo Boscá. Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas Alberto Sols, CSIC-UAM.

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Regulation of Cardiac Rhythm and Contraction



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Receptor-mediated changes in intracellular calcium homeostasis in atrial fibrillation.
- ▶ Contribution of genetic variants to electrical remodelling and cardiac arrhythmogenesis.
- ▶ Effects of development and ageing on calcium handling in cardiac myocytes.
- ▶ Mathematical modeling of calcium homeostasis and electrical activity in cardiac myocytes.

Challenges

- The goal is to consolidate the group as a reference in research on calcium handling in atrial fibrillation and to establish it within other lines of research by including emerging technology and fields of research. Specifically we aim to:
- ▶ Develop computational tools and models to improve the analysis and understanding of intracellular calcium handling in cardiac myocytes.
 - ▶ Incorporate emerging technology such as stretching and measurements of force development in single cardiomyocytes.
 - ▶ Consolidate current national and international collaborations and establish new strategic collaborations within emerging fields of research such as the use of super-resolution fluorescence imaging (STORM, STED-techniques) and the detection and role of Reactive Oxygen Species in diseased cardiomyocytes.
 - ▶ Achieve international funding for incorporation of scientific expertise and participation in multidisciplinary international research projects.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology (PI: Juan Cinca)
- ▶ Lipids and Cardiovascular Pathology (PI: Vicenta Lorente)
- ▶ Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology (PI: José Martínez)

National Collaborations

- ▶ Diego Franco, Amelia Aranega. Departamento de Biología Experimental, Universidad de Jaén.
- ▶ Francisco Ciruela, Departament de Patologia i Terapèutica Experimental, Institut d'Investigació Biomèdica de Bellvitge (IDIBELL), Universitat de Barcelona.
- ▶ Blas Echebarria. Departament de Física Aplicada, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.
- ▶ Raul Benítez. Enginyeria de Sistemes, Automàtica i Informàtica Industrial, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya.
- ▶ Vicente Andrés. Fisiopatología Cardiovascular Molecular y Genética, CNIC.
- ▶ Leif Hove-Madsen, Research Collaborator at the Spanish National Cardiovascular Research Network CIBERCV.

International Collaborations

- ▶ SR Wayne Chen. Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, University of Calgary, Canada.
- ▶ Glen F Tibbits. Department of Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby & Child and Family Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada.
- ▶ Edwin Moore. Cardiovascular Research Group, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Active Research Grants coordinated by Cardiac Rhythm and Contraction Group

- ▶ Marató TV3 2015-2030. Coordinated research project on "Adenosine receptors as new targets for the treatment of atrial fibrillation: Biomarker, Risk-Stratification and Therapy". 1/4/2016 - 31/3/2019.
- ▶ SAF2014-58286-C2-1-R. Coordinated research project on "Identification of molecular and Cellular Electrophysiological Risk factors That confer patients a high risk for Atrial fibrillation". 1/1/2015 - 31/8/2018.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Molecular mechanisms involved in the modulation of LRP1 by cardiovascular risk factors.
- ▶ Impact of LRP1 on vascular and myocardial cholesterol accumulation.
- ▶ Impact of lipoproteins on LRP1-Intracellular signal pathways under normoxic and hypoxic conditions.
- ▶ Alterations in LRP1 expression and LRP1-intracellular signal pathways in hypoxia/ischaemia in in vitro and in vivo models.
- ▶ Lipids and diabetic cardiomyopathy.
- ▶ Lipids and breast cancer.
- ▶ LRP1 and inflammation.
- ▶ Circulating non-coding RNAs as biomarkers of cardiovascular disease.
- ▶ Role of non-coding RNAs in vascular lipid accumulation.
- ▶ Role of non-coding RNAs in myocardial lipid accumulation.

Challenges

- ▶ Integrate genomic and functional in vivo studies to validate LRP1 as a new therapeutic target in cardiometabolic diseases
- ▶ Maintain and amplify relationship with IIB Sant Pau groups regarding translation in this cardiometabolism.
- ▶ Maintain and strengthen national and international collaborations to set up future applications for European funding.
- ▶ Establish collaborations with companies with the aim of developing new products useful for prognosis, diagnosis and treatment of cardiometabolic diseases.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Cardiovascular Biochemistry (PI: Jordi Ordóñez)
- ▶ Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases (PI: Lina Badimon)
- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology (PI: Juan Cinca)
- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk (PI: Francisco Blanco)
- ▶ Molecular Bases of Disease (PI: Pablo Fuentes)
- ▶ Clinical Oncology (PI: Agustí Barnadas)
- ▶ Enrique Lerma (researcher of Molecular Pathology of Gynecologic Cancer)

National Collaborations

- ▶ Dr. Bayés-Genís. Grupo ICREC (Insuficiencia Cardíaca y Regeneración Cardíaca). Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol. Badalona.
- ▶ Eduardo Iglesias Gutiérrez. Grupo ITS (Intervenciones Traslacionales para la Salud). Universidad de Oviedo.
- ▶ Rocío Toro. Departamento de Medicina. Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de Cádiz.
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- ▶ Colette Lacabanne & Valerie Samouillan. Group Physique des Polymères, Institut Carnot, CIRIMAT, Université Paul Sabatier. Toulouse, France.
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- ▶ Fulvia Ortolani. Department of Experimental Clinical Medicine. Università degli Studi di Udine. Italy.
- ▶ Gustavo Alberto Chiabrando. CIBICI-CONICET/FCQ-Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina.
- ▶ Claudia Huesca Gómez. Departamento de Biomedicina Cardiovascular. Instituto Nacional de Cardiología "Ignacio Chávez". México D.F.

Other Collaborations

- ▶ Teresa Tarragó. Iproteos. Parc Científic. Barcelona. Spain.

Active Grants

- ▶ David de Gonzalo Calvo. Contractes "Sara Borrell" 2014. CD14/00109. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2017. 89,598.00 €.

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Grants Awarded in 2017

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Awards

- ▶ Extraordinary Doctorate Award of the academic year 2015-16 to the thesis by Elena Revuelta López.

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Genetic Diseases



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Study of the clinical heterogeneity of genetic autosomal recessive transmission of waist dystrophy and autosomal dominant transmission.
- ▶ Spinal atrophy and SMN genes:
 - Studies of molecular pathology, disease mechanisms and SMN gene expression.
 - Identification of modifying genes.
 - Study of biomarkers for validation processing in spinal muscular atrophy.
 - Study of the neuromuscular junction in human development.
 - Hereditary breast cancer and BRCA mutations:
 - Identification of mutations and genetic variants.
 - Molecular characterization of circulating tumor cells (CTCSS) through expression profiles in patients with breast cancer.
- Analysis of free circulating tumor DNA (cfDNA) as a predictor of response to the treatment of breast cancer.
- ▶ Pharmacogenetics: adverse reactions to medications.
- ▶ Congenital coagulopathies: molecular pathology of haemophilias.
- ▶ Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy: molecular pathology of DMD gene.

Challenges

Pharmacogenetics

- ▶ Colorectal and lung cancer treatments.
- ▶ Chronic inflammatory disease treatment.
- ▶ HIV infection treatment.

Muscular Dystrophies

- ▶ Post-transcriptional regulation of the dystrophin gene using nonsense-mediated decay analysis in DNA from patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- ▶ Genes associated with new phenotypic forms of limb girdle muscular dystrophy.
- ▶ Workflow development for the analysis of DMD gene by NGS techniques.

Hereditary Breast/Ovarian Cancer

- ▶ DNA studies to classify DNA variants found in the BRCA genes as pathogenic or neutral.
- ▶ CTCs as prognostic markers in patients with locally advanced and disseminated breast cancer.
- ▶ Workflow development for the analysis of BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes by NGS techniques.

Hereditary Motor Neurone Diseases

- ▶ Development of neuromuscular junction studies in health and disease.
- ▶ Broadening of the spectrum of motor neuron diseases to include bulbar and spinal muscular atrophy, distal muscular atrophies and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Awards

- ▶ Ana Sebio García. Young Investigator Award. Gastrointestinal Group of the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer.

Grants Awarded in 2017

- ▶ Maria Pia Gallano Petit. Implementació de la medicina personalitzada basada en la genòmica en malalties minoritàries neurològiques no diagnosticades. SLT002/16/00174, Departament de Salut. Duration: 2017-2019. 12,000.00 €.

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- ▶ Lidia González Quereda. Implementación de la secuenciación masiva en el estudio de las Miopatías Congénitas y los Síndromes Miasténicos congénitos: un modelo de investigación traslacional en enfermedades raras. FMM 2015. Fundación Mutua Madrileña. Duration: 2015-2018. 74,200.00 €.
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Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ HDL and susceptibility to diabetes, arteriosclerosis and breast cancer: this relationship is being analysed through the study of metabolic disorders, genetic modification, and dietary or drug intervention.
- ▶ Genetic determinants of metabolic factors of cardiovascular risk: dyslipidaemia, type 2 diabetes, hyperhomocysteinaemia.
- ▶ Positive health effects of phytosterols.
- ▶ Development, validation and application of new clinical laboratory methods in the field of metabolic and cardiovascular medicine.
- ▶ Relationship of epicardial fat, lipoprotein function and inflammation in the development of arteriosclerosis and diabetic cardiomyopathy.

Challenges

- ▶ To explore the effect of olive oil in reverse cholesterol transport in vivo and characterize the components responsible of this effect.
- ▶ Determine the pathogenic relevance of cholesterol metabolism impairment in diabetic retinopathy.
- ▶ To explore the anti-cancer mechanisms related to cholesterol metabolism, especially in breast and thyroid cancer.
- ▶ Preliminary identification of lipoprotein-associated active lipid biomarkers informative of heart damage in animal models of diabetes mellitus.
- ▶ To characterize the molecular basis of the antiinflammatory effects of nicotinamide.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Estudio de las alteraciones del metabolismo intracelular del colesterol en el cáncer de mama y carcinoma epitelial de tiroides: Evaluación de estrategias terapéuticas basadas en la HDL. ISCIII (PI16/00139). Collaborators: Enrique Lerma, Eugenia Mato, Concepción Llorente-Cortés..

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ The role of the natural immune system in the development of autoimmune and inflammatory processes.
- ▶ Immunological response and clinical course in immunomodulator treatments.
- ▶ The role of autoantibodies, components of the adaptive immunity system, in the pathogenesis of autoimmune processes and their use as diagnostic and prognostic markers in these diseases.
- ▶ Mechanisms involved in immunodeficiency.

Challenges

- ▶ Role of cells, molecules and autoantibodies of the innate and adaptive immune response in the development and control of inflammatory processes, in the appearance of autoimmune phenomena, immunodeficiencies, infections, cardiovascular diseases and development of tumours.
- ▶ Role of TLR and STAT signalling in inflammatory diseases and response to superantigens.
- ▶ Study of mechanisms involved in immunodeficiency caused by alterations of molecular components.
- ▶ Analysis of the evolution of immunological parameters and their correlation with clinical response to treatment with immunomodulators.
- ▶ Composition of complex human biological fluids. Association with clinical parameters.

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Active Grants

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Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Endocrine neoplasms: investigation of tumour dedifferentiation mechanisms through genomic, proteomic and bioinformatic procedures.
- ▶ Autoimmune diabetes mellitus (classic type 1 and LADA) and gestational diabetes.
- ▶ Telemedicine and intelligent systems for therapeutic optimization of diabetes mellitus.
- ▶ Prediction, prevention and optimization of the treatment of obesity, hyperlipidaemia, metabolic syndrome and complications.
- ▶ Diabetes and endocrine disorders in pregnancy.
- ▶ History of insulin: old and new controversies about the discovery of insulin.

Challenges

Endocrine Neoplasms

- ▶ Molecular markers of the epithelial lineage: expression of the ABCG2 gene/BCRP1 transporter.
- ▶ Transcriptomics and proteomics as prediction and prognosis instruments for epithelial thyroid cancer.
- ▶ Intramural CELL-NANO-THYROID project: investigation of human mesenchymal cell capacity as an instrument for administering anti-tumour cell drugs in the form of conjugated nanoparticles.
- ▶ Role of cholesterol & cholesterol metabolites in thyroid neoplasms differentiation.
- ▶ Assessment of glycosylated immunoglobulins as serologic markers of thyroid carcinoma.

Autoimmune Diabetes Mellitus

- ▶ Classic type 1 autoimmune diabetes mellitus: discovery of genes that influence susceptibility to autoimmune diabetes (classic type 1).
- ▶ LADA type diabetes: prevalence of metabolic syndrome among patients with LADA compared to prevalence among patients with classic type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes and the general non-diabetic population in European countries.

Diabetes and Pregnancy

- ▶ Clinical research aimed at optimizing care for women with pre-gestational and ges-

tational diabetes at pre-conception, pregnancy, birth and postpartum stages.

Technology, telemedicine and intelligent systems for therapeutic optimization of diabetes mellitus

- ▶ Technology in the treatment of diabetes with special focus in insulin (new insulins, pumps), and glucose measurement including sensors.
- ▶ Development of a technological platform for the prediction, prevention and treatment of obesity, DM, HTA, dyslipidemia and cardiometabolic risk.

Optimization of the Treatment of Obesity, Hyperlipidaemia, Metabolic Syndrome and Complications

- ▶ Optimal treatment and prevention of cardiovascular risk associated with obesity, hyperlipidaemia, metabolic syndrome and diabetes mellitus 2.

History of Insulin: Old and New Controversies about the Discovery of Insulin

- ▶ To investigate with documented evidence (heuristics) if European research on the development of pancreatic extracts achieved beneficial results in the opotherapy of both experimental and clinical diabetes.

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Pituitary Gland Disorders



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ ERCUSYN: European Registry on Cushing syndrome. Initiated with funding from SANCO, EU Public Health Programme.
- ▶ Role of myosteatorsis in the development and persistence of residual muscular fragility in treated acromegaly and Cushing's syndrome. Study of the mechanisms involved.
- ▶ Spanish Molecular Registry of Pituitary Adenomas (REMAH study).
- ▶ Morbimortality, low-grade inflammation and cardiovascular risk in patients with acromegaly or Cushing syndrome.
- ▶ International consortium collaboration to identify genes and pathogenetic mechanisms involved in the development of craniopharyngiomas and pituitary adenomas.
- ▶ Neuroradiological, neuropsychological and clinical study of endogenous hypercortisolism: comparison of Cushing syndrome and chronic major depressive disorder.
- ▶ Validation of psychological properties of specific questionnaires to evaluate health-related quality of life (HRQoL) in Cushing syndrome and acromegaly.
- ▶ Study of bone microarchitecture and resistance and their predictors in patients with Cushing's syndrome and acromegaly in remission. A model to investigate the interaction between bone and body fat.
- ▶ Aetiology of cardiopathy in acromegaly and its relation to body composition.
- ▶ Role of telomeres in endocrine diseases.

Challenges

- ▶ Investigate the neuropsychological, neuroradiological and clinical correlation of patients with endogenous hypercortisolism (due to Cushing syndrome or chronic major depressive disorder) or exogenous exposure to low-dose glucocorticoids (due to treatment of adrenal insufficiency or rheumatoid arthritis). Similar studies for acromegaly.
- ▶ Evaluate long-term morbidity and mortality in patients who have had Cushing syndrome or acromegaly in the last 35 years, especially bone quality, muscular dysfunction and quality of life
- ▶ Analyse and update the European database of patients with Cushing syndrome (ERCUSYN), which in 2017 included over 1600 patients from 57 centres in 36 countries.
- ▶ Conduct in vitro molecular analysis of operated pituitary adenomas within the REMAH (Molecular Registry of Pituitary Adenomas) study, sponsored by the Spanish Endocrinology and Nutrition Society.

Active Grants

- ▶ Susan Webb Youdale. Estudio de microarquitectura y resistencia óseas y de factores que las determinan en el síndrome de Cushing o acromegalia en remisión. Modelo para investigar la interacción hueso-grasa corporal. PI14/00194. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2019. 91,500.00 €.
- ▶ Susan Webb Youdale. Grup de Recerca de Malalties de la Hipòfisi i Grup CIBERER 747 (CIBER de Malalties Rares). 2014 SGR 355. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2017.

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Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Martínez-Momblan MA, Santos A, Santesmases R, Campillo B, Guillaumet M, Serret M, Torres A, Abades M. Estudio longitudinal de la inserción laboral de los titulados de máster en enfermería. Revista ROL de Enfermería [Epub ahead of print]
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External Collaborations

- ▶ Bilateral research between E Resmini and Richard Lee of Baltimore University, Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. It has generated the publication Resmini E., Santos A., Aulinas A., Webb S.M., Reduced DNA methylation of FKBP5 in Cushing's syndrome. (2016) ENDOCRINE, 54 (3), 768-77.
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- IGTP Group/CIBERER GP: Manel Puig Domingo (PI)
- Sant Pau Group/CIBERER 747: Susan Webb (PI), E Resmini, E Valassi, A Santos, I Crespo, A Aulinas
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- Complejo Hospitalario de Santiago de Compostela Group: Ignacio Bernabéu (PI)
- Hospital Universitario de Alicante/CIBERER GV: Antonio Picó (PI)
- IMS Health: Montserrat Roset (PI)
- ▶ Silent corticotrope adenomas: Are they a subtype of more aggressive non-functioning pituitary adenomas? Project funded by CIBERER in the competitive call on Translational Medicine, 2015-2016. PI: Antonio Picó (Alacant). Participating Units: U747-S. Webb (S Pau); U725A-L. Castaño (Bilbao); GCV 13_Picó (Alacant); GCV 11_Halperin (H Clinic Barcelona); GCV 12_Marazuela (Hosp Princesa, Madrid); GCV 14_Puig (Hospital GTiP, Badalona); GCV 15_Soto (HUV Rocio Sevilla).

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Main Lines of Research

Experimental research

- ▶ Experimental rat model of cirrhosis and ascites.
- ▶ Mechanisms and prevention of bacterial translocation in rats with cirrhosis.
- ▶ Experimental model of spontaneous and induced bacterial peritonitis: physiopathology and treatment.
- ▶ MiRNAs expression profile in inflammatory bowel disease after stimulation with toll-like receptor ligands.

Clinical investigation

- ▶ Physiopathology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of bacterial infections, ascites and hepatorenal syndrome in cirrhosis.
- ▶ Diagnosis and treatment of hepatic encephalopathy in cirrhosis.
- ▶ Cognitive impairment, falls and quality of life in patients with cirrhosis.

- ▶ Physiopathology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of digestive haemorrhage due to portal hypertension of non-varicose origin.
- ▶ Diagnosis and treatment of chronic hepatitis B and C.
- ▶ Diagnosis and treatment of hepatocarcinoma.
- ▶ Physiopathology, diagnosis and treatment of intestinal inflammatory disease (inflammatory bowel disease).
- ▶ Diagnosis and treatment in advanced gastrointestinal endoscopy.
- ▶ Diagnosis and treatment of acute pancreatitis.
- ▶ Prevention of acute post-ERCP pancreatitis.
- ▶ Chronic pancreatitis and pancreatic neoplasms: molecular studies, early detection and treatment.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate the CIBEREHD, CIBER, Instituto de Salud Carlos III research group by studying complications in cirrhosis.
- ▶ Grup de Recerca de Complicacions de la Cirrosi Hepàtica. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- ▶ Consolidated research group of the Generalitat de Catalunya (SGR)
- ▶ Expand the hepatology research lab and develop new research.
- ▶ Consolidate the portal hypertension research group.

- ▶ Consolidate the pancreatic illness research line.
- ▶ Consolidate the inflammatory bowel disease research line.
- ▶ Consolidate the polyps and colon cancer research line.
- ▶ Develop a digestive endoscopy research line.

Active Grants

- ▶ Carlos Guarner Argente. Ensayo clínico multicéntrico, aleatorizado y doble ciego sobre el uso de antibiótico profiláctico en la punción por ecoendoscopia de lesiones quísticas del páncreas. PI13/00609. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2018. 33,750.00 €.
- ▶ Carlos Guarner Aguilar. Estudio de las alteraciones de la barrera intestinal en la cirrosis hepática. PI14/00680. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2019. 81,500.00 €.
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Collaborations

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- ▶ Dr. Cándido Juárez (Inflammatory Diseases)
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- ▶ Dr. Alberto de Leiva (Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition)

Neurological, Mental Disorders and Ageing:

- ▶ Dra. Beatriz Gómez Ansón (Neuradiology)

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- ▶ Dr. Juan García (Banc de Sang i Teixits, Generation of advanced therapy medicines)

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- ▶ Dr. Lluís Puig (Dermatology)

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- ▶ Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

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- ▶ Dr. Laura Casani (Service for external use of Animal Experimentation Unit (UEA))

External Collaborations**National collaborations**

- ▶ CIBER Groups: CIBEREHD: Dr. Albillos, Dr. Frances, Dr. Bosch, Dr. Bruix, Dr. Cabré, Dr. Forns, Dr. Genesca, Dr. Andrade, Dr. Romero Gómez, Dr. Bañares, among others.; CIBERSAM: Dr. Gish; CIBERER: Dr. Pia Gallano.
- ▶ Instituto de Productos Lácteos Asturias (IPLA).
- ▶ Danone Nutricia Research, Barcelona, Spain.
- ▶ Gastrointestinal Oncology Group of the Spanish Gastroenterological Association.
- ▶ Spanish Collaborative Group for the Study of the Use of Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Drugs.

- ▶ Spanish DILI registry.
- ▶ SportDiet Collaborative Group.
- ▶ BLEPS Study Group. Spanish Collaborative Group for the Study of the Use of Hepatitis C Direct-Acting Drugs.
- ▶ Variceal Bleeding Study Group.
- ▶ Spanish Working Group on Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis (GETECCU).
- ▶ ENEIDA project.
- ▶ Spanish Microscopic Colitis Group (SMCG).
- ▶ EndoCAR group of the Spanish Gastroenterological Association and Spanish Digestive Endoscopy Society.

International collaborations

- ▶ Cleveland Abu Dhabi.
- ▶ University of Bologna Italia.
- ▶ EF Clif European Foundation for the study of chronic liver failure.
- ▶ CANONIC study investigators of the EASL-CLIF Consortium and the European Foundation for the Study of Chronic Liver Failure (EF-CLIF).
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- ▶ EPICOLON Consortium, Lynch Syndrome prediction model validation study group.
- ▶ BLEPS study group.
- ▶ Variceal Bleeding Study Group.
- ▶ European Study Group on Cystic Tumors of the Pancreas.
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Awards

- ▶ Award for the best oral communication: Eva M. Román. Estudio del efecto de un probiótico multiespecies sobre la función cognitiva, el riesgo de caídas y la respuesta inflamatoria en los pacientes con cirrosis. Congrés de la Societat Catalana de Digestologia (SCD) Lleida 2017.
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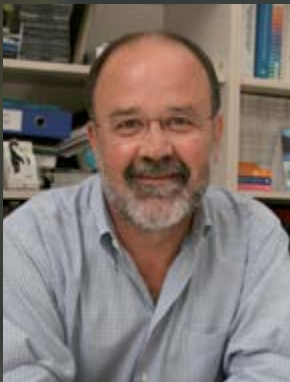
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Main Lines of Research

Clinical Microbiology

- ▶ Study of resistance mechanisms.
- ▶ Tuberculosis, epidemiology and antituberculosis resistance mechanisms.
- ▶ Molecular biology applications in infectious disease detection, taxonomy and epidemiology.
- ▶ Medical care projects.

Kidney Transplantation

- ▶ Biomarkers for BKV in urine samples.
- ▶ T CD8+ immunity from CMV in renal transplant patients treated with Thymoglobulin.
- ▶ Medical care projects.

Infectious Pathologies

- ▶ Restricted-use policies for antibiotic and antimicrobial agents and suitable use of antimicrobial agents.
- ▶ Study of infections associated with foreign bodies (joint prostheses, catheters, cardiac prostheses and pacemakers).
- ▶ Study of infections due to multiresistant microorganisms or requiring isolation.
- ▶ Tuberculosis.

Challenges

Clinical Microbiology

- ▶ Detection and characterization of Leishmanias from clinical samples.
- ▶ Study of molecular epidemiology (population and clonality studies in bacteria, mycobacteria, fungi and viruses).
- ▶ Molecular bases of bacterial resistance to antibiotics, vectors that convey resistance genes (plasmids, transposons, integrons, phages).
- ▶ The use of molecular techniques in diagnosis of infectious diseases.
- ▶ Research related to bacteraemia and endocarditis, nosocomial infections, prosthetic joint infections, central nervous system infections and tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis, Epidemiology and Resistance Mechanisms

- ▶ Prospective monitoring of primary and acquired Mycobacterium tuberculosis resistance to first-second-line drugs.
- ▶ Molecular detection of resistance using a molecular antibiogram.
- ▶ Study of the epidemiology and spread of resistant strains and assessment of the impact of immigration and the contribution of new Mycobacterium tuberculosis families (Beijing, EAI, CAS).

Molecular Biology Applications to Infectious Disease Detection, Taxonomy and Epidemiology

- ▶ Study of the usefulness of the 16S RNA gene for microbiological diagnosis and molecular identification.

- ▶ Genotype characterization of Cryptosporidium spp. oocysts from stool samples collected by the HSCSP Microbiology Unit.

Medical Care

- ▶ Government Health Department agreement (ongoing) regarding the development of epidemiological surveillance support functions for nosocomial infections and flaccid paralysis.
- ▶ Study of mycoses in depth, especially invasive fusariosis and aspergillosis and respiratory tract viral infections in patients with onco-haematological diseases.
- ▶ Multicentre studies of HIV (ongoing).
- ▶ Monitoring of congenital infection in prenat women with Chagas disease.

Kidney Surgery

- ▶ Biomarkers for BKV in urine sample: Determination of a diagnostic and prognostic biomarker in urine by proteomics of nephropathy by BK virus in renal transplant receptors, sponsored by the Infectious Diseases Department, Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain.
- ▶ Estudio de la cinética de la Inmunidad T CD8+frente a CMV en trasplantados renales tratados con Timoglobulina. Financiación: Convocatoria de ayudas de la Fundación, Proyecto y Salud de la Junta de Andalucía.
- ▶ Ensayo clínico de suspensión de la profilaxis con valganciclovir en trasplantados renales CMV-seropositivo que mantienen la inmunidad celular CD8+ CMV-específica tras recibir timoglobulina. Financiación: Convocatoria de Ayudas Proyectos de Investigación de Salud del ISC III. FIS (P115/00402)

Challenges

Infectious Pathologies

Restricted-use Antibiotic and Antimicrobial Policies

- ▶ To minimize resistance, reduce cost and improve compliance with surgical prophylaxis (at the time of administration) through suitable use of antimicrobial agents.

Epidemic Outbreaks and Infections Caused by Multiresistant Microorganisms and Microorganisms Requiring Isolation

- ▶ To study epidemiology for our hospital.
- ▶ To reduce incidence.
- ▶ To prevent/contain epidemic outbreaks and work with the Microbiology Unit in epidemiology and molecular studies.

Infections Associated with Foreign Bodies (Joint Prostheses, Catheters, Cardiac Prostheses, Pacemakers)

- ▶ To reduce incidence.
- ▶ To develop effective conservative treatment regimes.

Infections in Transplant Patients (Heart, Haemopoietic Progenitors)

- ▶ To study current epidemiology.
- ▶ To assess the efficacy of prophylaxis and other preventive measures.

Tuberculosis

- ▶ To cooperate with studies of resistance and with new treatment regimes for tuberculosis.

Other Projects

To continue with the Government Health Department agreement regarding the development of support functions as follows:

- ▶ Epidemiological surveillance of nosocomial infections (VINCat).
- ▶ Tuberculosis control: Barcelona-Dreta Tuberculosis Operations Committee (coordinator: Dr Sambeat).
- ▶ New influenza control: Barcelona-Dreta Epidemiological Surveillance Operations Committee (coordinator: Dr López-Contreras).
- ▶ Database for monitoring CMV infections after renal transplantation.
- ▶ Database for monitoring BK virus infections after renal transplantation.
- ▶ Observational and multicentre case-controlled (1:2) study to compare the evolution of renal transplantation in patients with HIV infection (Dr Canal, Dr Facundo and Dr Serra), sponsored by the Andalusian Organ and Tissue Transplantation Society.

Collaborations

Active Grants

- ▶ Estudio de la cinética de la Inmunidad T CD8+frente a CMV en trasplantados renales tratados con Timoglobulina. Convocatoria de ayudas de la Fundación, Proyecto y Salud de la Junta de Andalucía.
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External Collaborations

- ▶ Montserrat Gállego Culleré Sección de Parasitología, Dep. de Biología, Sanitat I Media Ambient, Facultat de Farmàcia. Universitat de Barcelona. Topic: Chagas and leishmaniasis
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- ▶ Renaud Piarroux Université Aix-Marseille, INSERM-IRD-AMU UMR 912, Marseille, France. Topic: Leishmaniasis. Characterization
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- ▶ Marcia Dalastra Laurenti. Universidade de São Paulo (USP). Brasil. Topic: Tegumentary leishmaniasis
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- ▶ Dr. Kathryn Harris. Great Ormond Street Hospital (Camelia Botnar Laboratories). Londres, UK. Topic: Epidemiology of Mycobacterium abscessus complex using whole genome sequencing. Interhuman transmission?
- ▶ Aurora Garcia Fernández. Instituto Superiore di Sanità. Department of Infectious Diseases. Rome, Italy. Topic: Epidemiology of enteropathogenic bacteria.
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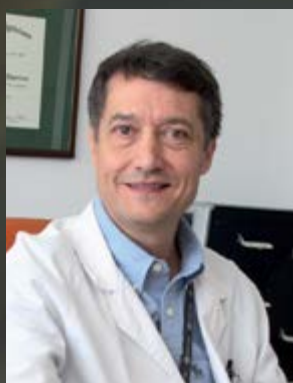
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Main Lines of Research

Bone Metabolism and Osteoporosis

- ▶ Analysis of genetic influence on osteoporosis by means of aggregation studies in families of three or more generations with a minimum of 15 members.
- ▶ Bone structure study with quantitative CT of hip and spine, analysing the contribution of trabecular and cortical components using HRCT.
- ▶ Description of fat values and percentages in a normal population (in collaboration with the HIV Unit and CETIR Medical Group).
- ▶ Analysis of the influence of an intervention (physical exercise) on changes in the muscle compartment of patients with cirrhosis measured by DXA and HRQCT (in collaboration with the Gastroenterology Department).
- ▶ Description of bone structure in patients with a history of acromegaly assessed by DXA and HRQCT.

Hypertension and Vascular Risk

- ▶ Hypertension and quality of life.
- ▶ Refractory hypertension.
- ▶ Use of alirocumab in hypercholesterolaemia.

Clinical Management, Internal Medicine and Geriatrics

- ▶ Health care quality indexes (mortality, readmissions, etc).
- ▶ Perioperative medicine.
- ▶ Potentially inappropriate prescribing to older patients admitted to hospital.
- ▶ Central Sensitization Syndromes.

Rheumatology and Rheumatoid Arthritis

- ▶ Immunomodulation due to anti-CD20 (rituximab) treatment and study of polymorphisms.

- ▶ Pharmacokinetics of methotrexate.
- ▶ Evaluation of baricitinib in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response to methotrexate or antiTNF therapy.
- ▶ Evaluation of tofacitinib in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis with inadequate response to biologic DMARD.
- ▶ Evaluation of the JAK-STAT pathway in patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with tocilizumab.

Systemic Sclerosis

- ▶ Capillaroscopy patterns and correlation with auto-antibodies and pulmonary function tests.
- ▶ Evidence-based detection of pulmonary arterial hypertension in systemic sclerosis: the DETECT study.
- ▶ Use of endothelin receptor antagonism to prevent pulmonary arterial hypertension (in collaboration with Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain).
- ▶ Genetic studies in systemic sclerosis and collaboration with DUO Registry and LAUDES study.
- ▶ Study of capillaroscopy patterns in diffuse connective tissue diseases: QuantiCAP study.

Gout

- ▶ Epidemiology of hyperuricaemia and gout.

Sjögren Syndrome

- ▶ Clinical and epidemiological findings in Spanish patients with primary Sjögren syndrome (in collaboration with Spanish Society of Rheumatology).

Challenges

- ▶ To establish stable work relations between the HSCSP Bone Metabolism and Genomics of Complex Diseases Groups and the Bone Metabolism Unit of Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute and the Faculty of Biology of the University of Barcelona.
- ▶ To strengthen ties between the HSCSP Rheumatology and Immunology departments regarding the study of immunological diseases.

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Main Lines of Research

Asthma

- ▶ Asthma exacerbations.
- ▶ Severe asthma.
- ▶ Good clinical practice guidelines for asthma.
- ▶ Bronchial inflammation.
- ▶ Experimental asthma and pathogenic mechanisms.
- ▶ Multicentre biobank specializing in bronchial biopsies for research into asthma.
- ▶ Bronchial thermoplasty.
- ▶ Clinical trials.

COPD and Respiratory Failure

- ▶ Non-invasive mechanical ventilation.
- ▶ Respiratory rehabilitation.
- ▶ Pathophysiology.
- ▶ Exacerbation.

Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA)

- ▶ Physiology and clinical, diagnostic and treatment consequences of sleep disorders.
- ▶ Obesity-hypoventilation syndrome.
- ▶ Analysis of airway inflammation in patients with OSA.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate a leading clinical trial unit in respiratory diseases.
- ▶ Capture pre-clinical development contracts from the pharmaceutical and biotech industry, using the capabilities of our basic research lab and experimental animal models.
- ▶ Recruit research trainees seeking a doctoral degree.
- ▶ Support the development of multidisciplinary research networks such as the Barcelona Respiratory Network and the Programme for Integrated Research for Asthma of the Spanish Society of Pneumology and Thoracic Surgery (SEPAR), and collaborate with or become involved in existing networks such as CIBER-Respiratory Disorders.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Ear, Nose and Throat Cancers (collaboration of Dr. V. Plaza in the EPONA study).
- ▶ Genetics and Vascular Surgery Departments (collaboration of Dr. V. Plaza in the TAGA study).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Dr. V. Plaza. Emergent Asthma Group, SEPAR.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Medical care projects.
- ▶ Study of pathogenic mechanisms altering body fat distribution.
- ▶ Study of metabolic disorders associated with antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Body composition changes.
- ▶ New antiretroviral drugs.
- ▶ Cardiovascular risk associated with antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Comorbid conditions associated with HIV-1 infection.
- ▶ Pharmacogenetics (toxicokinetics).
- ▶ Bacterial meningitis.

Challenges

Medical Care Projects

- ▶ Continuing with, expanding and, as appropriate, consolidating the care team for HIV-1 infected patients, consisting currently of 3 staff physicians, 4 grantaided research assistants (including a Río Hortega-funded research assistant) and 2 nurses).
- ▶ Continuing with participation in multicentre projects (especially the AIDS network, Gesida, VACH, EuroSIDA and ART collaboration).
- ▶ Exploration of possible participation in clinical trials of new antiretroviral drugs.
- ▶ Increasing the number of HIV-1 infected patients attended to in our hospital (given current mortality rates, an estimated annual increase of 50 patients is required).
- ▶ Continuing with current clinical research and mixed basic research-clinical research lines.

Pathogenic mechanisms altering body fat distribution

- ▶ Study of metabolism in pyrimidines and derivatives in the genesis of lipodystrophy associated with HIV-1 and antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Development of an animal (mouse) model of lipodystrophy.
- ▶ Development of in vitro models (adipocyte cultures) to study the adipose toxicity of antiretroviral drugs.
- ▶ Study of new manifestations of the lipodystrophy syndrome.
- ▶ Development of measurements for antiretroviral drug concentrations in adipose tissue.
- ▶ Exploration of the role of inflammation in the pathogenesis of lipodystrophy associated with HIV-1 and antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Metabolism of uridine and its role in the pathogenesis of lipodystrophy.

Metabolic disorders associated with antiretroviral treatment

- ▶ In vivo assessment of metabolic toxicity associated with antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Development of in vitro models (adipocyte cultures) to study the adipose toxicity of antiretroviral drugs.
- ▶ Study of factors contributing to hepatic steatosis in patients receiving antiretroviral treatment.
- ▶ Study of the pathogenic role of FGF21 in insulin resistance in HIV-1 infected patients.
- ▶ Study of role of FABP4 in metabolic disorders associated with antiretroviral treatment.

Body composition

- ▶ Definition of normal fat distribution in the general population.
- ▶ Establishment of abnormal fat distribution patterns.
- ▶ Development of a definition of lipodystrophy associated with HIV-1 and antiretroviral treatment.

New antiretroviral drugs

- ▶ Clinical trials of new antiretroviral drugs (phases 2 and 3).
- ▶ Ritonavir and non-ritonavir pharmacokinetic potentiation of antiretroviral drugs.

Cardiovascular risk associated with antiretroviral treatment

- ▶ Establishment of a multicentre cardiovascular risk cohort.
- ▶ Study of antiretroviral treatmentdependent and non-treatmentdependent factors in multicentre cohorts.
- ▶ Development of in vitro models (adipose cultures) to study adipose toxicity for antiretroviral drugs.

Challenges	Comorbid conditions associated with HIV-1 infection ▶ Study of ageing in different tissues associated with HIV-1 infection and antiretroviral treatment. ▶ Study of fragility in patients with HIV-1 infection and the role of HAART. ▶ Evaluation of the neurocognitive function in patients with HIV-1 infection with and without antiretroviral treatment. ▶ Participation in multicentre cohort studies to determine the incidence of specific comorbidities (cancer, HCV, cardiovascular disease, osteogenesis/osteoporosis): EuroSIDA, ART Collaboration, Gesida, VACH, etc. ▶ Treatment of HCV in patients with HIV-1 and its prognostic significance.	Pharmacogenetics (toxicogenetics) ▶ Role of enzyme polymorphism of the pyrimidine pathways in the pathogenesis of lipodystrophy. ▶ Role of enzyme polymorphism of the pyrimidine pathways in the pathogenesis of clinical toxicity (neuropathy, pancreatitis). ▶ Role of IL28B polymorphism in spontaneous HCV clearance in the response to antiviral treatment based on interferon and ribavirin. Bacterial meningitis ▶ Identification of prognostic factors in adult bacterial meningitis. ▶ Continuation with a cohort study of adult bacterial meningitis. ▶ Identification of host-intrinsic factors in the in the pathogenesis and prognosis of adult bacterial meningitis and meningococcal disease.
Collaborations	Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups ▶ Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (Dr. Pere Coll).	
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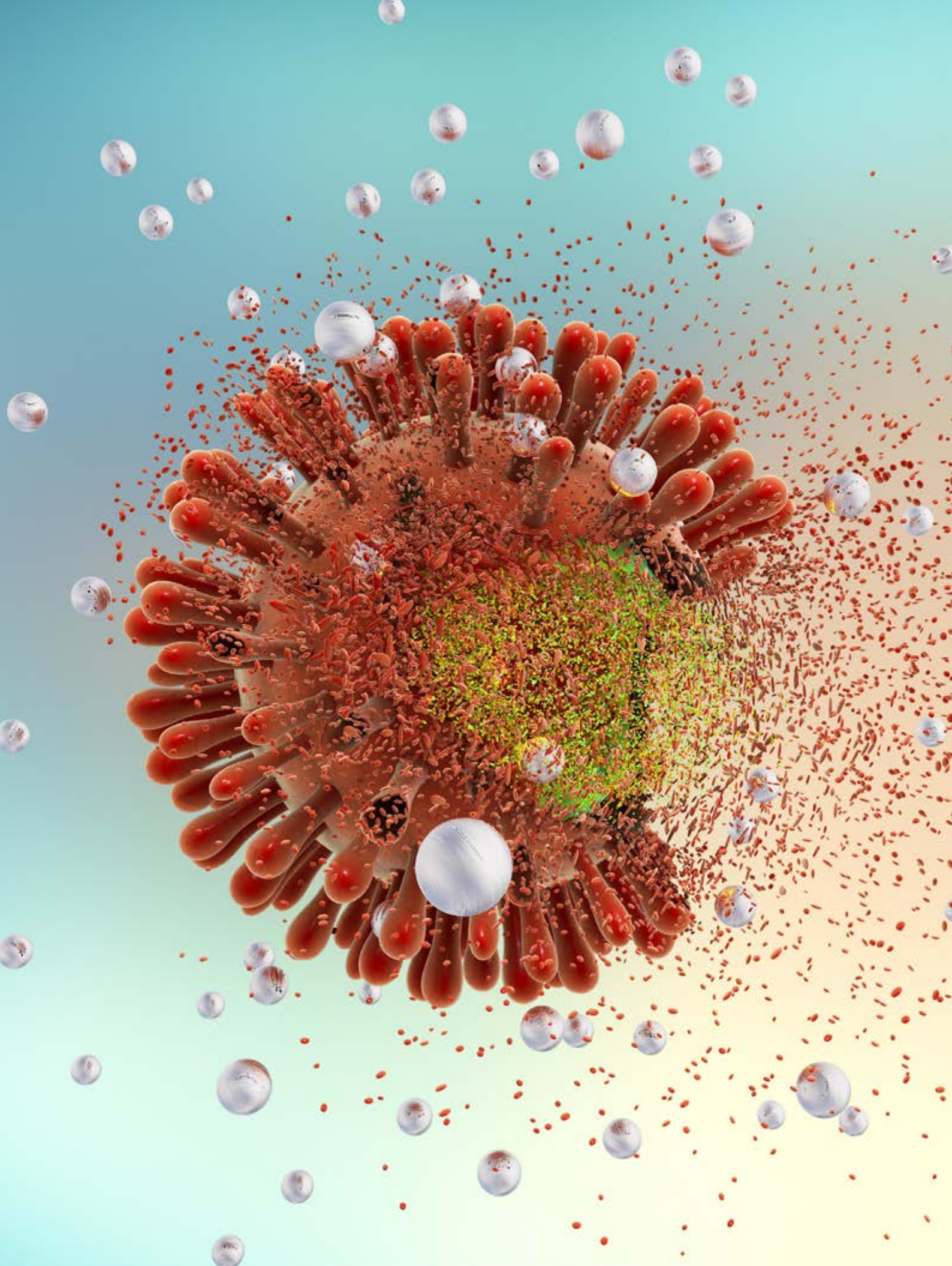
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Genetics and molecular biology of cancer-prone genetic syndromes with a focus in familial breast cancer and Fanconi Anemia. Genetic characterization of Fanconi patients and identification of new genes involved in the disease and into hereditary breast cancer syndrome and its functions.
- ▶ Development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools in Fanconi anemia, including gene therapy, regenerative medicine and drug repurposing.
- ▶ Mechanism of genomic instability and predisposition to cancer. Study of DNA repair and biological and clinical consequences of DNA repair failure.
- ▶ Fanconi/BRCA pathway in cancer. Implications of Fanconi genes in cancer and their use as therapeutic target against cancer.

Challenges

- ▶ Our research interests are cancer-prone genetic syndromes with defective DNA repair with special focus in Fanconi anemia and familial cancer syndromes. We perform genetic, molecular biology and therapeutic research including gene discovery, mechanisms of DNA repair, gene and cell therapy approaches and cell-based drug screening platforms. A long term goal is to understand the mechanisms that maintain genome stability and protect us from disease, cancer, and ageing to improve the diagnostics and find novel therapeutic strategies.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Dr. Isabel Badell. Unit of Hematology, Oncology y Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant, Pediatrics Service, Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau.
- ▶ Dr. Csilla Krausz' team, Andrology Department, Fundació Puigvert, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques Sant Pau (IIB-Sant Pau), Barcelona.

External Collaborations

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Transfer Products

- ▶ Agreement with Intelligent Pharma (PYTHIA SERVICE AGREEMENT). February 2017.
- ▶ Agreement with intelligent Pharma (Project: Targeting the Fanconi anemia pathway in drug discovery. March-july 2017.
- ▶ Research Agreement with Parioforma Limited. May 2017.
- ▶ Consulting agreement with Deerfield Management Company, L.P. January-december 2018.
- ▶ Research Agreement with Rocket Pharmaceuticals, USA. March 2018.
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Main Lines of Research

Clinical

- ▶ Development of new therapeutic strategies.
- ▶ Studies to improve tumour staging.
- ▶ Studies to detect residual disease.

Translational

- ▶ Personalized anticancer therapy.
- ▶ Studies of predictive and prognostic molecular markers.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate clinical research into cancer.
- ▶ Foster translational research into cancer in cooperation with other internal and external research groups.
- ▶ Consolidate the bank of tumours, DNA and serum for patients with cancer diagnosed and treated in our hospital.
- ▶ Develop new early-stage drugs (phase 0/1 studies).

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs (Dr. Ramon Mangues).
- ▶ Molecular Pathology of Urologic Cancer (Dr. F Algaba)
- ▶ Genetic Diseases (Dr. Montserrat Baiget).

- ▶ Breast Cancer (Dr. E Lerma).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Tumoural progression modelling group at the Biomedical Research Institute (IRB) (Dr. A. Nebreda).
- ▶ Methylation and resistance to chemotherapy in ovarian cancer (Dr. M. Esteller).

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Development of novel animal models of disseminated disease in solid tumours and haematological neoplasms for the mechanistic study of metastases and preclinical drug development.
- ▶ Identification of prognostic biomarkers in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma and their functional validation in vivo.
- ▶ Development of nanoconjugates for targeted delivery of antitumour drugs or toxins to metastasis stem cells.

Challenges

- ▶ Obtain funding to ensure stable employment of senior researchers, attract post-doctoral fellows and reinforce current collaborations with clinicians.
- ▶ Develop molecular markers for therapeutic decision-making in head and neck carcinomas.
- ▶ Achieve antimetastatic effects by targeting antitumour drugs to metastasis stem cells in solid tumors and haematological neoplasias.
- ▶ Enhance international collaboration and participation in EU networks and industrial projects.

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Collaboration with Dra. Isolda Casanova and Aïda Falgàs in: Teràpia dirigida de Auristatina E o Ara-C a cèl·lules de leucèmia mieloide aguda que expressen CXCR4, receptor implicat en adhesió al estroma i quimiorresistència. PI14/00450. IP: Jordi Sierra Gil. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. 172,000.00 €.
- ▶ Collaboration of Dr. Irene Arroyo with the research group of the Otorhinolaryngology Service led by the Drs. Miquel Quer and Xavier León in the study of prognostic factors in head and neck cancer.
- ▶ Collaboration of Drs. María Virtudes Céspedes and Patricia Álamo and de Rita Sala with the research groups of the Services of Pharmacy (led by Dra. María Antònia Mangués), Pathological Anatomy (led by Drs. Enrique Lerma and Alberto Gallardo), Surgery (led by Dr. Manuel Trias) and Medical Oncology (led by Drs. Agustí Barnadas and Antonio López-Pousa), and Àlex Bayés and Marta Valle groups at IIB-Sant Pau. Project: Targeted nanoconjugates for the selective elimination of stem cells in disseminated cancer. PIE15/00028. IP: Ramon Mangués. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2016-2018. 423,912.00 €.

National Collaborations

- ▶ Eduard Batlle, Biomedical Research Institute (IRB) and Barcelona Scientific Park (PCB).
- ▶ Antonio Villaverde, Departament de Microbiologia Aplicada, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).
- ▶ CB06/01/1031. Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Bioingeniería, Biomateriales y Nanomedicina (CIBER-BBN). Insti-

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International Collaborations

- ▶ Achilea Bittencourt. Visiting Researcher, International Cooperation with Brasil, MCT/CNPq 046/2010.
- ▶ Paolo Micheli, Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment, Candioli, Turin (Italy).
- ▶ Arne Östman, Cancer Center Karolinska, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm (Sweden).
- ▶ Alberto Bardelli, University of Torino, Medical School, Turin (Italy).
- ▶ Ramon Mangués collaborates with the French Institute National du Cancer (INCa), by being Member of the Scientific Evaluation Committee of the Translational Cancer Research Programme (PRT-K) since 2016, Ministry of Health (DGOS) and
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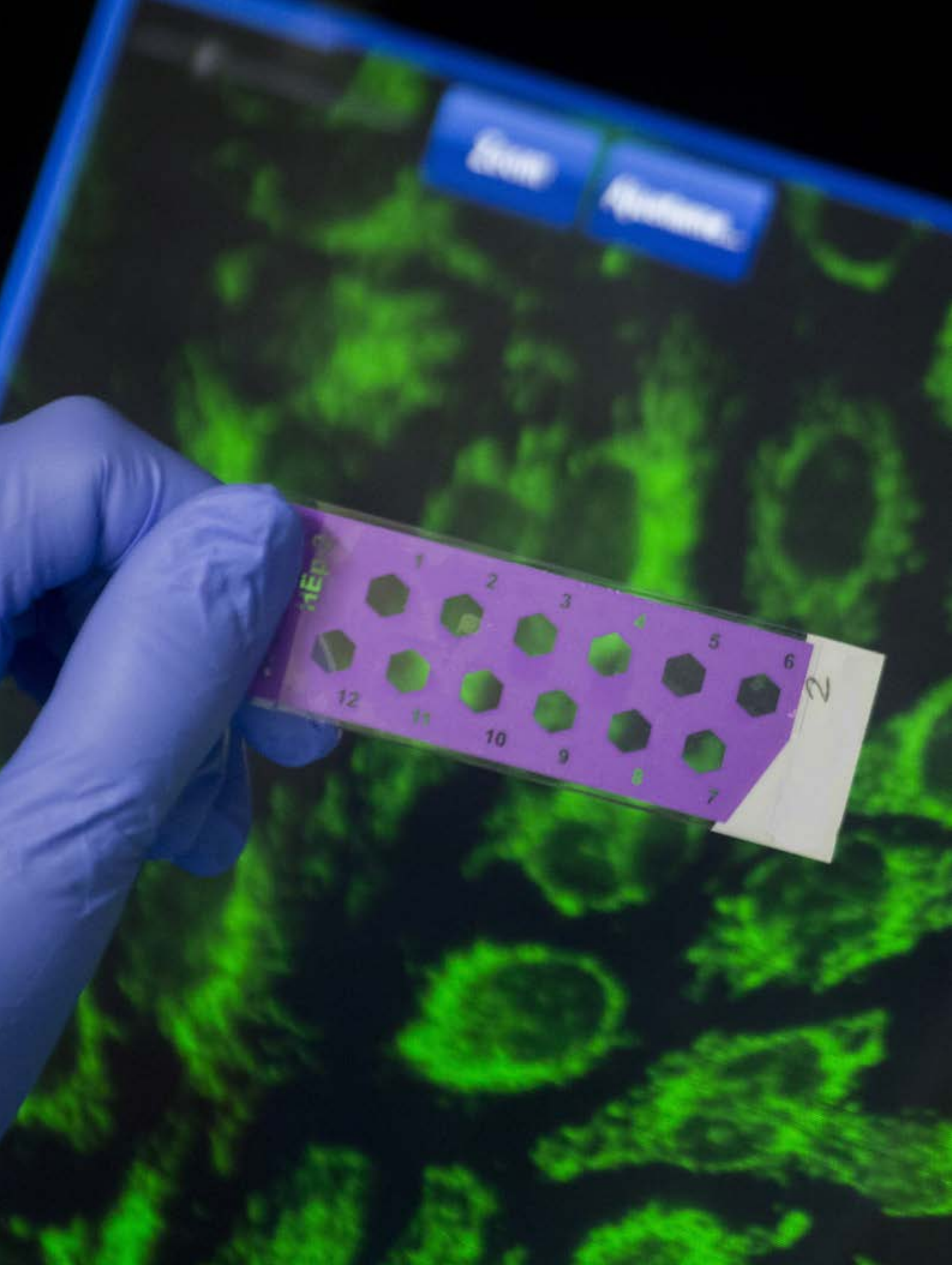
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Hematologic malignancies: diagnostics (morphology, cytogenetics, flow cytometry, molecular diagnostics).
- ▶ Next generation sequencing, genomic (microarrays) and proteomic platforms for diagnosis.
- ▶ Patient's derived xenografts.
- ▶ Noncancerous haemopathologies
- ▶ Diagnosis and characterization of thrombocytopenias, thrombocytopathies and other platelet pathologies, especially complex pathologies (of genetic, mixed or unknown origin) and including unusual presentations of common diseases.
- ▶ In the framework of the GAIT-2 (genetic analysis of idiopathic thrombophilia, phase 2) project, to seek new phenotypes that favour the development of thrombosis, specifically related to the structure and function of platelets and other blood cells.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate characterization of haematological tumours and complex, rare and genetic noncancerous haematopathologies.
- ▶ Sampling management: isolation of neoplastic and non-neoplastic cells.
- ▶ Include the results of mass-analysis genomic and proteomic platforms in diagnostic algorithms and establish prognostic factors for haematological disorders, preferably complex or genetic neoplasms and noncancerous pathologies.
- ▶ Set up animal models in hematologic malignancies.
- ▶ Consolidate cooperation with the GAIT-2 project, especially regarding platelet and other blood cell participation in thrombosis generation.
- ▶ Promote interaction and stable links with internal groups (clinical hematology, pathology, gastrointestinal, hemostasis and thrombosis, complex disease genomics areas) and with other groups in Spain and abroad, especially those with complementary technologies.

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Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Group

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- ▶ Oncology/Haematology and Transplantation (PI: Jordi Sierra).
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External Collaborations

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- ▶ Josep Francesc Nomdedéu Guinot. Diagnostic Hematologic. 2014 SGR 383. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2017. 30,000.00 €.
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Molecular Pathology of Gynaecologic Cancer



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Pathogenic mechanisms of cancer (endometrial/ovarian cancer and others).
- ▶ Molecular mechanisms of stromal response and immunosuppression in endometrial cancer.
- ▶ Clinical application of prognostic factors in common cancers.
- ▶ Clinical application of tumour markers.
- ▶ Molecular biology of uterine and extra-uterine sarcomas.

Challenges

- ▶ Cooperate with other groups at the national and international levels.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Experimental Immunology (Silvia Vidal).
- ▶ Estudio de las alteraciones del metabolismo intracelular del colesterol en el cáncer de mama y carcinoma epitelial de tiroides: Evaluación de estrategias terapéuticas basadas en la HDL. (Juan Carlos Escolà Gil). PI16/00139. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2017-2020.
- ▶ Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition (Dra. Rosa Corcoy)

External Collaborations

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Ear, Nose and Throat Cancers



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Genetic and molecular predictors of response to head and neck cancer (with the Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs group).
- ▶ Molecular mechanisms of inflammation in head and neck cancer (with the Inflammation Laboratory).
- ▶ Nasosinal endoscopic surgery: innovations in skull base techniques.
- ▶ Internal ear: aspects related to severe deafness, cochlear implants and otoneurological surgery of tumours.

Challenges

- ▶ Promote clinical and translational research into head and neck cancer with a very large database of head and neck cancers.
- ▶ Study relevant clinical issues in depth (second-third neoplasms, staging concerns, prognostic factors, etc) and investigate translational aspects such as genetic and molecular predictors.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (Dr. Lluís Vila).
- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs (Dr. Ramon Mangués).
- ▶ Translational Molecular Oncology (Dr. Matilde Parreño).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Catalan Institute of Oncology: Epidemiology (Dr. X. Bosch).
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- ▶ Hospital Joan XXIII: Head and Neck Cancer (Dr. F.J. Avilés).
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Active Grants

- ▶ Xavier Leon Vintró. Herramienta de predicción de respuesta a la radioterapia basada en la expresión de genes relacionados con la transición epitelial-mesénquima en cáncer de cabeza y cuello. PI14/01918. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. 71,500.00 €.

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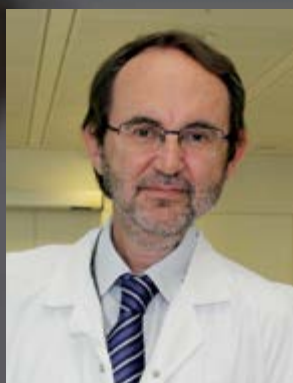
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Study of the molecular and cellular pathophysiology of haematological cancers.
- ▶ Study of the prognostic value of clinical and biological parameters in haematological malignancies.
- ▶ Design of new modalities of chemotherapy, biotherapy and drug treatment targeting molecular mechanisms.
- ▶ Design of new modalities of haematopoietic stem-cell transplantation and cell therapy.
- ▶ Psychological intervention and quality of life in patients with haematological malignancies.

Challenges

- ▶ Identify new prognostic parameters for risk and therapeutic stratification.
- ▶ Evaluate targeted therapy in cell lines and animal models (with the Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs group).
- ▶ Reduce toxicity and increase availability of allogeneic transplants.
- ▶ Molecularly characterize acute myeloid leukaemia and determine the prognostic value of known genes and other genes of uncertain significance (with the Haematology Laboratory).
- ▶ Model leukaemia and lymphoma in animals to better understand cell pathophysiology and test new drugs (with the Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs group).
- ▶ Molecularly characterize and determine the prognostic significance of cell pathophysiology and immunotherapy for lymphoproliferative diseases and evaluate antitumour immunotherapy in animals and humans.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs (Dr. Ramon Mangués).
- ▶ Haematological Diagnosis (Dr. Josep Nomdedéu).
- ▶ Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (Dr. Pere Coll).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Carlos III Health Institute Cooperative Cancer Research Network (RTICC): J. Sierra, coordinator.

- ▶ European Research Initiative on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (ERIC): C. Moreno, coordinator.
- ▶ Spanish lymphoma transplantation groups (GELTAMO): J. Briones, S. Novelli.
- ▶ Spanish haematologic malignancies consortium (PETHEMA): J. Sierra, M. Granell, S. Brunet.
- ▶ Spanish CETLAM acute myeloid leukaemia and myelodysplasia group hospitals: coordinator, S. Brunet.
- ▶ European Leukaemia Network of Excellence groups.

Active Grants

- ▶ Jordi Sierra Gil. Red Temática de Investigación Cooperativa en Cáncer (RTICC). RD12/0036/0071. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2017. 321,500.00 €.
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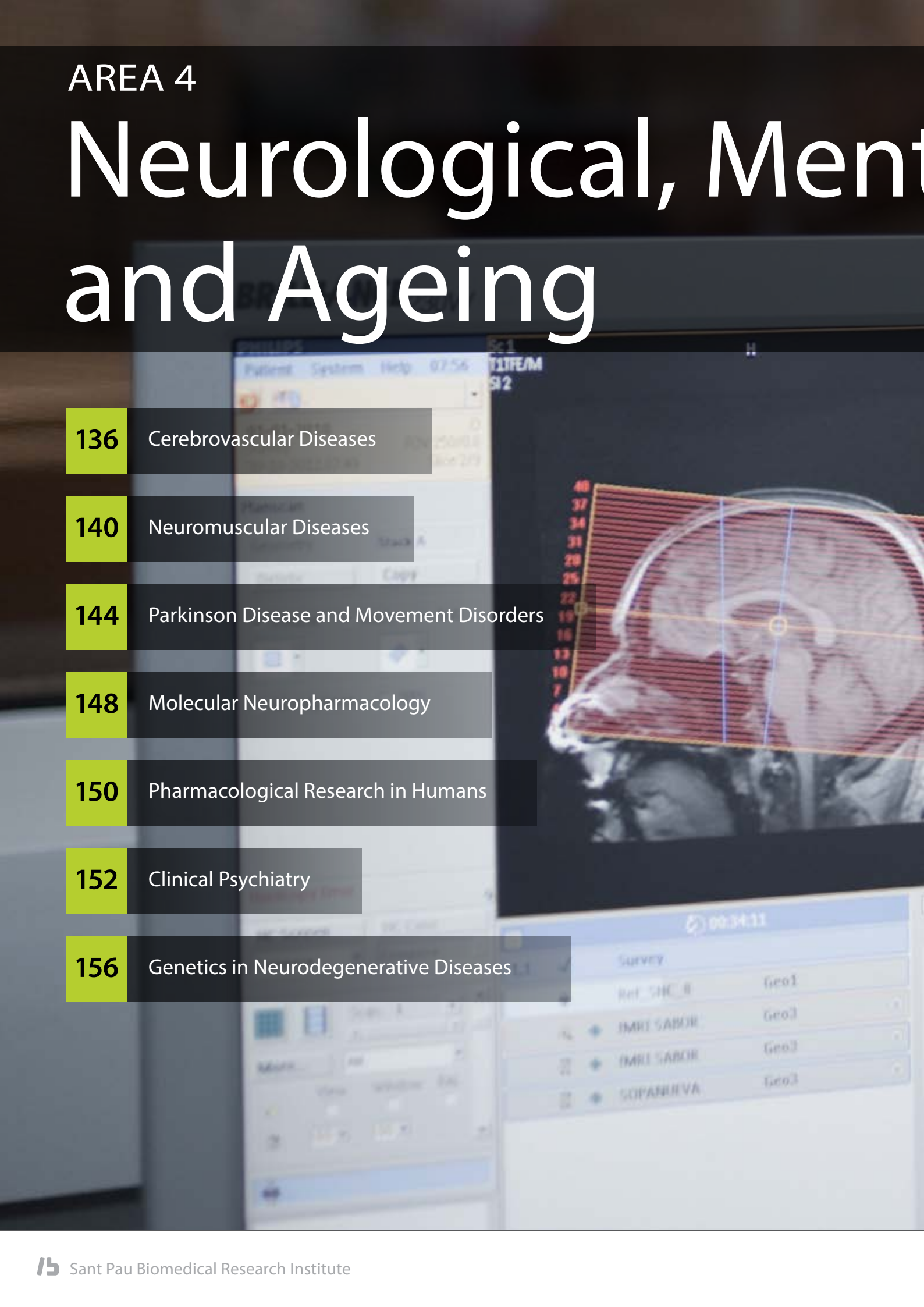
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- ▶ Brain neurorepair after stroke.
- ▶ Role of statins in ischemic and haemorrhagic stroke.
- ▶ Prevention of cerebral haemorrhage with anticoagulants.
- ▶ Endothelial progenitor cells in stroke.
- ▶ Aetiological classification of brain haemorrhage.
- ▶ Pathophysiology of hematoma growth in acute cerebral haemorrhage.
- ▶ Benefits and risks of intravenous thrombolysis.
- ▶ Non-invasive monitoring of cerebral flow with applied optic methods.
- ▶ Participation in clinical trials.
- ▶ Cancer and stroke.
- ▶ Vulnerability of the atherosclerotic plaque.
- ▶ Predictors of atrial fibrillation.

Challenges

- ▶ Enhance cooperation with other groups in the framework of Spanish stroke research.
- ▶ Network (RETICS/INVICTUS) and also intra-hospital and extra-hospital cooperation.
- ▶ To obtain funding from FIS, regional authorities and private companies.
- ▶ Increase the number of contracted and grant-aided researchers and professionally develop existing researchers.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Neuroradiology
- ▶ Thrombosis and Haemostasis
- ▶ Cardiovascular Biochemistry
- ▶ Neurobiology of Dementia
- ▶ Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases
- ▶ Stroke Pharmacogenomics and Genetics Group
- ▶ Genomics of Complex Diseases
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- ▶ RETICS (cooperative health research network) / INVICTUS (ictus research)
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Autoimmune neuromuscular diseases

- ▶ Characterization of new target antigens in Myasthenia Gravis (MG), and immune neuropathies (CIDP, GBS, MMN). Their use as diagnostic and therapeutic biomarkers.
- ▶ Pathogenesis of newly recognized antigens both in MG and in CIDP.
- ▶ Analysis of the innate immunity in inflammatory myopathies.
- ▶ Analysis of the impact of new immunomodulating therapies on IgG4 mediated Neuromuscular Diseases (NMD).
- ▶ Functional aspects of immune system cells (response to ligands, production of antibodies, etc).
- ▶ Phase 2 clinical trials in autoimmune neuromuscular diseases.
- ▶ IGOS data base for Guillain Barre syndrome.
- ▶ NMD-ES Spanish registry for neuromuscular diseases.

Muscular dystrophy, dysferlinopathy and distal myopathies

- ▶ Muscle MRI analysis as a biomarker of different muscular dystrophies.
- ▶ Role of PDGF in muscular dystrophies fibrosis. Study of nintedanib as an antifibrotic drug in muscular dystrophies.
- ▶ Natural history of Dysferlinopathies. The international COS-study Jain Foundation.
- ▶ Study of proteasome inhibitors in dysferlin myopathy.
- ▶ Clinical trials in muscular dystrophies and metabolic muscle diseases.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

- ▶ Epidemiology of ALS in Catalonia.
- ▶ Gene profile of ALS patients in Spain.
- ▶ Biomarkers profile in different phenotypes of ALS.

Challenges

- ▶ Advance in the knowledge of the immunological mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of autoimmune neuromuscular diseases (MG, CIDP, MMN).
- ▶ Advance in the knowledge of the pathogenetic mechanisms of inflammatory myopathies (DM).
- ▶ Search for new antigens and develop diagnostic tests with new biomarkers in immune-mediated neuropathies and Myasthenia Gravis.
- ▶ Implement new diagnostic and disease follow-up methods for muscular dystrophies resulting from dysferlinopathy and other myopathies research (biomarkers (miRNA, secretome), MRI, etc).

- ▶ Advance in the knowledge of the pathogenetic mechanisms involved in dysferlin deficiency and other muscular dystrophies.
- ▶ Search for new genes and biomarkers in the different phenotypes of ALS.
- ▶ Use of the NMD.ES registry to perform research in different NMD.

Collaborations

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- ▶ Inflammatory Diseases

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Main Lines of Research

Cognitive Impairment and Behavioural Dysfunctions in Parkinson Disease (PD)

- ▶ Study of the neural correlates of cognitive performance, mild cognitive impairment, dementia and behavioral alterations (apathy, visual hallucinations and impulse control disorders) in PD using neurophysiological techniques (event-related brain potentials), structural, functional and molecular neuroimaging.
- ▶ Characterization of the neurodegenerative process underlying cognitive impairment in PD through the study of cortical atrophy patterns related to genetic and biomarker indicators.
- ▶ Development and validation of PD-specific tools for cognitive and functional assessment to detect subtle changes in cognitive performance and treatment response.
- ▶ Prospective follow-up study of cognition and mood in PD patients with deep-brain stimulation of the subthalamic nucleus.
- ▶ Identification of blood-based, cognitive and neurophysiological biomarkers of cognitive deterioration in PD.
- ▶ Identification of genetic and neurophysiological biomarkers of apathy and impulse control disorders in PD.
- ▶ Data science applied to large PD databases such as PPMI.
- ▶ Surgery and treatments of continuous infusion of intraduodenal levodopa.
- ▶ Study of the effects of continuous infusion of intraduodenal levodopa on cognition and mood.
- ▶ Follow-up and etiologic study of weight loss in patients treated with continuous infusion of intraduodenal levodopa.

Huntington Disease (HD)

- ▶ Clinical characterization of the natural course HD in large cohort and international studies (Enroll-HD).
- ▶ Study of the neural correlates of clinical progression, cognitive performance, mild

cognitive impairment, dementia and behavioral alterations in HD using neurophysiological techniques (event-related brain potentials), structural, functional and molecular neuroimaging.

- ▶ Identification of potential neuroimaging, blood-based, muscular tissue, CSF and clinical biomarkers of progression and phenotypic in premanifest and manifest HD.
- ▶ Study of the prevalence and neural substrates of behavioral alterations in premanifest and manifest HD.
- ▶ Development and validation of HD-specific tools for cognitive and functional assessment to detect subtle changes in cognitive performance and treatment response.
- ▶ Study of the effect of intermediate alleles and homozygosity on the clinical presentation of HD.
- ▶ Data science applied to large HD databases such as Enroll-HD and Registry.
- ▶ Identification of different cognitive phenotypes in HD.

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)

- ▶ Development of a PSP-specific cognitive rating scale.
- ▶ Development of a standardized eye movement evaluation.
- ▶ Study of the neural correlates of clinical progression, cognitive performance and behavioral alterations in PSP using structural and functional neuroimaging.

Essential Tremor and Other Movement Disorders

- ▶ Molecular neuroimaging in essential tremor.
- ▶ Clinical, neurophysiological and neuroimaging assessment of patients with FXTAS (fragile X-associated tremor/ataxia syndrome).

Challenges

Cognitive and Behavioural Dysfunctions in Parkinson Disease

- ▶ Study and understanding of the neural substrates of cognitive impairment in Parkinson disease so as to improve diagnostic and therapeutic approaches.
- ▶ Development of specific tools to assess and track cognitive changes in Parkinson disease.
- ▶ Identification of the involvement of specific executive and reward-related brain systems in the etiology of apathy in PD

Huntington's Disease

- ▶ Study of the dynamics of mutant Htt protein aggregation and related neural and cognitive correlates along disease stages in Huntington's disease.
- ▶ Validation of new instruments to assess and track subtle cognitive changes in pre-manifested and early-stage Huntington's disease population.
- ▶ Identification of the structural and metabolic brain correlates of apathy in early and mild HD.

Essential Tremor and Other Movement Disorders

- ▶ Genetic studies and genotype-phenotype correlations in essential tremor.
- ▶ Development of new therapeutic interventions in essential tremor.
- ▶ Neurochemical and structural neuroimaging studies on the pathophysiological bases of essential tremor.

Translational Research - Animal Models of Parkinsonism

- ▶ Behavioural, physiological and pharmacological characterization of animal models of parkinsonism with combined dopaminergic and noradrenergic lesions.
- ▶ Physiopathology of motor, cognitive and behavioural complications linked to antiparkinsonian drugs in animal models of parkinsonism.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Active collaboration with the Reserach groups of Neuroradiology and Nuclear Medicine (Huntington's disease).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Active collaboration with the Cognition and Brain Plasticity Group at the Bellvitge Health Science Campus at the University of Barcelona adscribed to the Department of Basic Psychology, Faculty of Psychology - University of Barcelona and the IDIBELL (Institut d'Investigació Biomèdica de Bellvitge).
- ▶ Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Enfermedades neurodegenerativas (CIBERNED), Instituto de Salud Carlos III.

- ▶ International Movement Disorders Society (MDS). Task Force for Developing Rating Scales in Parkinson's Disease (Subcomitee for Cognitive Evaluation).
- ▶ MDS Task Force for Mild Cognitive Impairment in Parkinson's Disease.
- ▶ MDS Task Force for Evidence Based Medicine in Huntington's Disease.
- ▶ Spanish Coordinator of the European Huntington Disease Network and the ENROLL Study (Cure for Huntington's Disease International - CHDI).
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Chronic pain affects a high percentage of population and is difficult to treat even with the most potent analgesic compounds, which represents one of the main challenges in the current research of pain. Our main objective is to investigate new strategies for the treatment of chronic pain by using pharmacological, molecular and genetic approaches.
- ▶ The main lines of research are to:
 - Investigate new targets for the treatment of chronic pain. Identify new drugs capable to alleviate inflammatory, arthritic, and/or neuropathic pain and evaluate its mechanism of action in different animal pain models.
 - Establish new strategies for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy. Identify new approaches for treating neuropathy and oxidative stress, two of the main

complications associated to diabetes, by evaluating the role played by the activation of transcription factor Nrf2/HO-1 signaling pathway in type I and II diabetic animals.

- Study the emotional disorders associated to chronic pain. Investigate the role played by gaseous neurotransmitters in the modulation of the anxiety- and depressive-like behaviors associated to chronic inflammatory and neuropathic pain in animals.
- Investigate the neuropharmacology of opioid and cannabinoid receptors. Establish new strategies to enhance the analgesic effects produced by opioids and cannabinoids during the treatment of chronic pain avoiding the development of side effects.

Challenges

Our scientific challenges are to:

- ▶ Identify new pharmacological compounds that effectively abolish chronic pain without side effects and which use can be transferred to clinical practice and/or patentable.
- ▶ Develop new effective approaches for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy, oxidative stress and obesity associated to the development of type 2 diabetes in transgenic mice.

- ▶ Establish the role played by gaseous neurotransmitters in the modulation of anxiety and depression associated with the development of chronic inflammatory and neuropathic pain
- ▶ Advance in the knowledge of the molecular mechanisms involved in the increased analgesic actions produced by opioids and cannabinoids combined with Nrf2/HO-1 signaling pathway activators during chronic pain.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk (PI: Francisco Blanco)

External Collaborations

- ▶ Prof. Christie Ramos Andrade Leite-Panisi. University of São Paulo. Brazil.

- ▶ Prof. Luiz Guilherme de Siqueira Branco. University of São Paulo. Brazil.
- ▶ Prof. Roberto Motterlini. INSERM U955, University Paris-Est. France.
- ▶ Prof. Lydia Giménez-Llort. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Spain
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Active Grants

- ▶ Olga Pol Rigau. Nuevas estrategias en el tratamiento de la neuropatía diabética PI14/00927. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. 71,500.00 €.
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Awards

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Main Lines of Research

Clinical Trials with no Therapeutic Benefits to Volunteer Participants

- ▶ Phase I clinical trials (healthy volunteers) whose main objectives include: first-time-in- humans, safety and tolerability (local, systemic/dermatological, ophthalmological, vaginal), pharmacokinetics, bio-availability and bioequivalence (generic drugs), pharmacodynamics, interactions (drug-drug/drug-food), evaluation and characterization of biomarkers, proofs of concept, acceptability and preference studies.
- ▶ Follow-up studies in populations with the same or different characteristics (elderly, obese, postmenopausal, with liver or kidney failure).
- ▶ Collaboration with clinical services to conduct phase II/III studies.

Neuro-Physio-Pharmacology of Sleep/ Wake States

- ▶ Investigate human brain activity in sleep and wakefulness, mechanisms involved in these states, problems derived from sleep disturbances and possible interventions.
- ▶ Approach the phenomenon as a continuum: appropriate interpretation of the impact of a certain intervention, whether pharmacological or not, should take into account the complementarity of evaluations performed during sleep and during wakefulness.
- ▶ Develop studies that consider the 24-hour day/night cycle as the phenomenon under study cannot be evaluated without taking this interactivity into account.
- ▶ Develop psychomotor performance tests, subjective evaluation scales, neurophysiologic recordings (quantitative EEG, evoked-sensorial potentials and polysomnography), psychophysiological tests and pupillometric tests.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate and strengthen leadership in this field in Spain, conserve relationships with the pharmaceutical industry on a national level and strengthen and extend relations abroad with multinational enterprises and industries from other sectors.
- ▶ Broaden the range of questions to address in research projects along the lines of the neuro-physio-pharmacology of sleep/wake states, focusing on pharmacotherapeutic objectives and also on physiopathologic objectives in related fields, such as dreams.
- ▶ Develop neurophysiologic recording performance in ambulatory conditions, simplifying participation of volunteers but not lowering the quality of data obtained (non-negotiable element of their application as a research variable).
- ▶ Promote dissemination of our activity with a dual objective: to return knowledge generated to society and demystify research in humans, bringing it closer to the community so as to foster participation in clinical trials (particularly in specific sectors of the populations, such as the elderly).
- ▶ Set up educational activities related to our two main research lines: the application of good clinical practices in clinical research into sleep medicine and its medical (pathology, and treatment) and social (quality of life, prevention of accident risk) consequences.

Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ Phase I-II clinical trials for national and international pharmaceutical companies.

Active Grants

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Psychotic disorders (first episodes and persistent hallucinations).
- ▶ Affective disorders (major depression and validation of scales).
- ▶ Borderline personality disorder.

Challenges

- ▶ Foster research that reduces the health-care, social and personal costs of mental illness by exploring areas such as epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, physiopathology, prevention and treatment.
- ▶ Foster research into mental health therapies.
- ▶ Foster research to improve quality of life of patients with mental disorders.

Research into Psychotic Disorders

- ▶ Neuroimaging studies in first psychotic episodes.
- ▶ Study of environmental, biological and genetic factors in psychosis.
- ▶ Efficacy and effectiveness studies of anti-psychotic drugs.
- ▶ Efficacy and effectiveness study of psychotherapy for hallucinations.
- ▶ Study of treatment resistance in schizophrenia.

Research into Affective Disorders

- ▶ Identification and evaluation of new therapeutic targets in depression.
- ▶ Neuroimaging studies in first psychotic episodes.
- ▶ Biological and genetic markers in affective disorders.
- ▶ Implementation of new therapeutic programmes, depression evaluation and social aspects of depression.

Research into Personality Disorders

- ▶ Clinical trials regarding the usefulness of mixed treatment in patients with borderline personality disorder and validation of diagnostic instruments.
- ▶ Genetic-neuroimaging studies of borderline personality disorder (BPD).
- ▶ Efficacy and effectiveness studies of psychotherapy for treating borderline personality disorder.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Addictive Behaviours.
- ▶ Neuroradiology.
- ▶ Neurosurgery.
- ▶ Hypophysis Diseases.
- ▶ CIM – Sant Pau.
- ▶ Pain Clinic Sant Pau.
- ▶ Genetics.
- ▶ Internal Medicine.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Hospital Clínic de Barcelona, Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ Hospital Parc Taulí, Sabadell, Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Medicine-Pharmacology Department.
- ▶ Hospital Universitario de la Princesa, Madrid, Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ Universidad de Valencia, Medicine-Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ Leipzig University, Medicine-Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ Universidad de Cádiz, Medicine-Pharmacology Department.
- ▶ Hospital Benito Menni – FIDMAG, Barcelona, Psychiatry Department.
- ▶ University of Oxford, Medicine-Psychiatry Department.

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Genetics in Neurodegenerative Diseases



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Use of state-of-the-art genomic strategies to study the genetic architecture of complex diseases caused by neurodegenerative processes, including Alzheimer disease and other dementias, Parkinson disease, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), among others.
- ▶ Cloning and evaluation of novel genes associated with neurodegenerative disorders through genomic analyses on families with Mendelian pattern of inheritance.
- ▶ Study of the relationship between biomarkers and endophenotypes at the individual genetic background.
- ▶ Evaluation of the effect of novel genes related to neurodegenerative disorders in the Spanish population through multi-centre collaborative studies.

Challenges

- ▶ Assemble a research team of excellence in the international field of genetics of neurodegenerative disorders.
- ▶ Increase our capacity of funding through EU support.
- ▶ Develop a comprehensive genomic database from well-characterized Spanish patients of European origin suffering from neurodegenerative disorders.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Neurobiology of Dementia.
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders.
- ▶ Neuromuscular Diseases.

External Collaborations

National and international consortiums

- ▶ European Early-Onset Dementia Consortium (EU-EOD)
- ▶ European Alzheimer Disease Initiative (EADI)
- ▶ International Genomics of Alzheimer Project (IGAP)
- ▶ International Parkinson's Disease Genetic Consortium (IPDGC)
- ▶ International Frontotemporal Dementia Genomics Consortium (IFGC)
- ▶ Dementia Genetics Spanish Consortium (DEGESCO)

- ▶ CIBER-Neurodegenerative Diseases (CIBER-NED)

Collaborations with international centres

- ▶ Dr. John Hardy, University College of London, UK.
- ▶ Dr. Andrew Singleton, National Institutes of Health, USA.
- ▶ Dr. Jean-Charles Lambert, Directeur de recherche Inserm chez INSERM. Lille, France.
- ▶ Dr. Alfredo Ramírez, University of Bonn, Germany.
- ▶ Dr. Ekaterina Rogava, University of Toronto, Canada.
- ▶ Dr. Mikko Hiltunen, Kuopio University, Finland.
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Human Neuropsychopharmacology



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Main Lines of Research

General Neuropsychopharmacology

- ▶ Pharmacological modulation of the different neurotransmission systems to study the role of these systems in advanced cognitive functions (executive control) and emotions.

Neuropsychopharmacology of Abused Substances

- ▶ Effects on the central nervous system of psychodysleptic drugs such as ayahuasca, salvinorin A, dimethyltryptamine and THC.
- ▶ Assessment of the impact of long-term drug use on brain function (fMRI) and structure (VBM, DTI).

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate and extend existing research lines through possible cooperation agreements with other groups and according to internal growth.
- ▶ Obtain stable funding and supporting technical staff.
- ▶ Establish new cooperation agreements within HSCSP RI.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modelling and Simulation.
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders.
- ▶ Clinical Psychiatry.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Cognition and Brain Plasticity Group (IDIBELL Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute), Spain.
- ▶ Biomedical Engineering Research Centre, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Spain.
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- ▶ Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Louisiana State University, USA.
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- ▶ Neuroscience and Behaviour Department, Ribeirão Preto Medical School, University of São Paulo, Brazil.

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Neurobiology of Dementia



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Biomarkers in Alzheimer disease and other neurodegenerative dementias:
 - CSF biomarkers in Alzheimer disease, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia.
 - Amyloid and tau imaging in neurodegenerative dementias.
 - Novel MRI markers in preclinical Alzheimer disease and frontotemporal dementia.
- Biomarkers of Alzheimer disease in Down syndrome.
- Molecular basis of neurodegenerative diseases.
- Clinical trials in Alzheimer disease and dementia with Lewy bodies.

Challenges

- ▶ Maintain and increase scientific production and funding in the next 5 years.
- ▶ Develop a training plan for researchers entering the group while maintaining its translational nature.
- ▶ Establish new cooperation agreements to increase number of applications for European and international projects.
- ▶ Establish links with technological innovation groups and companies to foster additional patent applications and contracts.

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Genetics in Neurodegenerative Diseases (PI: Jordi Clarimon).
- ▶ Molecular Physiology of the Synapse (PI: Alex Bayés).
- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (PI: Joan Martí-Fàbregas).
- ▶ Neuromuscular Diseases (PI: Isabel Illa, Ricard Rojas).
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders (PI: Jaime Kulisevsky).
- ▶ Nuclear Medicine (PI: Ignasi Carrió).

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Collaborations

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- ▶ DZNE-Munich, Alemania. Collaboration and stage: Estudio de biomarcadores relacionados con la actividad microglial en enfermedades neurodegenerativas: demencia con cuerpos de Lewy, demencia frontotemporal y enfermedad de Alzheimer.
- ▶ Trinity College of Dublin, Irlanda. Estudio de la Enfermedad de Alzheimer en el síndrome de Down. Collaboration and stage as "Atlantic Fellow", programme Global Brain Health Institute.

Active Grants

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- ▶ Olivia Belbin. Search for synaptic biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease. CP13/00091. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2017. 121,500.00 €.
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Main Lines of Research

Ours is a multidisciplinary research group, which has the added value of combining neuroimaging skills of the members of the Neuroradiology clinical unit at Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau with technological knowledge from PIC/IFAE investigators at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain) and University College London (UCL, UK).

Our focus are: 1) Neuroimaging biomarkers in diseases involving the central nervous system, including neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric conditions; 2) Automatic procedures and software tools, especially those of Deep Learning/Artificial Intelligence, in neuroradiology.

Challenges

- ▶ To achieve visibility of our research group and of neuroradiology –often considered by clinicians more a technical tool rather than a discipline in itself– as a defined field of knowledge.
- ▶ To add knowledge in clinical Neuroradiology to the development and implementation of Artificial Intelligence in Diagnostic Imaging.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Pituitary Gland Disorders, Digestive Diseases, Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders, Cerebrovascular Diseases.
- ▶ Neuro-Oncology, Maternal Care/Obstetrics, Clinical Psychiatry, Head and neck Tumours/Otorrinolaringology.

External Collaborations

- ▶ University College London (UCL), London, UK (B. Gómez-Anson is Hon Associate Lecturer).

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Main Lines of Research

Health promotion and prevention in older people

- ▶ Healthy ageing. Promotion of intrinsic capacities.
- ▶ Healthy habits: Physical activity, sedentary behaviour, healthy diet, cognition stimulation.
- ▶ Epidemiological studies.
- ▶ ICT applications to promote healthy ageing.

Geriatric Syndromes and Health problems of older people

- ▶ Geriatric Syndromes and Health problems of older people

- ▶ Fragility and sarcopenia.
- ▶ Falls.
- ▶ Functional loss.
- ▶ Alzheimer Disease and other dementias.
- ▶ Malnutrition.

Long Term Care

- ▶ Health and social services for older people.
- ▶ Personal Centered Care.
- ▶ Caregivers of older adults.
- ▶ ICT applications to health, social services.
- ▶ Functional assessment.

Challenges

Health promotion and prevention in older people

- ▶ Area mainly focused on health promotion and disability prevention to improve quality of life among older people. How we improve intrinsic capacities and functional capacity with age.
- ▶ Clinical and epidemiological research undertaken includes both observational and intervention studies, with the main lines of research referring to mobility, nutrition and cognition.
- ▶ ICT Solutions for promoting healthy ageing.

Geriatric Syndromes and Health problems of older people

- ▶ Screening, diagnosis and intervention in geriatric syndromes.
- ▶ Screening of frailty and sarcopenia. How to apply in clinical practice.
- ▶ Identifying risk of falls and falls prevention in the community and nursing homes.

Long Term Care

- ▶ How to apply Personal Centered Care in social centres is a key element to promote quality of social services.
- ▶ New models of services for older people with long term care needs.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ FRAPEM: FIS Fragilitat. EAP Sardenya.
- ▶ FIS Memory Workshops. Public Health Agency of Barcelona and EAP Sardenya.

External Collaborations

- ▶ The group participates usually in CE-funded projects.

- ▶ The Group belongs to the Global Research Network of the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

- ▶ Participation in european groups. Currently:

- The group of nutrition and cognitive decline of the EUGMS (European Union Geriatric Medicine Society)
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Addictive Behaviours



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Main Lines of Research

Alcohol

- ▶ Pharmacological, non-interventional, prospective, multicenter study with Selincro® in alcohol dependence, to determine patterns of use and consumption of alcohol in routine clinical practice in Spain.
- ▶ Prospective observational study for reducing the negative consequences associated with excessive alcohol use (RINCA) through the treatment program to reduce alcohol consumption with nalmefene.

Cocaine

- ▶ Evaluation of cocaine craving during hospitalization conditions.

Smoking

- ▶ Evaluation of the neuropsychiatric safety and efficacy of varenicline and bupropion

hydrochloride for smoking cessation in subjects with and without a history of psychiatric disorders.

- ▶ Non-treatment follow-up for cardiac assessments following use of smoking cessation treatments in subjects with and without a history of psychiatric disorders.
- ▶ Effectiveness of a telephone intervention for smoking cessation in patients with mental disorder: a pragmatic clinical trial

Opiates

- ▶ Patient satisfaction concerning maintenance treatment with opioid agonists (methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone).
- ▶ Satisfaction of the heroin-dependent patient regarding methadone and methadone pharmacogenetics.

Challenges

- ▶ Establish bidirectional links between clinical practice and investigation both to suggest hypotheses and incorporate recent advances.
- ▶ Participate in controlled clinical trials on the treatment of addictive disorders.
- ▶ Develop clinical research studies into the perspective of patients with addictions.
- ▶ Integrate clinical research in routine medical practice to assess the effectiveness of procedures.
- ▶ Evaluate the validity and reliability of frequently used clinical evaluation procedures.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical Epidemiology and Healthcare Services.
- ▶ Clinical Psychiatry.
- ▶ Genetic Diseases.

External Collaborations

- ▶ DeustoPsych, R+D+I in Psychology and Health, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Molecular and cellular analyses of the vertebrate synapse.
- ▶ Molecular and cellular dysfunctions underlying intellectual disability and autism.
- ▶ Research into animal models of mental and behavioural disorders.
- ▶ Development of new biochemical methods to study the synapse.

Challenges

- ▶ Characterize the molecular roots of cognition and behaviour.
- ▶ Identify the synaptic molecules and mechanisms involved in mental and behavioural disorders, mainly intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.
- ▶ Identify drugs which might help treat mental and behavioural disorders.
- ▶ Study the reversibility after birth of neurodevelopmental disorders affecting cognition.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Neurobiology of Dementias (PI: Alberto Lleó)
- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs (PI: Ramón Mangués)
- ▶ Molecular Bases of Disease (PI: Pablo Fuentes-Prior)
- ▶ Neurosurgery (PI: Joan Molet)

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Surgery

A photograph of a surgical team in an operating room. Several surgeons in blue scrubs, masks, and hairnets are gathered around a patient. One surgeon in the foreground is holding a surgical instrument, possibly a laparoscopic tool, which is illuminated by a red light. The background is slightly blurred, showing other team members.

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Main Lines of Research

Gastrointestinal Surgery

- ▶ Application of laparoscopic surgery in diseases of the spleen.
- ▶ Application of laparoscopic surgery in disorders of the oesophagogastric junction.
- ▶ Advanced application of colorectal laparoscopy.
- ▶ New stratification and treatment options in colorectal cancer.

Oncological and Hepatobiliopancreatic Surgery

- ▶ Surgery for liver metastasis in colorectal cancer.
- ▶ Development of diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in the global context of treatment for liver metastasis in colorectal carcinoma.
- ▶ Surgery for primary hepatic tumours: determination of efficient prognostic parameters for surgical

resection of hepatocarcinoma and likelihood of tumour recurrence after resection.

- ▶ Introduction of the laparoscopic methodology to biliary lithiasis.
- ▶ Surgery for sarcomas: participation in GIST research through the Spanish Sarcoma Research Group (GEIS) and other entities.
- ▶ Surgery for sarcomas: participation in the development and results of surgery for retroperitoneal tumours.

Emergency Care

- ▶ Collaborative project on clinical safety for the introduction of safe practices for polytraumatized patients.

Challenges

Gastrointestinal Surgery

- ▶ Design, develop and manage a dry laboratory for endoscopic surgery, creating a multifunctional research and teaching space to conduct applied technological research in minimally invasive surgery.

Hepatobiliopancreatic Surgery

- ▶ Development of techniques to study liver volume and function.
- ▶ Development of experimental studies on the function and healing of bilio-intestinal sutures.
- ▶ Studies of the value of nutrition in patients undergoing aggressive surgery for highly debilitating cancer.
- ▶ Suitable stratification of GIST tumours in accordance with an anatomopathological classification.

- ▶ Viability of surgical interventions considering the likelihood of disease recurrence.

Emergency Surgery

- ▶ Consolidation of a multidisciplinary group for polytraumatized patient care.

Breast Surgery

- ▶ Technological innovations in surgery.
- ▶ Possible role of genetic studies in diagnosis and follow-up.

Endocrinal and Cervical Surgery

- ▶ Technical innovations in surgery.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Biomaterials: comparative study of two different cranial bone fixations.
- ▶ Tumour biology: gliomas (prognostic value of different mutations in anaplastic astrocytoma and GBM), pituitary gland adenomas.
- ▶ Biomarkers in anaplastic astrocytomas and glioblastoma multiforme.
- ▶ Anatomy of the skull base.
- ▶ Clinical evaluation of neurostimulation techniques in different neurological entities (treatment-resistant depression and neuropathic pain).

Challenges

- ▶ Monitor the clinical trial on treatment-resistant depression treated using deep brain stimulation techniques (jointly with psychiatry).
- ▶ Evaluate neurostimulation for other disorders: cluster headache.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

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External Collaborations

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Main Lines of Research

Fundació Puigvert's Nephrology Research Group has been part of the IIB since its very beginning. The group carries out translational research within the field of renal diseases along different lines from hypertension, hereditary diseases, glomerular diseases and renal fibrosis, to transplants and dialysis.

Those different lines are analysed in detail below:

- ▶ Dra. Torra is the head researcher of the hereditary diseases line she and Dra. Ars have leaded many research projects on these diseases, and both have supervised several doctoral theses. The hereditary renal diseases team is currently analysing phenotype variability of those diseases, both in its genomic and its clinical dimension. Dra. Torra coordinates both the Catalan and the Spanish hereditary renal diseases teams, and is a member of the homonymous European board of the EDTA (European Dialysis and Transplant Association).
- ▶ Dra. Ars heads the molecular genetics laboratory; she has optimised the Next generation sequencing tools for hereditary renal diseases, in collaboration with Dra. Gemma Bullich. Dra. Ars coordinates the Sant Pau IIB's Fundació Puigvert's On-line Biobank node belonging to the National Biobanks Platform. She is also the person responsible for organising an European Molecular Quality Network (EMQN) outline for quality control of the genetic diagnoses of ADPKD by European laboratories. Currently she is leading a research project for applying this outline to kidney and urinary tract congenital abnormalities.
- ▶ Jointly with Dra. Díaz, Dr. Ballarín leads a series of clinical trials, both national and international, on glomerular and systemic diseases affecting the kidneys. They also participate in registries at a Catalan, Spanish and European level.
- ▶ Dra. Díaz leads the studies on renal inflammation and fibrosis. Renal grafts from cadaveric donors are an apt model for her study due to their less-good prognosis and to a high probability of inflammation and ensuing fibrosis as compared to living donor grafts. Dra. Díaz and Dra. Guillén have identified the activation of purinoma elements, both in cell cultures and in grafts from cadaver donors. This activation participates in inflammation and fibrosis, triggered by the phenotype change of macrophages into anti-inflammatory and pro-fibrotic, and interacting with other pro-fibrotic classical pathways. This new role of the purinergic pathways could be the key for the detection of new markers and new therapeutic targets associated with renal graft dysfunction after transplant.
- ▶ Dra. Fernández-Llama is participating in the development of a prototype of a multiplex system for flow cytometry focused on a new multi-parametric etio-pathogenic diagnosis of acute renal damage. As an expert in hypertension, she participates in a collaborative trial for evaluating 24-hour central blood pressure, its circadian rhythms and its relationship with organic damage.
- ▶ Dr. Bover is also a member of the EDTA work force board on bone metabolism, this being his primary research subject.
- ▶ Dr. Díaz leads the dialysis research line. Currently the two major research lines are concerned with the appropriateness of peritoneal dialysis, and the investigation for biomarkers of the acute renal failure.
- ▶ Dra. Coll, who belongs in the dialysis team, heads the research of genomic damage in patients on renal replacement therapy, either transplant or dialysis. She analyses the differences of oxidative stress in transplanted vs. dialysis patients. She also analyses the effect of different antioxidants on genomic damage of dialysis patients.
- ▶ The transplant team, leaded by Dr. Guirado, either participates or heads over 15 studies, amongst them clinical trials with drugs against kidney rejection or for treating associated viral infections. His active participation and his leadership in the investigation of biochemical, serologic and genomic biomarkers of both rejection and viral infections associated with renal transplant, are outstanding.
- ▶ Ms. Luz San Miguel and Ms. Judith Ballart are the coordinators of clinical studies and trials. Their work is essential and of the utmost importance for carrying out the high number of clinical trials performed by the group.

Challenges

- ▶ Maintain the level of national and international publication.
- ▶ Continue with both clinical and basic research in all the previously described areas.
- ▶ Participate in the elaboration of clinical nephrology guidelines.
- ▶ Continue with active collection of research samples from CKD and transplant patients.
- ▶ Maintain participation in national working groups and increase international cooperation.
- ▶ Engage in new pharmaceutical clinical studies, including clinical trials.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups**Active collaborations in basic and clinical research projects**

- ▶ Inflammatory Diseases Group: renal fibrosis.
- ▶ Anaesthesiology Group (in collaboration with the Catalan ANES-CARDIOCAT Group): risk of major adverse cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events in non-cardiac surgery associated with the preoperative estimated glomerular filtration rate.
- ▶ Paediatrics Group: nephrotic syndrome evolution, Ig A nephropathy and inherited kidney diseases.
- ▶ Andrology Group: infertility.
- ▶ Urology Group: genetic predisposition to prostate cancer and transplant.
- ▶ Gynecology: High risk pregnancies, prenatal diagnosis, preimplantation diagnosis.
- ▶ Multidisciplinary teams for inherited kidney diseases: collaboration with most specialities from Sant Pau Hospital for different inherited kidney diseases (data bases, articles, protocols...)

Platforms

- ▶ Biobank platform.

External Collaborations**National academic collaborations**

- ▶ Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Universitat de Barcelona, Institute of Biomedicine and Oncology Programme, National Biomedical Research Institute of Liver and Gastrointestinal Diseases (CIBER EHD): renal fibrosis.
- ▶ Laboratory of Proteomics CSIC/Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: diabetic nephropathy.
- ▶ Mutagenesis Department of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: renal impairment in chronic kidney disease.
- ▶ Genomic Regulation Center (CRG): inherited kidney diseases.
- ▶ Universidad de Salamanca: acute kidney injury.
- ▶ Universitat de Lleida: chronic kidney disease.

- ▶ National Scientific Societies (such as Sociedad Española de Nefrología) and investigators of other centres: basic and clinical studies (including public grants, clinical trials, observational studies...) promoted by them.

International academic collaborations

- ▶ Biochemistry and Microbiology Institute UACH (Chile): renal fibrosis and diabetic nephropathy.
- ▶ Mayo Clinic (Rochester, USA): Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD).
- ▶ Hospital Tenon (Paris, France): Nephrotic syndrome.
- ▶ EUReOmics Platform: membranous nephropathy and nephrotic syndrome.
- ▶ Toronto General Hospital (Canada): molecular genetics of idiopathic nephrotic syndrome.
- ▶ University of Melbourne (Australia): Alport syndrome.
- ▶ University Medicine Goettingen (Germany): Alport syndrome.
- ▶ EDTA (multinational, Europe): inherited kidney diseases and chronic kidney disease-mineral and bone disorders.
- ▶ Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS (United Kingdom): vasculitis.
- ▶ EUVAS Group (multinational collaborative Group): vasculitis.

Private national and international collaborations

- ▶ Participation in clinical studies including clinical trials and post-authorisation studies promoted by national and international pharmaceutical companies.
- ▶ Research Joint-Venture with VU Medisch Centrum (Amsterdam, The Netherlands); Medizinische Klinik I (Aachen, Germany) and San Paolo Hospital (Milan, Italy) sponsored by Abbvie Co on effects of vitamin D derivatives in CKD-MBD.

Other collaborations

- ▶ Patient organisations: inherited diseases (AIRG), lupus (ACLECA) and chronic kidney disease (ALCER).

Nephrology

Active Grants

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Awards

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Transfer Products

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Prediction and prevention of complications arising from placental insufficiency, intrauterine growth restriction / preeclampsia (IUGR / PE)
- ▶ Placental insufficiency and maternal cardiovascular risk later in life.
- ▶ Role of the oxygen transport deficit in the placental insufficiency.
- ▶ Development of predictive methods based on the integration of pre and post-natal factors for the detection of abnormal neurodevelopment in congenital heart diseases.

Challenges

- ▶ To study novel placental biomarkers in the diagnosis and prognosis of preeclampsia (PE) and intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) in order to generate future hypothesis for target prevention and therapeutic interventions in these pathologies.
- ▶ To determine the usefulness of novel placental biomarkers (sFlt-1/PIGF ratio) in the diagnosis and prognosis of preeclampsia (PE) in order to change policies and improve maternal and neonatal health.
- ▶ To study novel maternal cardiovascular risk biomarkers after placental insufficiency and to explore potential preventive strategies in order to identify mother at risk for cardiovascular disease later in life.
- ▶ To study the role of placental insufficiency and hypoxia in congenital heart disease in order to gain insights into the relationships between hypoxia-dependent placental morphogenesis, placental function and effects on oxygen metabolism in the fetus.
- ▶ To develop biomarkers in fetal and neonatal life that help to predict postnatal neurological risk in congenital heart diseases.

Active Grants

- ▶ Elisa Llorba Olivé. Incorporación del ratio sFlt1/PIGF en el diagnóstico y clasificación de preeclampsia: Ensayo clínico randomizado (EuroPE estudio). PI16/00375. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2017-2019. 92,500.00 €.
- ▶ Elisa Llorba Olivé. Women and Perinatal Health Research Group.. 2017 SGR 1267. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2017-2019. 10,000.00 €.

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Grants Awarded in 2017

- ▶ Elisa Llorba Olivé. Red de salud materno-infantil y del desarrollo. RD16/0022/0015. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2017-2021. 71,412.00 €.
- ▶ Josep Oriol Porta Roda. Estudio de las propiedades biológicas de una matriz dérmica de origen humano para su aplicación en cirugía de corrección del prolapso de órganos pélvicos e incontinencia urinaria femenina. CONVENI BST 2017-3. Banc de Sang i Teixits. Duration: 2017-2020. 136,904.00 €.

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- ▶ Míriam Bella Bustamante. Heparina de Bajo Peso Molecular (HBPM) para la prevención de complicaciones derivadas de la insuficiencia placentaria en las pacientes de riesgo sin trombofilia. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Director: Elisa Llorba Olivé. Date of defense: 20/07/2017.
- ▶ Aina Ruíz Romero. Impacto de las cardiopatías congénitas en el sistema nervioso central. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Director: Elisa Llorba Olivé. Date of defense: 18/09/2017.

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Genetic Research (Dr. Jordi Surrallés)
- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs (Dra. Virtudes Céspedes)
- ▶ Reproductive Health (Dr. Joaquim Calaf)
- ▶ Anesthesiology (Dra. M Victoria Moral)
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- ▶ Image Diagnostic Service, Neuroradiology Section (Dra. Beatriz Gómez-Anson)

External Collaborations**International collaborations**

- ▶ Project: Role of Placental Insufficiency and Hypoxia in Congenital Heart Defects. Principal investigator: Steven A. Fisher, M.D.; Professor of Medicine and Physiology S-012a HSF II, 20 Penn St. Univ of Maryland School of Medicine (Baltimore MD 212) Hypothesis: There is an inter-relationship between mother and fetus in the genesis of CHD. Main objective: To develop new models to address these questions using genetically engineered mice is highly innovative and certainly will lead to new insights into the relationships between hypoxia-dependent placental morphogenesis, placental function and effects on oxygen metabolism in the fetus. Collaborator: Elisa Llurba.
- ▶ Project: Accuracy of clinical characteristics, biochemical and ultrasound markers in the prediction of preeclampsia: an Individual Patient Data (IPD) Meta-analysis. Principal Investigator: Shakila Thangaratinam, PhD; Professor in maternal and perinatal health at Queen Mary University of London, of Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS with administrative offices at QM Innovation Centre, 5 Walden Street, Whitechapel, (London E1 2EF) (the 'Recipient'). Main Objective: To develop, externally validate and update separate prediction models for (i) early (<34 weeks' gestation), (ii) late (≥ 34 weeks) and (iii) any onset preeclampsia and to estimate the prognostic value of individual clinical, biochemical and ultra-

sound markers for predicting preeclampsia by IPD meta-analysis. Collaborator: Elisa Llurba.

National collaborations

- ▶ Maternal and Infant Health and Development Network (SAMID Network).
- ▶ RD16/0022/0015. Principal investigator: Elisa Llurba. Objective: The main objective is to study the different pathological processes, nutritional and environmental conditions of perinatal and postnatal period, by addressing the study of factors of prematurity, prevention and patient safety, environmental and pathogenetic factors, nutrition and child development as well as promoting research into new products and therapeutic procedures. It is also their aim to study the long-term consequences and its relationship with certain disorders of high prevalence in later stages of life, such as neuropsychiatric diseases, obesity and its complications. Collaborator: Olga Sánchez.
- ▶ Project: Breast cancer during pregnancy. Neurologic and cardiologic outcomes after chemotherapy exposition during fetal period. Principal Investigator: Dr. Octavi Córdoba (Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona). Hypothesis: The incidence of breast cancer during pregnancy is increasing worldwide. Optimal chemotherapy may be given during pregnancy. However a high level of pregnancy complications is still observed and a high percentage of preterm deliveries is observed because those complications. Main objective: To gain insight into the effect on placental function and fetal development of fetal period exposition to chemotherapy, especially on the impact on neurological development and cardiac function. Collaborator: Olga Sánchez.
- ▶ Project: Angiogenic factors during pregnancy and cardiovascular risk in the medium to long term in patients with preeclampsia. Clinical and experimental approach. Principal Investigator: Dr. Lluís Cabero Roura (Hospital Universitario de la Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona). Hypothesis: There is a relationship between anti-angiogenic factors and the incidence of cardiovascular injury to medium-long term in patients with preeclampsia (PE) or intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR). Main objective: The aim is to establish measures that might be appropriate to reduce cardiovascular risk in patients with a history of PE / IUGR during pregnancy. The project consists of two studies, one in humans, and the other in sFlt-1-induced preeclampsia rat model. Collaborators: Olga Sánchez.
- ▶ The Banc de Sang i Teixits (Blood and Tissue Bank) is a public agency of the Catalan Department of Health whose mission is to guarantee the supply and proper use of human blood and tissue in Catalonia. Collaborator: Elisa Llurba.

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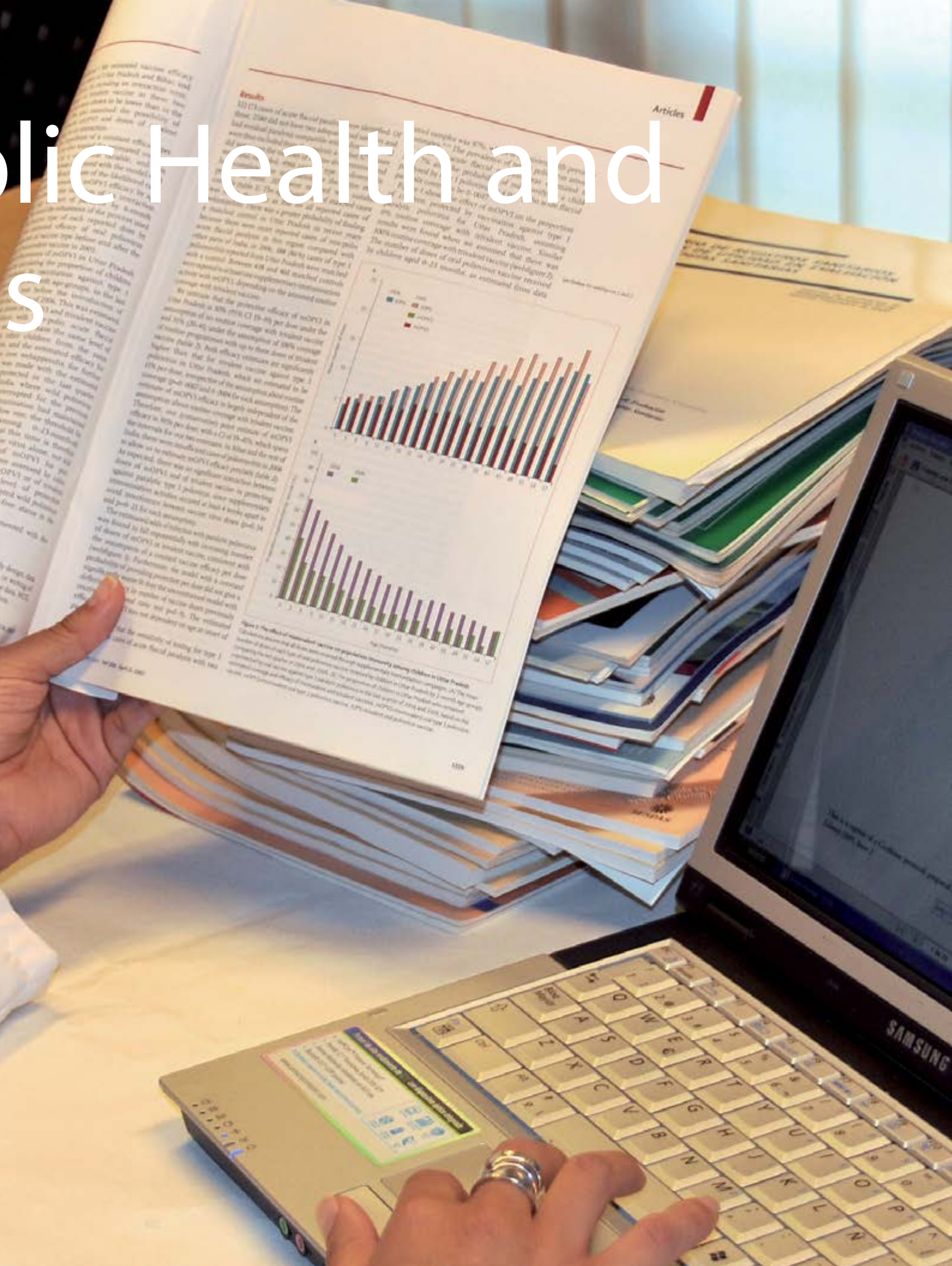
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Evidence-based medicine: systematic reviews, clinical practice guidelines and clinical trials.
- ▶ Health service evaluations.
- ▶ Methodological research.

Areas of interest

- ▶ Evidence-based medicine.
- ▶ Cancer.
- ▶ Perioperative medicine.
- ▶ Cardiovascular medicine.
- ▶ Public health.
- ▶ Appropriateness.

Challenges

- ▶ To develop and promote systematic-review production about the effects of healthcare interventions, in order to contribute to healthcare and clinical decision-making based on the best available scientific evidence.
- ▶ To promote national and international clinical and applied research projects that will contribute with new knowledge to solve clinical or healthcare problems that are relevant to the needs of the system (applied clinical studies, healthcare services assessment studies, clinical trials).
- ▶ To foster, organise and/or conduct training activities in order to promote healthcare professionals' acquisition of skills and knowledge on evidence-based Medicine (EBM) tools.
- ▶ To promote methodological research projects aiming to provide guidance and tools to improve scientific information analysis, interpretation and communication.
- ▶ To develop knowledge transfer activities (clinical practice guidelines) and scientific-knowledge dissemination tools.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Addictive Behaviours
- ▶ Anaesthesiology
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation
- ▶ Blood and Tissue Bank
- ▶ Central Clinical Research and Clinical Trials Unit
- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology
- ▶ Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes - Public Health Agency of Barcelona
- ▶ Locomotor System Research
- ▶ Palliative Care
- ▶ Plastic Surgery
- ▶ Primary Care Research - EAP Sardenya
- ▶ Thrombosis and Haemostasis
- ▶ Urology

External Collaborations

- ▶ Population Health Research Institute, Mc-Master University (Canada).
- ▶ Clinical Trial Service Unit and Epidemiological Studies Unit, University of Oxford (United Kingdom).
- ▶ European Respiratory Society.
- ▶ Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial (Ecuador).
- ▶ GRADE Working Group.
- ▶ Guidelines International Network.
- ▶ Cochrane Collaboration.
- ▶ Joint Research Centre - European Commission.
- ▶ Applied Health Research Center - Saint Michael's Hospital (Canada).
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Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes



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Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes

- ▶ Monitoring of behaviours and other health risk factors such as environmental exposure.
- ▶ Process and impact evaluation of public health programmes and services (school-

based prevention programmes for obesity, smoking, alcohol and cannabis consumption, breast cancer screening programmes and memory training workshops for elderly people).

- ▶ Evaluation of ICT innovation in public health.
- ▶ Evaluation of food contaminants.

Challenges

- ▶ Promote research into the evaluation of policies and programmes.
- ▶ Support the debate on conceptual and methodological aspects of results evaluation in prevention and health promotion.
- ▶ Consolidate the group's research, fostering less developed aspects such as financial assessment and evaluation of health protection interventions.

- ▶ Develop a theoretical corpus of concepts, principles, methods and examples that contribute to filling the gap in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching regarding the design and evaluation of risk prevention and health promotion interventions.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical Epidemiology and Healthcare Services (PI: Xavier Bonfill).
- ▶ Transport and Health: Injuries and Mobility (PI: Catherine Pérez).
- ▶ Health Inequalities (PI: Carme Borrell).
- ▶ Epidemiology of Addictions (PI: M. Teresa Brugal).

- ▶ Foreign universities: Johns Hopkins University, USA.
- ▶ Spanish universities: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat Ramon Llull, Universitat de Vic, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela.
- ▶ Primary care centres: Ciutat Meridiana, Roquetes, Sant Rafael and Sardanya (Barcelona).
- ▶ Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO).

External Collaborations

- ▶ CIBER-Epidemiology and Public Health (Group 18: Evaluation of public health policies and programmes).
- ▶ CIBER-Obesity and Nutrition (Group PI: Fernando Fernández de Aranda)
- ▶ AGAUR Consolidated Research Group (Evaluation of public health policies and programmes).
- ▶ Tobacco Working Group of the Spanish Epidemiology Society.
- ▶ Social Determinants Group of the Spanish Epidemiology Society.

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Transport and Health: Injuries and Mobility



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Public health injury surveillance.
- ▶ Evaluation of road safety strategies at the urban level.
- ▶ Evaluation of road safety strategies in Spain.
- ▶ Indicators of mobility exposure and risk of traffic injuries.
- ▶ Determinants of walking as a mode of transport.
- ▶ Health impact assessment of active transport (walking and cycling).
- ▶ Record linkage of health and police registers to study road traffic injury determinants.
- ▶ Inter-sector policies in transport: impact on sustainable environment, health and equity.

Challenges

- ▶ Study of the nature of injuries and their severity according to the characteristics of the collision and the vehicles involved, particularly in urban settings.
- ▶ Evaluate road safety policies and interventions.
- ▶ Calculation of risk indicators using mobility exposure.
- ▶ Health impact of urban, air pollution interventions.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Health Inequalities (PI: Carme Borrell).

External Collaborations

- ▶ All members of the group are members of the Working Group for Health Impact Evaluation of Injuries in Spain (Sociedad Española de Epidemiología), which is led by the IP of the group (Catherine Pérez).
- ▶ All members of the group are members of the group of Social Inequalities of CIBERE-SP (Consorcio de Investigación Biomédica de Epidemiología y Salud Pública).
- ▶ The IP of the group is member of the European Committee of The Transport and Health Study Group (THSG) (UK).
- ▶ Joint action on monitoring injuries in Europe (JAMIE) (European Agency for Health and Consumers).
- ▶ Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institut Français des Sciences et Technologies des Transports, de l'Amenagement et de Réseaux (IFSTTAR). From 2016.
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Main Lines of Research

Line 1: Tuberculosis prevention and treatment adherence

Investigate the impact of the incorporation of new technologies and circuits to favor the control of TB transmission, treatment adherence and TB contact tracing (Farma TITL project, Video DOT, etc.). To describe the incidence and epidemiological characteristics of multidrug resistant TB and TB in people infected with HIV in Europe (Study groups: TB-Net and EuroTB are carrying out observational epidemiological studies to get a more accurate view of this illness). Develop network information tools with different people in charge of the control of TB in other European cities, which allow developing strategies of assistance and control of the disease most suitable for large cities. We participate in the group "TB in Big Cities" promoted by the European CDC and with which we have made a document of consensus on control strategies in large cities. Describe socio-demographic, epidemiological and clinical characteristic of certain vulnerable groups that suffers from TB such as children, immigrants, homeless, etc.

Line 2: HIV and other STI surveillance and control

Evaluation of interventions based on reducing diagnostic delay of HIV and other sexual transmitted infections (STI): study of sexual contacts, especially vulnerable groups (men who have sex with men, immigrant population) and offers the HIV and STI tests. The aims are: 1. To offer the HIV test, and other STIs for men who have sex with men and other users of gays saunas, 2. To increase the vaccination coverage of hepatitis A and B in this group, 3. To improve the awareness of the users and workers of the saunas about the risk of exposing themselves to situations that favor the transmission and the need to take prevention measures and facilitate the access of preventive materials for HIV/STI/Hepatitis, 4. To involve entrepreneurs and employees of these centers in the implementation of this initiative. 5. To inform about access to other prevention services outside of saunas.

Line 3: Research in other notifiable diseases

It focuses on the study of the temporal evolution and transmission patterns of parotiditis, pertussis, other STI, epidemic outbreaks and other emerging diseases, both in Spanish and Foreign-born. The aims are: 1. To describe the epidemiological pattern of these diseases in the last 10 years with the objective of detecting possible changes during the period 2014-2018 and its relationship with the

economic crisis. We always try to strengthen the prevention and control measures in order to prevent the appearance of new cases. 2. To describe the temporal evolution of measles and parotiditis in relation to the systematic vaccination policies developed in Catalonia. 3. To investigate the transmission lines during the epidemic measles periods promoting the identification of strains due to molecular epidemiology. 4. To investigate the lines of transmission of pertussis during periods of epidemic in order to establish the discussion about different strategies for preventing the disease. 5. To investigate the sources of infection and the intrafamily secondary transmission rates of the pertussis, and establish the lines of transmission of pertussis within the family nucleus. 6. To know the epidemiological pattern of malaria in order to identify previously possible cases of autochthonous transmission of disease. 7. In hepatitis we are dealing with the European project, Hepscreen, which objective is to compare 2 strategies: passive (prevalence of infection is seen in immigrants who consult) and active (prevalences are studied from immigrants recruited by community health workers).

Line 4: Community health workers and notifiable disease control among foreign born patients

For more than fifteen years, we have a team of Community Health Workers (CHW) that acts as sociocultural mediators and translators. They are from six different regions worldwide and collaborate within the team of epidemiologists and public health nursing team. Based on a strategy of complementary profiles, they are responsible for carrying out accompaniment in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as TB, hepatitis or HIV in populations with language barriers or the risk of social exclusion (undocumented immigrants). With their cultural and idiomatic profile, can treat patients from Eastern Europe, Asian countries with high incidence of communicable diseases such as China and India, Latin American, Maghreb countries and of sub-Saharan Africa. The aims are: 1. To evaluate the impact of their intervention in prevention and control of communicable diseases (HIV, TB and STI) in immigrant, 2. To adapt and disseminate information for the prevention and the promotion of healthy habits 3. To increase knowledge of the risk factors among these groups, as well as adequate access to the Catalan health system. 4. To reinforce patient's social relations into the communities so that they can become a useful resource in the fight against HIV, other STI and TB.

Main Lines of Research	Line 5: Vaccine hesitancy To identify attitudes, beliefs, and knowledge about vaccines among the health care workers who are involved in the administration of systematic childhood vaccines in the public primary care setting in Barcelona, Spain. To describe and compare knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs regarding the vaccination calendar of pediatric primary care teams (doctors and nurses) and determine the factors associated with vaccine hesitancy in Barcelona in 2016-17. Line 6: Vector born transmitted diseases Arboviruses and other arthropod born disease such as malaria, are a group of diseases transmitted through arthropods. Many of them are capable of producing infection in humans. Some of the arboviruses such as West Nile Virus (WNV), Chikungunya (CHK), Dengue or Zika Virus (ZV) are emerging and have a high potential of generating epidemic outbreaks in European non-endemic countries. The threat of arbovirolosis emergence and re-emergence has created a risk scenario for global public health. ZV as CHK, dengue and WNV are mandatory notification diseases in Spain. Furthermore, in Barcelona an active epidemiological surveillance system is carried out based on a close relationship with the doctors in charge of imported diseases and in the electronic notification system for notification diseases. It is precisely this concern that has led several countries to adopt new protocols and procedures that adapt to these new situations to respond to this public health problem. After the diagnostic of the first cases of imported arbovirolosis in the city, it was seen that they could pose a risk to public health since A.albopictus is endemic in our setting. That is the reason why a system of active epidemiological and entomological surveillance of notifiable diseases records (EDO) for each detected case, has been implemented and the Epidemiology and Entomological Surveillance Service, both from the Public Health Agency of Barcelona are working very close for minimizing the risk of having an autochthonous case. The aims are: 1. To explain the epidemiological and entomological surveillance that took place against the vector born transmitted diseases. 2. To identify the possible areas if improvement in the procedures in order to control ZV and other emerging arbovirolosis that could be transmitted by local competent vectors.
Challenges	▶ Prevent sexually transmitted infections and other transmissible diseases. ▶ Evaluate HIV screening programs in gay saunas. ▶ Improve detection and research into causes of C hepatitis. ▶ Improve detection and control measures of outbreaks. ▶ Improve adherence of tuberculosis and latent tuberculosis infection. ▶ STD/HIV and TB contract tracing. ▶ Cost effective analysis on public health interventions. ▶ Describe the threats and improve the procedures of vector born transmitted diseases.
Collaborations	External Collaborations ▶ HEPSCREEN: Screening for hepatitis Project. http://hepscreen.eu/ ▶ CASCADE ▶ GEMES ▶ COHERE ▶ GESIDA: grupo de estudio del SIDA de la Sociedad Española de Enfermedades Infecciosas y Microbiología Clínica (SEIMC). http://gesida-seimc.org/ ▶ PII-TB SEPAR: Programa integrado de investigación en Tuberculosis de la Sociedad Española de Patología Torácica. ▶ AGAUR: Agència de gestió d'ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. http://agaur.gencat.cat/ca/inici ▶ TB-NET: Tuberculosis European Network. http://www.tb-net.org/ ▶ CIBERESP: CIBER of Epidemiology and Public Health. http://www.ciberesp.es/ ▶ UITB: Unitat d'Investigació en Tuberculosis de Barcelona.
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Transfer Products

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Main Lines of Research

Social class and geographical inequalities in health

- ▶ Study of health inequalities according to social class in Spain and worldwide.
- ▶ Exploitation of information at the census section level as the maximum disaggregation unit and at higher geographic aggregation levels such as the neighbourhood, town and region.

Gender Inequalities in Health

- ▶ Sexual division between productive and reproductive work (gender roles) and differences in male and female identities as the 2 main structural factors that generate gender inequalities in health.

Social and Political Determinants of Health and Their Impact on Policy Building and Interventions

- ▶ Evidence of the macroeconomic determinants of health inequalities between countries.
- ▶ The impact of the political context on the health of the population and the conclusion that countries with better developed welfare states have better levels of health.

Challenges

Health-Inequalities According to Different Inequality Axes

- ▶ Study of social determinants of health in terms of social class and gender, with the purpose of integrating these 2 axes and analysing inequalities among immigrants.
- ▶ Research into the impact of area of residence, especially smaller urbanized areas, on the health of the population.

Gender Inequalities in Health

- ▶ Further explore the theoretical framework and explanatory charts developed to guide comprehension of the gender determinants that affect health.

Social and Political Determinants of Health and Their Impact on Policy Building and Interventions

- ▶ Study the influence of policies on the health of populations and on social inequalities in health.

Sex and Reproductive Inequalities in Health

- ▶ Establish a line of research to investigate different aspects of sexual and reproductive health (sexuality, contraception, pregnancy, birth, miscarriage, abortion, birth rates, etc).

Awards

- ▶ Best Dissertation Award in Epidemiology and Public Health 2017 of the Sociedad Española de Epidemiología. Natalia López. Evolution of socioeconomic inequalities in mortality due to suicides in Barcelona during the period 2006-2016 (directed by Mercè Gotsens).

Transfer Products

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Collaborations

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- ▶ Fundacion Privada Instituto de Salud Global Barcelona (ISGLOB-AL) established in C Rosselló 132 planta 05, Barcelona 08036, Spain.
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Main Lines of Research

Epidemiology of Drug Consumption and Patterns of Use

- ▶ Estimating cocaine use incidence and consumption patterns.
- ▶ Estimating heroin incidence and consumption patterns.
- ▶ Estimating the prevalence of problematic cocaine, heroin and alcohol users.

Health Problems Associated with Drug Use

- ▶ Quality of life and psychiatric comorbidity in cocaine users.
- ▶ Service use in cocaine and alcohol users.
- ▶ Factors associated with cocaine addict and alcoholic retention in treatment programmes.
- ▶ Violent behaviour and aggressive attitudes in young cocaine consumers.

- ▶ Mortality and its determinants in cohorts with substance abuse disorders (alcohol, heroin and cocaine).
- ▶ Factors associated with acute health problems developing after cocaine and heroin use.
- ▶ Social and health discrepancies between immigrants and native drug users.

Health Policies

- ▶ Social inequalities in the evaluation of results and adherence to treatment.
- ▶ Infectious diseases related to drug use.
- ▶ Brief motivational intervention programs as a treatment alternative for teenage users of psychoactive substances.
- ▶ Role of the workplace in drug consumption.

Challenges

Epidemiology of Drug Consumption and Patterns of Use

- ▶ Determine incidence and patterns of cocaine use.
- ▶ Determine incidence and patterns of heroin use.
- ▶ Determine prevalence of cocaine, heroin and alcohol use.

Health Problems Associated with Drug Use

- ▶ Analyse aggressive and violent attitudes and behaviour in young cocaine users.
- ▶ Assess quality of life in users with psychiatric comorbidity.
- ▶ Determine use of services among young heroin, cocaine and alcohol users.
- ▶ Analyse factors associated with retention in treatment programmes for cocaine and alcohol addiction.

- ▶ Assess mortality and its determinants in cohorts of alcohol and cocaine-dependent subjects.
- ▶ Analyse factors associated with acute health problems following cocaine use.
- ▶ Analyse differential social and health determinants among immigrant users of illegal drugs.

Health Policies

- ▶ Evaluate supervised drug consumption rooms and other policies to reduce harm.
- ▶ Study social inequalities in evaluating results and adherence to treatment.
- ▶ Evaluate brief motivational intervention programmes as an alternative to disciplinary measures in teenage users of psychoactive substances.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes (PI: Carlos Ariza)
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Cardiovascular disease prevention in primary care.
- ▶ Health promotion in primary care.
- ▶ Ageing.
- ▶ Hypertension.
- ▶ Diabetes.
- ▶ Immunization.

Challenges

- ▶ Cooperate with other research teams of the IIB Sant Pau.
- ▶ Cooperate with other European institutions in implementing projects on risk prevention and health promotion in primary care.
- ▶ Encourage research into medical ethics in family medicine training.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Services.
- ▶ Ageing Institute.
- ▶ Lipids and Cardiovascular Pathology Research, Sant Pau Hospital.
- ▶ Molecular Biology Laboratory, Fundació Puigvert.
- ▶ Agency of Public Health of Barcelona.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Ibermutuamur, a nationwide mutual company of workplace accidents that collaborates with the social security.

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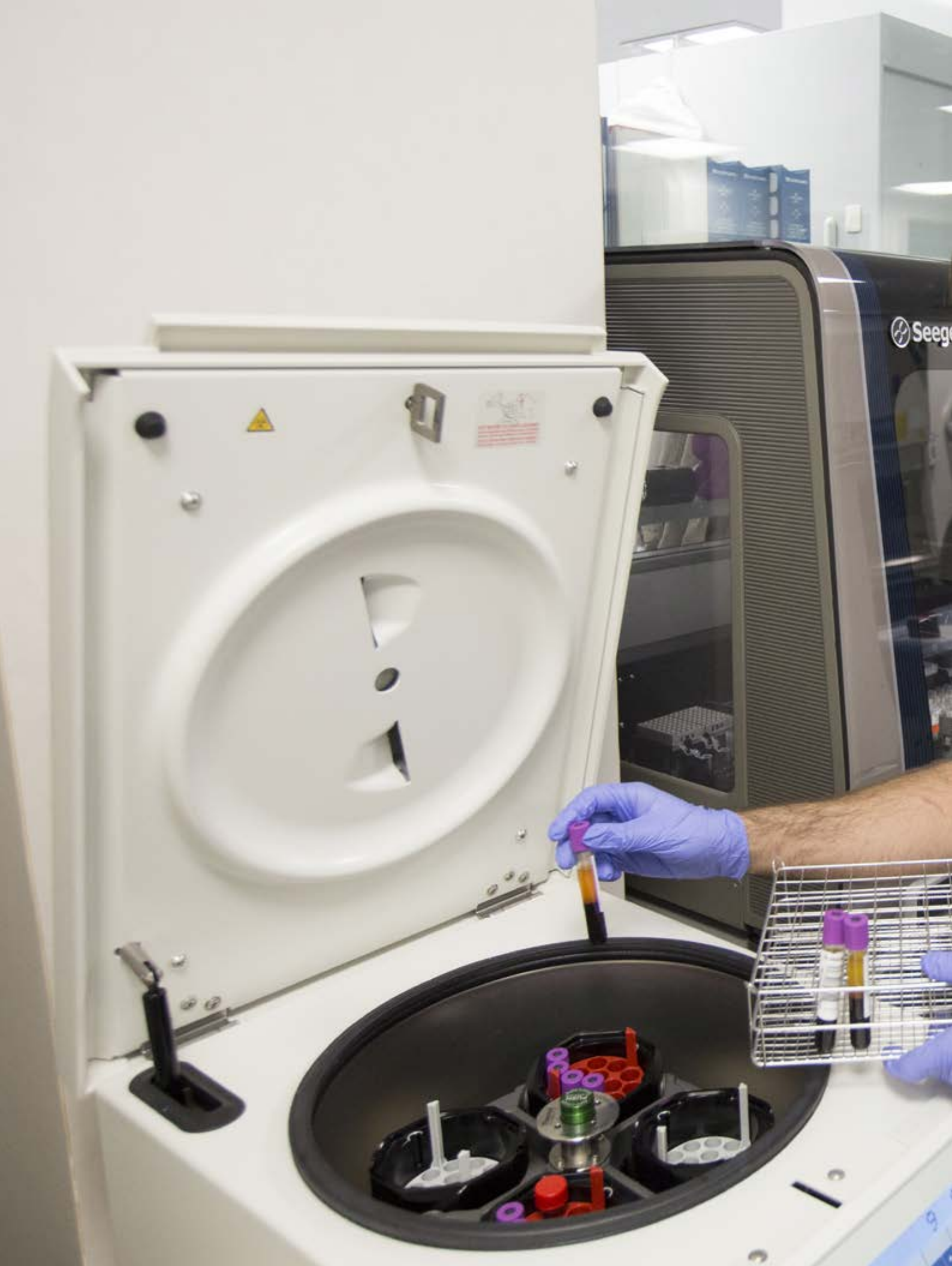
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Genomics of Complex Diseases



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Main Lines of Research

Complex Diseases and Epigenomics

Thrombosis Research:

- ▶ GAIT Project: Genetic Analysis of Idiopathic Thrombophilia
- ▶ RETROVE Project: Risk of Venous Thromboembolic Disease
- ▶ GOLIATH Project: Epigenomics of thrombosis

Research on Thrombosis and Cancer:

- ▶ OncoThromb Project: New biomarkers in Thrombosis and Cancer
- ▶ MIRTO Project: Modeling the Individual Risk of Thrombosis in Oncology

Osteoporosis: GAO Project

Aortic aneurysms: TAGA Project

Chronic Obstructive Disease: GEPOC Project

Genomics in Sports Medicine

Performance, effort and recovery:

- ▶ SUMMIT Project (Health in sport and its limits): Marathons and Ultras

Exposure to hypoxia in extreme environments:

- ▶ SHERPA_Everest'2017 Project

Bioinformatics

Analysis of data - patients of complex diseases:

- ▶ Salambó Project: Bioinformatics Platform

Challenges

- ▶ Analysis of Omics data (Genomics, transcriptomics, epigenomics) in the field of complex diseases with transversal and translational approach in cooperation with clinical groups.
- ▶ Identify new biomarkers (genetic, epigenetic and/or plasmatic) that determine the susceptibility to complex diseases.
- ▶ Identify new mechanisms involved in the development and progression of complex diseases.

- ▶ Development of predictive algorithms that integrate the genetic, biological and clinical information of the patients (Personalized Medicine).

The achievement of these objectives will directly affect the improvement of Diagnosis, Prognosis, Prevention and Treatment of diseases with complex genetic basis.

Active Grants

- ▶ José Manuel Soria Fernández, Sonia López Moreno. Identificación de Mecanismos de Regulación de la Expresión Génica (microRNAs) en la Enfermedad Tromboembólica Venosa. PI14/00582. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. 111,500.00 €.
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Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Thrombosis and Haemostasis, Dr. J.C. Souto: GAIT, MIRTO, RETROVE Projects.
- ▶ Internal Medicine, Dr. J. Casademont: GAO Project.
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation, Dr. J.R. Escudero, Dra. M. Camacho: TAGA, GAIT Projects.
- ▶ Neurology, Dr. J. Marti: MIRTO Project.
- ▶ Medical Oncology, Dr. Barnadas: MIRTO Project.
- ▶ Clinical Hematology, Dr. J. Sierra: MIRTO Project.
- ▶ Neumology, Dr. O. Sibila: SUMMIT, SHERPA Projects

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- ▶ Clinical Oncology Department, Hospital Gregorio Marañón, Madrid, Dr. A. Muñoz: ONCOTHROMB Project.
- ▶ Centre de Recerca en Enginyeria Biomèdica, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Dr. A. Perera: SUMMIT Project.
- ▶ Laboratory Haematology, Hospital Timone Marseille, France, Dr. P. Morange: GAIT, VEREMA Projects.

- ▶ Department of Genetic, University of Genève, Switzerland, Dr. M. Dermizakis and Dr Ana Viñuela: GAIT Project.
- ▶ Department of Cardiology, Karolinska Institut, Sweden, Dra. M. Sabater: GAIT Project.
- ▶ INSERM UMR_S1219 - Bordeaux Public Health Center. Bordeaux, France. Dr. DA. Tregouet: GAIT, VEREMA Projects.
- ▶ Haematology Department, Karolinska Hospital, Sweden, Dr. J. Odeberg: VEREMA Project.
- ▶ Institute of Biological Psychiatry, Sankt Hans Hospital. Roskilde, Denmark, Dr. A. Buil: Bioinformatics of Complex diseases, GAIT Project.
- ▶ Department of Internal Medicine. Clinical Department of Hematology and Hemostasis. University of Wien, Austria. Dra. Ingrid Pabinger. OncoThromb, MIRTO Projects.
- ▶ Ferrer Incode. Development of Genetic Diagnostics in Thrombosis.
- ▶ Leo-Pharma. Prediction of Thrombosis Risk in cancer patients.
- ▶ STAGO. Development of New Biomarkers in Thrombosis.
- ▶ Boehringer Ingelheim. Modeling the Individual Risk of Thrombosis in Oncology (MIRTO).

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- ▶ Maria Sabater Lleal. Identification of novel biomarkers and genetic pathways involved in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. CP17/00142(P). Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2018-2020. 99,000.00 €.
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Molecular Bases of Disease



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Main Lines of Research

Cancer

- ▶ Structural and functional analysis of the androgen receptor (AR). Design and structure-function characterization of AR homodimerization inhibitors.
- ▶ Analysis of mutations and SNPs that affect the TET2 gene and implications for hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasms.

Neurodegenerative Diseases

- ▶ Analysis of the structural bases of exon-7 exclusion from SMN2 and implications for the pathobiology of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA).

- ▶ Structural and functional investigations of the kinase, PINK1, and implications for Parkinson's disease.

Thrombosis and Haemostasis

- ▶ Structural and functional investigations of blood coagulation factors, with emphasis on thrombin interactions with physiological substrates (factor VIII and protease-activated receptors).

Lipid Metabolism and Dyslipidemias

- ▶ Bioinformatics analysis of STAP1 mutations identified in individuals with hypercholesterolemia.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate and extend research within the HSCSP Research Institute and the rest of the IIB Sant Pau in a context of limited access to financial support. To this end, the group needs to participate in at least one financed structure-and-function project in each of three major research areas (cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative diseases and cancer and innate immune responses).

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
- ▶ Haematological Diagnosis
- ▶ Genetic Diseases
- ▶ Molecular Physiology of the Synapse

External Collaborations

- ▶ Dra. Eva Estébanez-Perpiña, UBIB, Universitat de Barcelona
- ▶ Dr. Jun Xu, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China

Active Grants

- ▶ Pablo Fuentes Prior. Estudio de las interacciones de la trombina con sustratos e inhibidores y su aplicación al diseño de nuevos pro- y anticoagulantes. SAF2014-57994-R. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Duration: 2015-2018. 100,000.00 €.
- ▶ Pablo Fuentes Prior. A novel splicing therapeutic approach for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Daniel Bravo 2015. Fundación Privada Daniel Bravo-Andreu. Duration: 2016-2019. 157,717.00 €.

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Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modelling and Simulation



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- ▶ Population pharmacokinetic analysis aimed at establishing the pharmacokinetic characteristics of drugs and at differentiating and quantifying the degree of intra- and inter-variability.
- ▶ Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic analysis of continuous response aimed at the analysis of effects (in the presence or absence of drugs) where the variable being evaluated changes values gradually.
- ▶ Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic analysis of non-continuous response for responses most frequently observed in

clinical practice, such as categorical responses, survival, frequency and censored responses.

- ▶ Simulation of clinical trials and therapeutic dosage selection aimed at assisting with the design of clinical trials to help the development of new drugs (for pharmaceutical companies) and at improving the design of clinical trials (basic research and non-profit clinical studies) and to help in applications of daily clinical practice.

Challenges

- ▶ Maintain existing external cooperation agreements.
- ▶ Establish new cooperation agreements within the Research Institute of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau.
- ▶ Generate sufficient financial resources to maintain and expand group staffing.
- ▶ Communicate the group's activities.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Human Neuropsychopharmacology and Psychiatry. Active grant PI16/00078. Principal investigators: Jordi Riba and Enrique Álvarez. Title: Efectos de un análogo de la ayahuasca sobre el procesamiento emocional en pacientes con Trastorno Límite de la Personalidad. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Total amount: 56,265 €
- ▶ Pharmacological Research in Humans.
- ▶ Pharmacy service. Developing the project "population pharmacokinetics of busulfan".
- ▶ Epidemiology and Traumatology Services: Developing the project "pharmacokinetics of tranexamic acid".

External Collaborations

- ▶ Lluita Contra la SIDA Foundation, Germans Trias i Pujol Hospital, Badalona, Spain.
 - Active grant: "Efficacy and safety of the HIVcons vaccine with romidepsine in the reduction of the virus reservoir and the viral control after stopping cART. Population PK/PD analysis". Fondo de investigación sanitaria (Instituto Carlos III). (PI15/). Beatriz Mothe/José Moltó, Investigator responsible at Sant Pau (Marta Valle)
 - Developing the project: "Population pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir in HIV infected patients"
- ▶ Pharmacy Service, Hospital Quiron, Mallorca, Spain. Developing the PhD thesis: "Antimicrobial use in a small-medium size hospital"
- ▶ Department of Pharmacology, Torino University, Italy. Developing the project: "population pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir in HIV infected patients"
- ▶ Department of oncology. Hospital Valle Hebrón. Developing the PhD thesis: "Pharmacokinetics of oncologic drugs in patients with hepatic or renal impairment"

Active
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- Marta Valle Cano. Targeted nanoconjugates for the selective elimination of stem cells in disseminated cancer. PIE15/00028. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2016-2018. 82,640.00 €.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Bioprocessing for cell and tissue production.
- ▶ Regeneration of locomotor systems.
- ▶ Stem cell therapy for the lymphohaematopoietic system.
- ▶ Stem cell therapy for multiple sclerosis.

Challenges

- ▶ Create a section within the Blood and Tissue Bank (BST) with the structure of a pharmaceutical enterprise, capable of developing, trialling, registering and commercializing advanced therapeutic drugs.

Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ Phase III, randomised, open-label, multi-centre trial of ruxolitinib versus the best therapy available in patients with chronic corticosteroid-refractory graft-versus-host disease after allogeneic stem cell transplantation. Novartis. 2016-004432-38. Duration: 2017-2018. (Isabel Sanchez Ortega, ICO)
- ▶ Prospective, randomised trial comparing spinal fusion in patients with degenerative pathology of the lumbar spine, using autologous mesenchymal cells immobilised in human bone particles, with respect to the autologous iliac crest graft from the patient. Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad. EC10-209. Duration: 2012- 2018. (Bagó Granell, Hospital Vall d'Hebron)
- ▶ Transplantation of autologous bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells as a potential therapeutic strategy for the treatment of multiple sclerosis. Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad. EC10-266. Duration: 2012-2018. (Xavier Montalbán Gairin, Hospital Vall d'Hebron)
- ▶ Autologous cell therapy with adult stem cells in osteonecrosis of the femoral head. Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad. EC10-208. Duration: 2012 to 2018. (Màrius Aguirre Canyadell, Hospital Vall d'Hebron)
- ▶ Phase I / IIA pilot clinical safety and efficacy trial in the repair of meniscus injury by infiltration of autologous mesenchymal cells. Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad. EC11-436. Duration: 2012-2017. (Joan Carles Monllau Garcia, ICATME)
- ▶ Phase IIa, single-centre, prospective, randomised, parallel, two treatment arm,

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- ▶ Sergi Querol Giner (BST)
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- ▶ Luciano Rodríguez Gómez. Validation of manufacturing and quality control, according to good manufacturing practices of a tissue engineering drug for the treatment of myocardial injury after infarction. BST. I.2017.041. Duration: 2017-2018.
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- ▶ Ruth Coll Bonet. Safety of a double infusion of Wharton's jelly mesenchymal stem cells in spinal cord injury. BST. I.2017.052. Duration: 2017-2020.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Tissue procurement, clinical application, ethics and regulation.
- ▶ Tissue decellularization approaches for clinical applications.
- ▶ Cell-based therapy for ocular diseases.
- ▶ 3D bioimpression and biocompatible substrates.
- ▶ Ex-vivo cell expansion for regenerative purposes.

Challenges

- ▶ Optimization and improvement of technical procedures related to the donor and tissues.
- ▶ Advances in the elaboration of criteria, regulation and ethics for donor and tissues.
- ▶ Technical excellence related to the processing cells, tissues and advanced therapies medical products (ATMP).
- ▶ The development of new approaches and ATMPs for regenerative medicine.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Service of Ophthalmology (José Antonio Buil / Zoraida del Campo)
- ▶ Service of Traumatology (Pablo Gelber)
- ▶ Service of Gynecology & Obstetric (Oriol Porta, Elisa Llurba)

External Collaborations

National

- ▶ University of Barcelona, Department of Surgery and Medical-Surgical Specialties
- ▶ University of Barcelona, Biophysics and Bioengineering Unit
- ▶ Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC)
- ▶ Center of Regenerative Medicine (CMR), Barcelona

- ▶ Center of Genomic Regulation (CRG), Barcelona
- ▶ Image Diagnostic Institute (IDI), Barcelona
- ▶ Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR)
- ▶ Advanced Therapies Committee – Hospital Clínic de Barcelona
- ▶ ICREC Group - Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol (Badalona)

International

- ▶ National Health Service Blood and Tissue (Liverpool, UK)
- ▶ Veneto Eye and Multitissue Bank (Mestre-Treviso, Italy)
- ▶ Irish Blood and Tissue Bank (Dublin, Ireland)
- ▶ Croatia National Tissue Bank (Zagreb, Croatia)
- ▶ EFS-National Blood Service (Paris, France)

Awards

- ▶ Ricardo P Casaroli-Marano: Professor Joaquín Barraquer Price, Catalonia Royal Academy of Medicine. Barcelona 2017.
- ▶ Ricardo P Casaroli-Marano: Special Visiting Researcher, program "Science Without Frontiers", National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq, Brazil). Grant 401096/2014-9 (Mar 2015-Mar 2019).

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Emerging Processes in Prevalent Diseases



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Main Lines of Research

Emerging Processes in Prevalent Diseases

- ▶ Study and analysis of processes frequently observed in emergency departments so as to transfer the results to clinical practice and provide better care to patients.

Clinical Organization and Management (Mireia Puig and Josep Ris)

- ▶ Patient safety and emergency service quality. PI: Maite Álvarez.
- ▶ Nosocomial infection. PI: Albert Mauri.
- ▶ Short-stay unit. PI: J.M. Guardiola.
- ▶ Undergraduate teaching. PI: J.A. Montiel.

Organ Donation and Coordination (Francisco Caballero and Jesús Leal)

Respiratory System Disorders (Salvador Benito)

- ▶ Acute Respiratory Failure. PI: A. Moliné.
- ▶ Ventilatory pattern analysis in heart failure. PI: Sergio Herrera.
- ▶ Pneumonia in the emergency department. PI: Miriam Mateo.

- ▶ Noninvasive ventilation. PI: Miquel Turbau.
- ▶ Pulmonary embolism. PI: Laura Lozano.

Cardiovascular System (Miquel Santaló)

- ▶ Acute coronary syndrome PI: Ivan Díaz.
- ▶ Acute coronary syndrome in women. PI: Marta Blázquez.
- ▶ Ultrasensitive markers in acute coronary syndrome. PI: Aitor Alquézar.
- ▶ Cardiac failure. PI: Miguel Rizzi.
- ▶ Supraventricular arrhythmias. PI: Olga Trejo.

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- ▶ Diabetes care in emergency departments. PI: Iván Agra.
- ▶ Infection in emergency departments. PI: J.M. Guardiola.
- ▶ Sepsis syndrome. PI: Ivan Díaz.
- ▶ Elderly patients. PI: Leopoldo Higa.
- ▶ Sexes transmitted disease. PI: Montse Seres.
- ▶ Haematology disease. PI: Marta Blázquez.

Active Grants

- ▶ Miquel Turbau Valls. Training stage at Fundació de Medicina Tropical Doutor Heitor Vieira Dourado de Manaus. IR16-E2. Fundació Privada Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau. Duration: 2017-2017. 1,200.00 €.

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Awards

- ▶ Prize Best in Class 2017 for the best Emergency Service in patient care.
- ▶ Prize Unió Catalana d'Hospitals en Innovació en Gestió 2017 for the Program of Attention to the Fragility of the Emergency Service.
- ▶ Finalist of the Excellence Award for Leadership and Management in Healthcare category of the 2017 International Awards of the International Hospital Federation, 41st IHF World Hospital Congress.
- ▶ Prize Mutuam Conviure 2017 to the best research project: Atenció Geriàtrica Integral en un Servei d'Urgències Hospitalari. Repercussió sobre la salut dels pacients i la gestió de fluxos després de la implantació a Urgències i la Unitat d'Estada Curta.
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Main Lines of Research

External beam radiotherapy

- ▶ Characterization of various in vivo dose measurement detectors for radiation therapy treatments with intensity modulation (IMRT).
- ▶ Validation of dose calculation algorithms for external beam radiotherapy planning systems.

- ▶ Optimization of QA procedures for IMRT, stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) and gating respiratory treatments.
- ▶ Skin dose in IMRT and SBRT techniques.

Radiology

- ▶ Evaluation of a digital scatter correction for bedside chest radiographs.

Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ Grup d'estudis citogenètics i moleculars dels efectes de les radiacions ionitzants i del càncer. 2017 SGR 255. UAB. Joan Francesc Barquiner (IP), HSCSP: Pablo Carrasco, Montserrat Ribas, Teresa Eudaldo, Núria Jornet, Artur Latorre, Agustín Ruiz, Paula Delgado, Carla Cases, P. Itziar Valverde. 2017-2019.

- ▶ Institut de Tècniques Energètiques de Catalunya (INTE), UPC. Ongoing research and knowledge transfer projects: development of thermoluminescence in vivo dosimetry for external beam radiotherapy use. Application of the Monte Carlo simulation method for radiation transport in a clinical environment and especially for testing and improving treatment planning systems algorithms used in external beam radiation therapy.

Active Grants

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Erythropoietin as an alternative to transfusion in paediatrics.
- ▶ Clinical application of peritoneal drainage in the treatment of enterocolitis in infants.
- ▶ Chronic functional constipation: treatment with PEG.
- ▶ Creation of a Catalan diagnostic and clinical monitoring network for rare anaemias due to major haemoglobinopathies.
- ▶ Minimal residual disease in risk assessment in the treatment of children with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in the SHOP protocol (in collaboration with the HSCSP Haematology Department).

Challenges

- ▶ Transplant haematopoietic progenitor cells from alternative donors.
- ▶ Make pre-implant genetic diagnoses.
- ▶ Transplant haematopoietic progenitor cells in congenital immunodeficiencies.
- ▶ Transplant haematopoietic progenitor cells in congenital metabolic pathologies.
- ▶ Research congenital immunodeficiencies.
- ▶ Research Fanconi anaemia (group recognized by the UAB, Barcelona).
- ▶ Apply adaptive cell immunotherapy to tumours.
- ▶ Intervention in postasphyxia neuronal damage in infants with asphyxia by applying therapeutic hypothermia (in the context of a Catalan network).
- ▶ Polytraumatized patient care programme. PPT implementation code in HSCSP and in CatSalut central register.
- ▶ Implement a multidisciplinary institutional massive transfusion protocol in the HSCSP.

Collaborations

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External Collaborations

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- ▶ Workgroup of the Guía de Práctica Clínica sobre Manejo del Paciente con Reflujo Vesicoureteral primario o esencial. Guía de Práctica Clínica. Manejo del Paciente con Reflujo Vesicoureteral primario o esencial. Actualización. Asociación Española de Nefrología Pediátrica. 2014.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Optimization of the functional rehabilitation of patients after cataract surgery using multifocal intraocular lens, and evaluation of vision quality in terms of parameters such as visual acuity, sensitivity to contrast and aberrometry.
- ▶ Ocular repercussions of allogeneic medullary transplants and evaluation of the different clinical manifestations and response to treatment in graft-versus-host disease.
- ▶ Comparison of the effectiveness and safety of intravitreal injection of ranibizumab vs laser photocoagulation in patients with visual alteration due to diabetic macular edema.

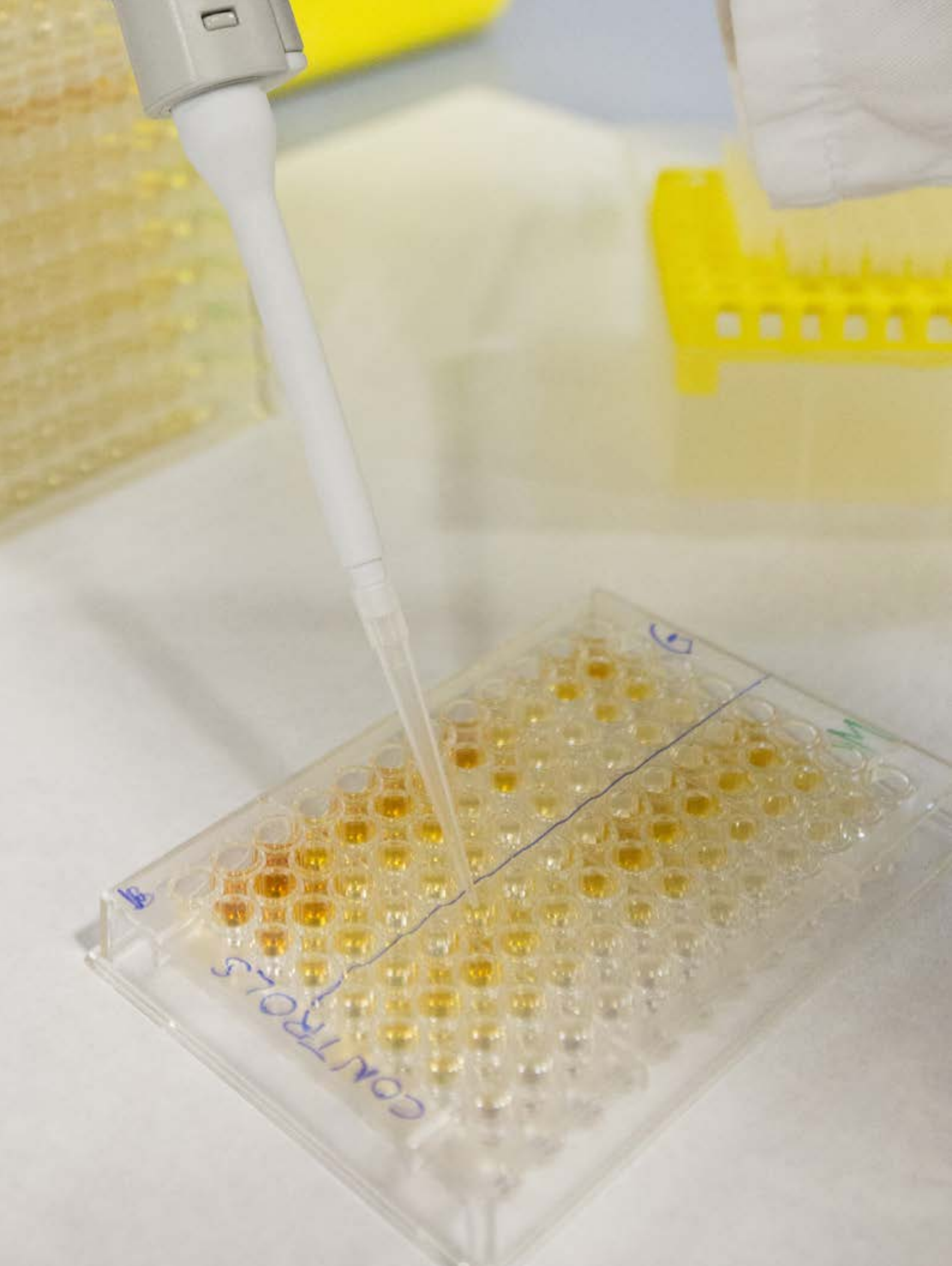
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Main Lines of Research

Oncology

- ▶ New diagnostic methods based on the identification and visualization of molecular targets employing metabolic mechanisms, receptor systems, hypoxia, angiogenesis and apoptosis.
- ▶ New applications for sentinel node detection and radioguided surgery models.

Cardiovascular Research

- ▶ New methods for non-invasive assessment of ischaemic heart disease and heart failure.

- ▶ Cardiovascular functional studies.
- ▶ New methods for assessing cardiac innervation.

Functional Neuroimaging

- ▶ Development of new functional imaging methods for evaluating neurodegenerative diseases (Parkinson, Parkinson-Plus, Alzheimer, MCI).
- ▶ Dopaminergic system studies using IBZM and Datscan.

Challenges

- ▶ Introduce new technologies to clinical research (given that imaging techniques are evolving very rapidly towards multimodal systems that integrate biological, molecular, anatomical and functional information in a single examination) and include these technologies, mainly PET/CT and PET/MR, in the group and hospital's research activities.

building on pre-clinical and clinical molecular imaging models developed using

- ▶ SPECT and conventional nuclear medicine technologies.

PET Imaging Biomarkers

- ▶ Develop new PET radioactive tracers to be used as biomarkers in new imaging technologies building on our experience with radioactive tracers to view in vivo diagnostic and therapeutic targets.

New Molecular Imaging Techniques

- ▶ Develop new hybrid molecular imaging technologies, mainly PET/CT and PET/MR,

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Neuroradiology: research into neurological and mental disorders and ageing (Dr. Camacho, member).
- ▶ Oncology, Gynaecology, Surgery, Radiology, Radiotherapy, Nuclear Medicine and Pathology: evaluation of the usefulness of PET CT with 18F-FDG in the staging of locally advanced breast carcinoma (Dr. Duch, PI).
- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (Dr. Carrió, member).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. Molecular imaging (Prof. Hong Zhang, Prof. Mei Tian).
- ▶ Hospital Clínico Universitario de Chile, Santiago de Chile. (Prof. P.Gonzalez, Prof. T. Massardo).
- ▶ QIMP team, Center of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria. (Prof. T. Beyer).

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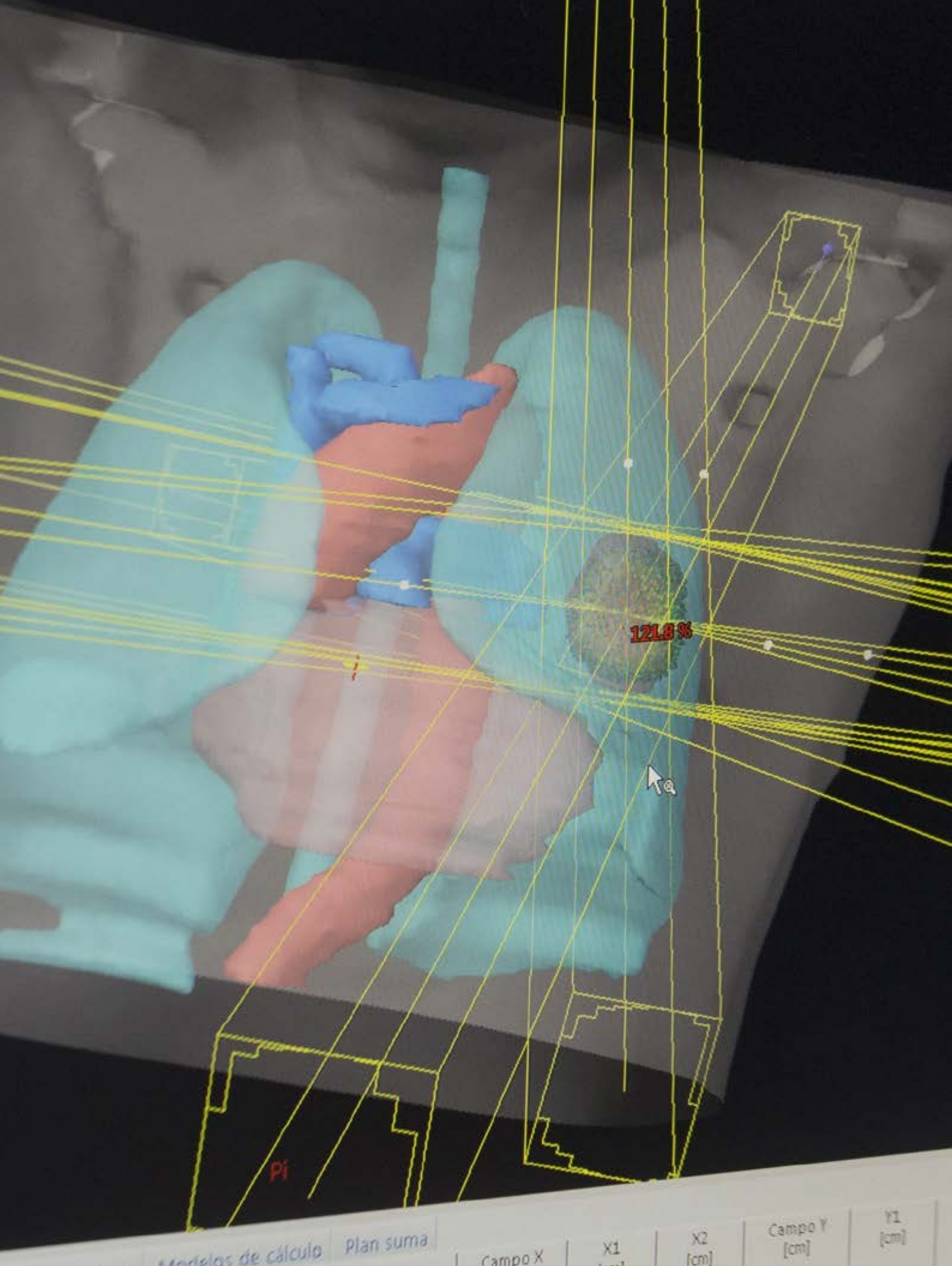
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Main Lines of Research

Acute Respiratory Failure and Artificial Ventilation

- ▶ Non-invasive ventilation.
- ▶ New ventilation modes: proportional-assist ventilation and NAVA.
- ▶ Prone decubitus in acute respiratory dysfunction syndrome (ARDS).
- ▶ Artificial ventilation withdrawal.
- ▶ Expert ventilation systems.
- ▶ Sleep and artificial ventilation.
- ▶ Early and active mobilization of the critical patient.
- ▶ Extracorporeal CO₂ removal in ARDS patients.
- ▶ High-flow oxygen administration by nasal cannula in postextubation phase.
- ▶ Prevalence of drug interactions in critical care unit.

Study of the Usefulness of New Biomarkers in Critically Ill Patients

- ▶ BNP in weaning from mechanical ventilation.
- ▶ Use of the NGAL protein in the renal prognosis of critically ill patients.
- ▶ Strict control of blood glucose in critically ill patients.
- ▶ Prophylaxis of acute gastric mucosal injury in critically ill patients.
- ▶ Study of the haemodynamic effects of different antipyretic drugs in critically ill patients.
- ▶ Influence of position change to supine decubitus position in intra-abdominal pressure.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate clinical and physiological research into ventilation in critically ill patients through multicentre and multinational networking.
- ▶ Create a stable and well-trained group of researchers in this discipline.

Collaborations

Collaboration with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Pharmacological Research in Humans.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Pharmaceutical care
- ▶ Clinical epidemiology and public health
- ▶ Artificial nutrition
- ▶ Pharmaceutical formulation
- ▶ Oncohaematology
- ▶ Independent clinical trials

Challenges

- ▶ Evaluate the impact of different pharmaceutical care programmes on the effectiveness and the safety of pharmacological treatments: personalized medicine (clinical pharmacokinetics & pharmacogenetics), health education, medication reconciliation, identification and prevention of drug related health problems, m-Health and e-Health.
- ▶ Use of clinical epidemiology to gain evidence in patient care: association between risk factors and health outcomes, study of drug interactions, adherence to medication, assessment of regular clinical practice.
- ▶ Evaluate the impact of artificial nutrition on the clinical evolution of patients.
- ▶ Study the stability of cytostatics in different pharmaceutical forms.
- ▶ Determine the stability and the PK-PD of protein nanoparticles with antimetastatic activity.
- ▶ Actively cooperate in independent clinical trials performed in Sant Pau.

Collaborations

Collaboration with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs- CIBER-BBN
- ▶ Clinical Haematology
- ▶ Medical Oncology
- ▶ Intensive Care Medicine
- ▶ Emergency
- ▶ Cardiology
- ▶ Infectious Diseases (HIV)
- ▶ Genetics

External Collaborations

- ▶ Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Bioingeniería, Biomateriales y Nanomedicina (CIBER-BBN). Instituto de Salud Carlos III.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Biologic therapy in dermatology.
- ▶ Genome-wide association studies in psoriasis.
- ▶ Medical and physical treatment options for vascular tumours.
- ▶ Psychopathological studies of patients with chronic dermatological disorders.
- ▶ Innate and acquired immunity-mediated dermatological diseases.

Challenges

- ▶ Ensure a stable clinical research infrastructure and staff.
- ▶ Foster interdepartmental collaborative research.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders.
- ▶ Inflammatory Diseases

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Main Lines of Research

Perioperative medicine

- ▶ Epidemiologic and clinical studies of perioperative morbidity and mortality in collaboration with the Epidemiology Department of HSCSP and external scientific organisations.
- ▶ Cost-benefit study of cardiac surgery in patients older than 80 years.
- ▶ Prevalence of postoperative pain.
- ▶ Prediction of cronification of postoperative pain.

Rationalization of perioperative fluid therapy and blood products

- ▶ Improvement of efficiency of masive transfusions.
- ▶ Monitoring of critical perioperative coagulopathy.
- ▶ Identification and recovery from preoperative anaemia.

- ▶ Study of the prevalence of perioperative transfusions.
- ▶ Monitoring of perioperative fluid therapy.

New health service delivery systems

- ▶ Improvement of perioperative care of patients with knee fracture.
- ▶ Optimization of preoperative evaluations in cataract surgery.
- ▶ Professional team preoperative evaluations.
- ▶ Zero preoperative stay.

Physiology, pharmacology and anaesthetic techniques

- ▶ Intraoperative respiratory physiology.
- ▶ Management of preoperative anxiety in Pediatric Anesthesia and Surgery.
- ▶ Improvement of intraoperative hypothermia in general surgery

Challenges

- ▶ Critical analysis of new clinical technologies.
- ▶ Patient blood management.
- ▶ Perioperative medicine.
- ▶ Development of new health service systems.
- ▶ Clinical and preclinical research into physiology, pharmacology and anaesthetic/analgesic techniques.

Active Grants

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External Collaborations

- ▶ POPULAR (Postanesthesia PULmonary complications After use of muscle Relaxants in Europe), multicentre observational study. European Society of Anaesthesiology (ESA).
- ▶ Analysis of the Hemostatic Potential of Coagulation Factor Concentrates in an In Vitro Model of Extreme Hemodilution. Heimburg Grant.

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- ▶ Collaboration in Competitive, International and Multicenter Study titled HIP- ATTACK (Hip fracture accelerated surgical care and Treatment Track)- Population Health Research Institute. Hamilton General Hospital Canada CEIC 15/294 - Population Health Research Institute. Hamilton General Hospital Canada. NCT 01661101.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Application of imaging techniques for intraoperative studies of perforator vessels with the aim to improve the design of flaps, evaluate the suitable blood perfusion and the viability of the flaps avoiding secondary postoperative complications secondary to vascular supply problems.
- ▶ Anatomical studies of the variability of perforator vessels in the following regions: internal mammary artery, inferior epigastric system and internal superficial circumflex system.
- ▶ Study of the perioperative and postoperative factors that influence on the viability of the microsurgical free flaps.
- ▶ Research by indocyanine green angiography of the concept of vascular blood balance after the dissection of a perforator flap.
- ▶ Research by indocyanine green angiography of the relationship between the different anatomical patterns of lymphatic vessels in the upper extremity and its readiness to develop lymphedema in the affected breast cancer patients.
- ▶ Feasibility of the research in animal models of major surgical and nonsurgical techniques existing today to treat secondary lymphatic insufficiency: fat transplant of autologous stem cells, stem cell transplantation autologous from bone marrow, lymphatic-venous anastomosis, free flap of vascularised autologous lymph nodes.
- ▶ Lymphangiogenesis studies in a comparative animal model between transplantation of adipose tissue stem cells vs bone marrow stem cells, lymphatic-venous anastomoses and transplantation of vascularized lymph nodes for lymphoedema treatment.
- ▶ Research in an experimental animal model on lymphangiogenesis and regeneration of the lymphatic system after a model of obstructive lymphoedema.
- ▶ Imaging studies using lymphography and indocyanine green, as well as lympho-magnetic resonance techniques.

Challenges

- ▶ Improvement of the preoperative planning of perforator flaps with the help of advances in imaging techniques and knowledge of anatomy.
- ▶ Consolidate and optimize preoperative management techniques for locating the most suitable perforating vessels for each microsurgical flap.
- ▶ Minimize intra- and postoperative complications in perforator flaps using new imaging techniques to visualize intraoperatively patterns of vascularisation of the flaps and vascular blood supply dominance.
- ▶ Lymphedema prevention in those patients with mastectomy in which we perform searching procedures of sentinel node and/or axillaries lymph node dissections using new techniques of surgical treatment for this disease (lymphatic venous anastomosis, transfer of vascularised lymph nodes).
- ▶ Identification by indocyanine green angiography for those patients affected with breast cancer with a major risk of developing secondary lymphedema.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Advances in imaging techniques and therapy in muscle dystrophies: evaluation and treatment of the fibrosis. FISS. Clinical trial in conjunction with the Department of Neurology.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Reporting clinical outcomes of prepectoral Braxon-assisted breast reconstruction: A 2-year Retrospective European Audit.
- ▶ A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study with an open-label extension to evaluate the efficacy and safety of SRP-4045 and SRP-4053 in Patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy sponsored by Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.

Active Grants

- ▶ Josep Jaume Masia Ayala. Modelo experimental comparativo entre trasplante de células madre de tejido adiposo/médula ósea, anastomosis linfaticovenosas, trasplante de ganglios vascularizados en el linfedema. PI13/02793. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2018. 29,000.00 €.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Symptom evaluation and control: pain, dyspnoea, cognitive failure, complex situations.
- ▶ End-of-life ethical issues: sedation, expression of a desire for death, euthanasia.
- ▶ Psychosocial care for patients and families: adaptation to the terminal situation, grief, spiritual needs.
- ▶ Training in palliative care: training needs, outcomes.
- ▶ Art therapy.

Challenges

- ▶ Psychosocial care for patients and families.
- ▶ Counselling and hospital sensitization.
- ▶ Quality evaluation and control.
- ▶ Symptom evaluation and control.
- ▶ Integrated care: analysis and care of end-of-life emotional, social and spiritual dimensions and adequate ethical reflection in decision making.

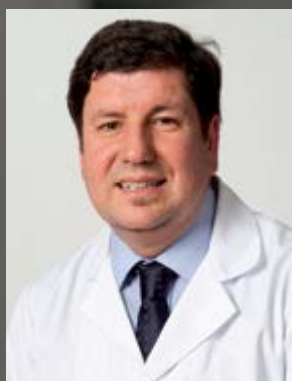
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- ▶ Oscar Fariñas Balaguer. Ampliació criteri edat al·loempelts tendinosos. CONVENI BST 2017-1. Banc de Sang i Teixits. Duration: 2017-2018. 27,000.00 €.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Genetics applied to male infertility.
- ▶ Male fertility preservation in oncological patients.
- ▶ Optimisation of preimplantation genetics diagnosis and in vitro fertilization techniques.
- ▶ Clinical research into new surgical procedures, drugs and medical devices applied to andrological diseases and conditions (male sexual dysfunction, hypogonadism, Peyronie disease, premature ejaculation, sexually transmitted diseases).

Challenges

Our multidisciplinary team of professionals develops translational research in the field of diagnosis and treatment of andrological disorders. To improve our knowledge and thereby improve healthcare for patients, we seek to continue active projects, develop new lines of investigation, increase the number of interna-

tional publications, train professionals and enhance collaboration with hospital and university groups inside and outside the IIB Sant Pau.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Nephrology Group.
- ▶ Urology Group.
- ▶ Gynecological Group.

External Collaborations

National

- ▶ Medical and Molecular Genetics Centre (RI)-IDIBELL: genetics applied to infertility.
- ▶ Cellular Biology and Medical Genetics Unit-UAB: preimplantation genetic diagnosis techniques.

International

- ▶ Mario Serio Experimental and Clinical Biomedical Sciences Unit, University of Florence: genetics applied to male infertility.
- ▶ Reproductive Genomics Laboratory, Human Genetics Centre (KU Leuven): genetics applied to male infertility.
- ▶ New England Research Institutes: hypogonadism.
- ▶ European Academy of Andrology: radiology examinations of the male genital tract.

Private

- ▶ Participation in clinical studies including clinical trials and postauthorization studies sponsored by national and international pharmaceutical companies.

Active Grants

- ▶ Csilla Gabriella Krausz . Estudio genético y genómico de subtipos específicos de azoospermia secretora: desarrollo de nuevas herramientas diagnósticas y pronósticas. PI14/01250. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. 86,500.00 €.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Tissue engineering applied to urological oncology and congenital urogenital malformations.
- ▶ Genetic and immunohistochemistry analyses applied to urological cancers (diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers in urine, blood and tissues).
- ▶ Clinical research of new surgical procedures, drugs and medical device products applied to urological oncology, kidney transplantation and benign urogenital pathology (e.g. incontinence, benign hyperplasia of the prostate, lithiasis).

Challenges

Translational research in the field of diagnosis and treatment of urological disorders. We seek to continue active projects, develop new lines of investigation, increase the number of international publications, train professionals and increase collaboration with hospital and university groups to improve our knowledge about kidney disorders and thereby improve healthcare for patients.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Nephrology: genetic predisposition to prostate cancer.
- ▶ Clinical Epidemiology and Healthcare: epidemiological studies of urological cancers.
- ▶ Clinical Oncology: detection of prognosis biomarkers for drug response in kidney cancer.

External Collaborations

National academic

- ▶ IDIBELL Molecular Genetics Laboratory: cystine lithiasis.
- ▶ CNIO: biomarkers in bladder cancer.
- ▶ National scientific societies (Spanish Urology Association, etc): clinical studies.

International academic

- ▶ Aarhus University Molecular Genetics Department: bladder cancer.
- ▶ International Robotic Cystectomy Consortium: robotic cystectomy.
- ▶ International Renal Cell Carcinoma-Venous Thrombus Consortium: renal-cava thrombus in kidney cancer.

Private national and international collaborations

- ▶ Clinical trials and postauthorization studies promoted by national and international pharmaceutical companies.

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Modulation of Radiosensitivity

- ▶ Modulation of radiosensitivity by SRC protein inhibitors in combination with anti-EGFR.
- ▶ Modulation of radiosensitivity by HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors in combination with anti-EGFR.

SBRT for Patients with Lung Cancer and with Oligometastases

- ▶ Stereotactic body radiotherapy techniques in radical treatment of patients with early-stage non-surgical lung cancer and selected patients with non-surgical oligometastases.

Radiation Therapy Based on PET/CT Functional Imaging of Tumours

- ▶ Implementation of planning techniques for radiotherapy treatment with PET/CT for chest locations and head and neck tumours squamous cell tumours.
- ▶ Image-guided radiotherapy and respiratory movement control.
- ▶ Salvage brachytherapy for local recurrence after external beam radiotherapy in prostate cancer.
- ▶ Hypofractionated intensity-modulated GRT in prostate cancer.

Challenges

- ▶ Establish relatively radioresistant cell lines compared with the parental cells from which they derive (by clonal selection).
- ▶ Determine the resistant phenotype in cultures and xenografts.
- ▶ Determine molecular radioresistance.
- ▶ Evaluate the effect on carcinomas of SRC and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors in combination with anti-EGFR.
- ▶ Explore signal transduction changes in the EGFR-MAPK pathway and SRC-EGFR/SRC-STAT3 cooperation induced by SRC and HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors.

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Main Lines of Research

Antiresorptives in Orthopedic and Trauma Surgery

- ▶ Effect of zoledronic acid (Aclasta) on peri-prosthetic bone mineral density in patients undergoing total knee arthroplasty. Study approved by the HSCSP ethics committee and authorized by the Spanish Medicines and Health Products Agency (AEMPS) for the out-of-context indication of Aclasta.

Knee

Haemostasis

- ▶ Blood loss control using tranexamic acid in primary prosthetic and knee revision surgery.
- ▶ Retrospective study of revision knee arthroplasty to compare the effects of intravenous tranexamic acid and normal haemostasis.
- ▶ Clinical trial comparing outcomes for intravenous tranexamic acid with fibrin glue (Tissucol) and normal haemostasis in primary knee prosthetic surgery.
- ▶ Observational study of blood loss in redon drainage over time in peritrochanteric hip fractures.
- ▶ Randomized multicenter parallel clinical trial in antiaggregated patients with proximal femur fracture that evaluates a strategy to shorten the time to surgery. AFFECT study.

Cartilage

- ▶ Regeneration of cartilage defects using tissue engineering and a matrix seeded with characterized allogeneic chondrocytes.

Cartilage

- ▶ Prospective study on fresh osteochondral allograft transplantation. CT, MRI and clinical outcomes.

Patella

- ▶ Prospective comparative study on patellar fractures. Metallic wiring versus suture fixation.

Meniscus

- ▶ Effect of normal and growth-factor-enriched cell cultures on the meniscal collagen network and glycosaminoglycan expression.
- ▶ In vitro experimental study of the feasibility of a polyurethane replacement meniscus pre-seeded with stem cells.
- ▶ Evolution of allogeneic meniscal transplants and relationship with extrusion.

Hip

- ▶ Coxarthrosis in young adults: etiological study of biomechanical factors.
- ▶ Biomechanics of coxarthrosis in young adults: finite element study.
- ▶ Influence of hip anatomy in early development of coxarthrosis: controlled, prospective radiographic study.
- ▶ Osteosynthesis with cannulated screws in non-displaced femoral neck fractures in elderly patients.
- ▶ Randomized clinical trial for capsular and rotator muscles suture in cemented bipolar hemiarthroplasties in patients with femur fracture.

Foot and Ankle

- ▶ Prospective randomized clinical trial for the surgical treatment of Achilles tendon ruptures: repair with mini-invasive technique vs open tenorrhaphy.

Upper Limb

- ▶ Anatomical study of stabilizing ligaments in the trapeziometacarpal joint: the role played by dorsoradial and anterior oblique ligaments in Bennett and Rolando fractures.
- ▶ Surgical treatment of middle-third clavicle fractures in high-energy trauma in young patients.
- ▶ Retrospective study of the use of vascularized bone graft using the 1,2-ICSR artery in the revascularization of proximal pole necrosis in scaphoid pseudarthrosis.

Awards

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Pain and Neurosciences



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Involvement of brain areas and release of substances in acute and chronic neuropathic pain.
- ▶ Sleep disturbance on initiating systemic opioid treatment in patients with severe chronic pain and altered sleep patterns.
- ▶ Influence epidural corticosteroids treatment by different approach on the effectiveness of the radicular pain due to herniated lumbar disc.
- ▶ Profile in terms of demographics, comorbidities, kind of pain, physical and mental status and disability of patient.
- ▶ Look for a local and non pharmacological treatment for elderly patients with pain.

Challenges

- ▶ Establish the possible differences in brain area involvement between acute and chronic pain.
- ▶ Determine the extent of chronic pain according to the involvement of different brain areas and if these alterations can improve with the relief of pain.
- ▶ Determine whether the intensity of chronic neuropathic pain assessed by the patient is correlated with the patient's psychopathology, essentially anxiety, depression and catastrophizing.
- ▶ Determine the profile of patients who would benefit from treatment with major systemic opioids in relation to night rest and establish the recommendable opioid.
- ▶ Establish the recommended opioid dose to start a treatment and how to remove them.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Psychiatry
- ▶ Anesthesiology
- ▶ Neurosurgery
- ▶ Neuroradiology

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Fall prevention and analysis of fall-related factors.
- ▶ Translation and validation of care evaluation questionnaires.
- ▶ Constipation and ageing.
- ▶ Quality of life related to nursing care.
- ▶ Development and application of health science methods: qualitative and qualitative methods, text analysis and discourse analysis.
- ▶ Patient satisfaction with nursing care.
- ▶ Attention to the family.
- ▶ Pain.

Challenges

- ▶ Strengthen implemented research lines and disseminate the results of active projects.
- ▶ Explore the impact of nursing care for patients, strategies for care improvement and the application of results in cure models.
- ▶ Improve the development and understanding of qualitative research in the context of the health sciences and disseminate qualitative methods and analyses of text and discourse as tools in health science research.
- ▶ Create the synergies necessary to consolidate the group's activities.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Collaboration with the Emergency group and Cardiology group to carry out the study: Gemma Berga, Adrian Marquez, Jonatan Valverde. Impact on reperfusion time after the elaboration and dissemination of an early diagnosis algorithm for acute myocardial infarction.
- ▶ Collaboration directing the final works of residence in resident nurses of mental health and paediatrics (2017) for Gemma Mas in:
 - Maria Pilar Rodríguez de Vera Escudero (R2 Mental Health). Mindfulness in parents of children with autism".

- Cristina Bonet Otero (R2 Paediatrics). Ulcers for pressure in ICU neonates.
- Paula Pasaro Fernández (R2 Paediatrics). Sexual education in children.
- José Alberto Tomé Pérez (R2 Mental Health). Prevalence of metabolic syndrome in patients with lithium treatment.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Collaboration with Hospital del Mar Research Institute (IMIM). Improving the therapeutic relationship in nursing care through the evidence multicentric study in Catalonia psychiatry units. Queralt Cebrià Morales.

Grants Awarded in 2017

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Awards

- ▶ Adrián Márquez López. Young Talent Award in the category of Specialized Nursing Assistance. Association Catalano-Balear Nurses.
- ▶ Jonatan Valverde. How does an ischemic coronary event influence sexual activity? Award Oral communication Primary author. 38th Congress of the Spanish Association of Nursing in Cardiology (AEEC). Barcelona, 2017.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Qualitative study of foetal motility by means of 2D ultrasound in fetuses with spinal muscular atrophy.
- ▶ Value of foetal nuchal translucency as a marker of neuromuscular diseases and other monogenic diseases.
- ▶ Usefulness of Doppler ultrasound of the umbilical artery during the second trimester as a discriminator of pregnancies at high risk of poor perinatal outcomes.
- ▶ Cutoff point for foetal pyelectasis as a nephrourologic pathology discriminator.
- ▶ Value of ultrasound in the control of foetal anaemia.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate a line of work with Sant Pau's genetics department concerning possible early clinical manifestations detectable using 2D and 4D ultrasound in fetuses affected by genetic diseases, particularly neuromuscular disorders, given that Sant Pau is a referral centre for a particular group of rare diseases.
- ▶ Screen for chromosomal abnormalities from the ultrasound and biochemistry points of view, investigating the potential usefulness of the markers used either alone or in combination as indicators of populations at risk of placental insufficiency.
- ▶ Investigate the usefulness of new technologies such as 3D power Doppler angiography of the placenta in the diagnosis and control of certain foetal diseases.

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Translational Molecular Oncology



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ In vitro and in vivo studies by genetic manipulation of putative biomarkers of prognosis in squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) in tumour progression, in radiotherapy and as potential therapeutic targets.
- ▶ Establishment of in vitro or in vivo models in leukomogenesis. Preclinical cancer models to study prognosis and alternative strategy of treatments in leukemia.

Challenges

- ▶ Evaluate survival pathways, DNA damage response and epithelial-mesenchymal transition involving the studied genes.
- ▶ Improve a mouse model of cancer, based on implantation of human primary tumour.
- ▶ Reinforce and encourage translational research in tumour progression through collaboration with internal and external research groups

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

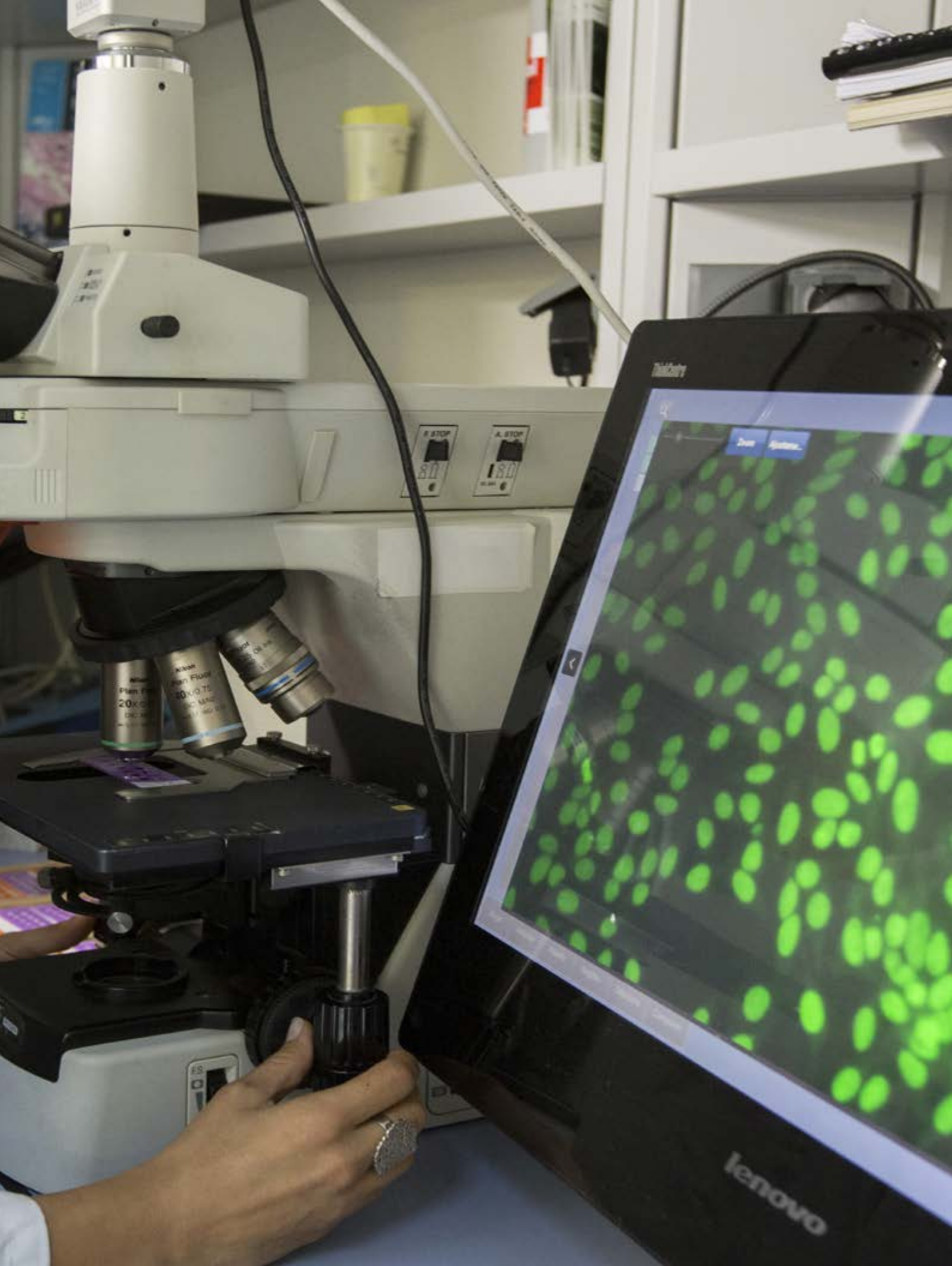
- ▶ Haematological Diagnosis (Josep Nomdedéu)
 - Establishment of "in vitro" and "in vivo" model of leukomogenesis.
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- ▶ Ear, Nose and Throat Cancers (Xavier Leon): studies of HNSCC.
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (Mercedes Camacho): studies of HNSCC.
- ▶ Implementation of Clean Room for advance therapeutic medicament production in collaboration with IR and BST (Elena Serrano, Jordi Virgili, Jaume Kulisevsky)

Active Projects

- ▶ Josep Francesc Nomdedéu Guinot, Matilde Parreño. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. PI/00940. Duration: 2017-2019. 80,465 €.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Cell signalling and checkpoints, Faculty of Medicine, IDIBAPS (Neus Agell and Montserrat Jaumot).
- ▶ Translational Research Laboratory, Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO) - IDIBELL (Alberto Villanueva): studies of mouse models.
- ▶ Master studies of Carlos Antoñón (Universitat de Barcelona) in the project: Designing of shRNA and production of lentiviral particles for gene infraexpression.
- ▶ PhD studies of Sabina Cisa from UAB Faculty of Medicine and Université Aix-Marseille (France)



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Off-pump coronary artery by-pass grafting surgery.
- ▶ Mitral repair surgery.
- ▶ Ascending aorta pathology.
- ▶ Pathogenesis of atrial fibrillation after cardiac surgery: electrophysiologic and mitochondrial analysis.
- ▶ Follow-up of sutureless aortic valve prosthesis: Perceval S.
- ▶ Follow-up of surgical check-list implementation.
- ▶ Use of erythropoietin before cardiac surgery.
- ▶ Participation in VISION study (Vascular events In Surgery patients cOHort evaluation)-Cardiac Surgery.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidation as a research group in different cardiac surgery-related fields, specific sutureless valve prosthesis-perioperative myocardial infarction.
- ▶ Participation in the assessment and validation of new products employed in cardiac surgery: haemostatics, sutures, systems for sternal closure...
- ▶ Collaboration with different national and international research teams involved in our lines of study.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Leif Hove-Madsen, ICCC-CSIC.
- ▶ M. Luz Maestre Hittinger. Department of Anaesthesiology.

External Collaborations

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- ▶ Elisabeth Berastegui. Department of Cardiac Surgery. Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol, Badalona, Spain.
- ▶ Mercé Cladellas Capdevila. Department of Cardiology. Hospital del Mar, Barcelona, Spain.

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Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling



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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Inflammation and vascular remodelling: regulation of cardiovascular homeostasis by extracellular matrix components and modifying enzymes.
- ▶ Molecular and cellular mechanisms in atherosclerosis: identification of new therapeutic targets.
- ▶ Molecular basis of abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA): new pharmacological strategies.
- ▶ Epigenetics in cardiovascular diseases.

Challenges

- ▶ Identify new therapeutic targets, progression markers and biomarkers in atherosclerosis and AAA.
- ▶ Establish genetically modified animal models that could become useful disease models in atherosclerosis and AAA.
- ▶ Expand and consolidate the scientific staff.
- ▶ Increase regular funding through national and international calls.
- ▶ Set up new stable collaborations within IIB Sant Pau and with national and international groups and consolidate those already established.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (PI: Luis Vila).
- ▶ Regulation of Cardiac Rhythm and Contraction (PI: Leif Hove-Madsen).
- ▶ Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology (PI: José Martínez González).

External Collaborations

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- ▶ Nadia Mercader. University of Berna (Switzerland).
- ▶ Vicente Andrés. Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (Spain).
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- ▶ Antonio Rodríguez-Sinovas/David García-Dorado. Hospital de la Vall d'Hebron (Spain).
- ▶ Roxana Carare (University of Southampton)
- ▶ Mercedes Salas. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain).
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- ▶ Anna Planas (IIBB-CSIC).

Active Grants

- ▶ María Cristina Rodríguez Sinovas. Remodelado de la matriz extracelular en el aneurisma de aorta abdominal y enfermedad arterial periférica. PI15/01016. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2016-2018. 156,500.00 €.
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