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CITIZENSHIP: US citizen

APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT:

- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, University of Pittsburgh, PA
- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor of Cell Biology and Physiology, Dept. of Cell Biology and Physiology, University of Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007-2012 Associate Professor of Medicine with Tenure, Division of Endocrinology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007-2012 Associate Professor of Cell Biology and Physiology, Dept. of Cell Biology and Physiology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2012-2023 Professor of Medicine with Tenure, Division of Endocrinology and Bone Diseases, Diabetes Obesity and Metabolism Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY https://icahn.mssm.edu/profiles/adolfo-garcia-ocana
- 2012-2023 Professor of Medicine, The Mindich Child Health & Development Institute at Mount Sinai Medical Center, NY
- 2015-2023 Director of the Human Islet & Adenovirus Core (HIAC), Einstein-Sinai Diabetes Research Center (ES-DRC). https://www.einstein.yu.edu/centers/diabetes-research/human-Islet-and-adenovirus-core/
- 2023- Adjunct Professor, Diabetes Obesity and Metabolism Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY.
- 2023- Adjunct Professor, The Mindich Child Health & Development Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY.
- 2023- Chair and Professor, Department of Molecular & Cellular Endocrinology, Ruth B. and Robert K. Lanman Endowed Chair in Gene Regulation and Drug Discovery Research. Arthur Riggs Diabetes and Metabolism Research Institute. City of Hope, Duarte, CA.

GAPS IN EMPLOYMENT: None

EDUCATION

- 1982-87 B.S. Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- Ph.D. Student, Metabolic Research Lab, Jimenez Diaz Hospital, Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain; and, Dept. of Renal Physiology, Faculté de Medecine Xavier Bichat, Université Paris VII, Paris, France
- Ph.D. Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- 1994-96 Postdoctoral Fellow, Metabolic Research Lab, Jimenez Diaz Hospital, Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- Master's in Computing Analysis and Programing: Methodology, Structured Analysis, Operative Systems and Programming Languages. Tajamar Innovative Technologies Institute, Madrid, Spain.
- 1996-98 Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Endocrinology, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 1998-01 Research Associate, Division of Endocrinology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS: N/A

HONORS & AWARDS

Fellowships:

- 1989-92 Graduate Student Research Fellowship from Jimenez Diaz Foundation, Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- 1993-94 Research Fellowship for Studies Abroad from Jimenez Diaz Foundation, Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, Madrid, Spain. Host Academic Institution: Unité de Recherche Inserm 251 "Physiologie du tube rénal", Bichat Hospital, Paris VII University, Paris, France
- 1995-96 Fellowship from the Alfonso Martin Escudero Foundation, Madrid, Spain, Master in Computing Analysis and Programming.
- 1996-98 Postdoctoral Fellowship from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels, Belgium

Recognition (Awards/Thesis/Tenure):

- 1991 Young Investigator Award, European Renal Association-Dialysis and Transplant Association
- 1994 Thesis Dissertation: Summa cum Laude
- 1997 FAES Award on Mineral Metabolic Research, Spanish Society of Bone and Mineral Research
- 2002 Junior Faculty Award, American Diabetes Association
- 2004 Senior Vice Chancellor's Research Conference Award at the University of Pittsburgh
- 2009 Tenure, University of Pittsburgh
- 2012 Tenure, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- 2015 Best Mentor Award, Center for Excellence in Youth Education (CEYE) at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- 2017 Distinguished Reviewer Award for the American Diabetes Associations' Scholarly Journals
- World expert on insulin-producing cells as indicated in https://expertscape.com/ex/insulin-secreting+cells. Currently #41 out of 31,022 researchers publishing on this research topic world wide.

Invited Symposium Speaker:

- 2005 Invited Symposium Speaker, 6th Rachmiel Levine Symposium, City of Hope National Medical Center, City of Hope, CA
- 2006 Invited Symposium Speaker, 48th Meeting of the Spanish Society of Endocrinology and Nutrition. Seville, Spain
- 2006 Invited Symposium Speaker, 1st European Renal Association-Dialysis and Transplant Association, Spanish Research Council and Queen Sofia Institute for Renal Research Symposium. Madrid, Spain
- 2008 Invited Symposium Speaker, 8th Rachmiel Levine Symposium, City of Hope National Medical Center, City of Hope, CA
- 2009 Invited Symposium Speaker, 20th Spanish Society of Diabetes Annual Meeting, Tenerife, Spain
- 2010 Invited Symposium Speaker, The Endocrine Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2010 Invited Symposium Speaker, American Diabetes Association 70th Meeting, Orlando, FL
- 2010 Invited Symposium Speaker, JDRF-Broad-Sanofi-Aventis, Broad Institute-Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2011 Invited Symposium Speaker, 2nd Annual Sanford Health Type 1 Diabetes Symposium, Sanford Health, Sanford USD Medical Center, Sioux Falls, SD
- 2014 Invited Symposium Speaker, Keystone Symposium on Emerging Concepts and Targets in Islet Biology, Keystone, CO
- 2020 Invited Symposium Speaker, 80th American Diabetes Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2020.
- Invited Symposium Speaker, 20th Rachmiel Levine-Arthur Riggs Diabetes Research Symposium, City of Hope National Medical Center, City of Hope, CA, 2020.
- 2022 Invited Symposium Speaker, 2nd Congress Diabetes Zero Foundation, Granada, Spain.
- 2022 Invited Symposium Speaker, Congress Diabetes Evolution, La Coruña, Spain.
- 2023 Inaugural Conference, XXXIV Annual Meeting of the Spanish Society of Diabetes, Valencia, Spain.

Chair of Symposium/Session at Conferences:

- 2009 Chair of the Session "Islet β-Cell Growth"; 2nd Midwest Islet Club Meeting (St. Louis, MO).
- 2009 Chair of the Session "Recent Advances in the Regulation of Beta Cell Mass" of the American Diabetes Association 69th Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 Chair of the Symposium "Novel Insights into Islet Cell Dysfunction" of The Endocrine Society Meeting in Washington, DC.
- 2010 Chair of the Session "Islet ß-Cell Growth"; 3rd Midwest Islet Club Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2010 Chair of the Symposium "Beta Cell Failure-The Key to Unlocking Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus" of the American Diabetes Association 70th Meeting in Orlando, FL.
- 2016 Chair of the Session "Impact of Intrauterine Environment on Beta Cell Dysfunction and Diabetes" of the American Diabetes Association 76th Scientific Sessions in New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Chair of the Session "Milestones in the life of a beta cell" of the American Diabetes Association 77th Scientific Sessions in San Diego, CA.
- 2018 Chair of the Symposium "Roads to Beta Cell Failure in Type 2 Diabetes" of The Endocrine Society Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2018 Chair of the Session "Beta-Cell Development and Postnatal Growth" of the American Diabetes Association 78th Scientific Sessions in Orlando, FL.
- 2023 Chair of the Symposium "Glucagon: Past, Present and Future" of The Endocrine Society Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Organizing Committees:

- 2012 Chair Organizing Committee of the 5th MIC Annual Meeting, Midwest Islet Club, Pittsburgh.
- 2013-15 Organizing Subcommittee on Islet Biology, American Diabetes Association Annual Meetings.
- 2015- Admissions Committee for the Master's in Biomedical Sciences Program and the MD/PhD Program at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.
- 2016 Chair Organizing Committee of the 5th Annual NYC Regional Diabetes Meeting, NY.
- 2016-18 Co-Chair of the American Diabetes Association's Scientific Sessions Meeting Planning Committee in the area of Islet Biology/Insulin Secretion.
- 2017 Child Health Research Day Steering Committee, The Mindich Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, April 2017.
- 2019 Co-Chair Organizing Committee of the Boston-Ithaca Islet Club, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.
- 2019 Mindich Child Health and Development Institute Retreat Day Steering Committee, The Mindich Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, November 2019.

PATENTS:

- Patent: Kinase inhibitor compounds and compositions and methods of use. Publication Number WO/2019/183245. Publication Date 26.09.2019. International Application No. PCT/US2019/023206Inventors: DeVita, Stewart, Kumar, Wang, Sanchez, and <u>Garcia-Ocana</u>.
- Technology Disclosure: **Advanced In Vivo Imaging for Human Beta Cell Mass.** Docket No. 200421G. Inventors: DeVita, Stewart, Stanley, Wang, Rosselot, Alvarsson, Kumar and <u>Garcia-Ocana</u>. 2020.
- Patent Application: Combination Therapy with Immunomodulators, DYRK1A inhibitors and GLP1R agonists for Type 1 Diabetes Treatment. Docket No. 220112G. Inventors: DeVita, Stewart, Wang, Lu and <u>Garcia-Ocana</u>. 2022.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Memberships:

- 1997- Member. The Endocrine Society
- 1999- Member, American Diabetes Association
- 1997- Member, American Physiological Society
- 2010- Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2010-12 Member of the Midwest Islet Club

2013-23 Member of the Boston-Ithaca Islet Club

Study Sections and Consultancy:

2007-15 Research Grant Review Committee Member, American Diabetes Association

2008 Ad Hoc Member, Beta Cell Regeneration and Beta Cell Imaging Study Sections, JDRF

2009-18 Ad Hoc Member, Cellular Aspects of Diabetes and Obesity Study Section, NIH

2013-18 Ad Hoc Member, Small Business and Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Study Section, NIH

2013-14 Grant Reviewer for the Helmsley Trust Breakthrough Therapeutics Initiative

2013- Scientific Review Committee of the Diabetes Research Connection (DRC) Funding Agency

2019- Scientific Advisory Committee of the Diabetes Zero Foundation, Spain

2018-22 Standing Member, Cell Signaling and Molecular Endocrinology (CSME) Study Section, NIH.

2019- Scientific Consultant, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Mumbai, India.

2022- Scientific Advisory Committee of the Diabetes Program, Ministry of Science and Innovation, Spain.

Editorial Boards: Endocrinology, 2001-2004

American Journal of Physiology, Endocrinology & Metabolism, 2012-2017

Journal of Biological Chemistry, 2014-2019

Journal of Diabetes and its Complication, 2016-2020 Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy, 2017-2022

Diabetes, 2019-2022

American Journal of Physiology, Endocrinology & Metabolism, 2018-

Journal of Biological Chemistry, 2020-

RESEARCH PROFILE

Dr. Garcia-Ocana's research interest has focused over the years on regeneration, growth factors and intracellular signaling. After coming to the United States with a NATO postdoctoral fellowship in 1996, he studied, under the guidance of his mentor, Dr. Andrew F. Stewart, the therapeutic potential of growth factors for pancreatic beta cell regeneration in diabetes. Together, they described for the first time that expression of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) *in vivo* in beta cells markedly increases beta cell proliferation, mass, and function in transgenic mice. In addition, the team Stewart/Garcia-Ocana also demonstrated, for the first time, the beneficial effects of HGF on improving islet transplant outcomes. These novel results highlighted the potential of growth factors, and in particular HGF, for beta cell regeneration and islet transplantation in diabetes.

As an independent and NIH/DoD/ADA/JDRF funded investigator, he went on identifying the intracellular signaling pathways involved in the beneficial effects of HGF in beta cells. He found that the Akt signaling pathway was required for the anti-apoptotic effects of HGF and that activation of this pathway was sufficient to improve long-term human islet transplantation in mice without adverse effects. He also found a key and novel signaling pathway involved in growth factor- and nutrient-induced beta cell replication: the atypical protein kinase C (PKC) ζ . Activation of this pathway leads to markedly increased rodent beta cell expansion and more importantly human beta cell replication, highlighting this pathway as an attractive target for beta cell regeneration therapy Using genetically-modified mouse models, he has also shown that the absence of HGF action in beta cells leads to the development of gestational diabetes in mice and that the absence of PKC ζ in beta cells impairs their adaptation to overnutrition leading to the development of type 2 diabetes.

At present, he is also involved in deciphering the role of the downstream targets of PKC ζ , the mTOR/PP2A/Myc pathway, in beta cell growth and function. His research group has found that glucose-mediated activation of PKC ζ enhances mTOR activity, reduces PP2A phosphatase activity and leads to enhanced action of Myc in beta cells. Myc activity is essential for the expansion and function of the beta cell.

Recently, his research group has also identified the sulfated polysaccharide, dextran sulfate, as a key molecule that can perform the triple task of inducing immune tolerance while healing the damaged islet

extracellular matrix and protecting the pancreatic beta cell. Combination therapy approaches with agents that enhance beta cell expansion together with immunomodulators and beta cell protectants such as dextran sulfate are currently being tested in the lab for the treatment of type 1 diabetes.

He is also searching for small molecules that can increase human beta cell mass while maintaining/enhancing human beta cell function, both aspects highly needed for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. His lab has recently modified a 3D imaging technique to analyze, for the first time, human beta cell mass in vivo in islets transplanted in immunosuppressed mice. Currently, he is also implementing scRNA-seq and snRNA-seq technologies in his lab to study human islet cell transcriptomic profiles under several conditions that induce beta cell stress associated with type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Finally, he has also served as Core Director of the Human Islet and Adenovirus Core of the NIH-funded Einstein-Mount Sinai Diabetes Research Center during the last 8 years.

In terms of collaborations, he is/was performing NIH-, DoD-, ADA- and JDRF-funded collaborative studies with researchers from different Institutions around the country including Nika Danial (Dana Farber, Harvard), Jeff Pessin (Albert Einstein), Bethany Cummings (UC Davis), James Lo and Tim McGraw (Cornell), Rupangi Vasavada (COH), Rohit Kulkarni (Harvard), Maureen Gannon (Vanderbilt) and with Andrew F. Stewart, Dirk Homann, Robert DeVita, Sarah Stanley and Donald K Scott at Mount Sinai, as reflected in his grant funding.

In summary, he is using the latest technologies (Genomics, Proteomics, 3D Imaging and Metabolomics) and basic science knowledge to uncover and translate significant findings into potential safe and innovative therapies for the treatment of diabetes.

CLINICAL PROFILE: N/A

OVERALL IMPACT

As indicated above, Dr. Garcia-Ocana lab focuses on diabetes research. Diabetes affects racial and ethnic minorities and low-income adult populations in the U.S. disproportionately; they also display higher rates of diabetes complications and mortality. Therefore, studies focused on deciphering therapeutic ways to ameliorate diabetes will have a strong impact on racial and ethnic minorities and low-income populations. Equally, these studies can lead to decreased diabetes complications and mortality reducing the economic impact in the society; currently US health care cost is \$237 billion in direct medical costs and \$90 billion in reduced productivity per year. Overall, studies in Garcia-Ocana's lab have a strong impact in scientific research, the health of minorities and the health of the society in general.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPACT

The laboratory of Garcia Ocana is/has been composed of individuals who are competent for scientific research independent of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and political ideas. He has had 42 trainees (listed below) of which 28 are women, of ages between 15 and 50, from all around the world, including all races and ethnicities and with different social/economic status. Clearly, his lab constitutes a very diverse and inclusive environment.

MENTORING PROFILE

During the last year, I have been mentor or co-mentor of PhDs (3), MDs (4), BSc (1) and high school students (2). Of these, 7 are women and 3 men, with ages ranging from 15 to 50 and with different races and ethnicities (Hispanic, Asian, Asian American, Black, Indian American, and White).

Current list of Mentees:

Geming Lu, MD	Mentor	2017-	Instructor	ISMMS
Randy Kang, BSc	Mentor	2020-	Res. Ass.	ISMMS
Kara Beliard, MD	Mentor (EFF Grant)	2021-	Ped. End. F.	ISMMS
Keya Thakkar, MD	Co-Mentor (Stanley)	2021-	Ped. End. F.	ISMMS
Daniela Guevara, MD	Mentor	2021-	Volunteer	ISMMS
Wylie Ditury	Mentor	2021-	CEYE Stud.	ISMMS
Madeleine Wichman	Mentor	2021-	Volunteer	Ossining HS
Sharon Alterzon, PhD	Co-Mentor (K01,Scott)	2022-	Instructor	ISMMS
Jody Ye, PhD	Co-Mentor (K01,Tomer)	2022-	Instructor	Albert Einstein

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, FOUNDATION SUPPORT

List Funding Source, Project title & Number	Role in Project	Dates	Supplemental Info
NIH/NIDDK P30 DK020541-38 Albert Einstein College of Medicine- Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinal Diabetes Research Center (DRC). Human Islet and Adenovirus Core (HIAC)	Site PI Core Director	04/01/20- 03/31/25	The HIAC will provide training and hands on human islets, isolated rodent islets, islet transplantation approaches and adenovirus and lentivirus for trasduction of these islets.
NIH/NIDDK R01 DK125285-01 Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Approaches to Human Beta Cell Regeneration	PI, (Stewart, DeVita Co- PIs)	7/1/20- 3/31/24	The Aims of this application are: 1. Synthesis of TGF-ß Inhibitors With Chemical Linkers to Compliment our Novel DYRK1A inhibitor Compounds. 2. Conjugation of Harmine-Linker and TGF-ß-Inhibitor-Linker Compounds to Two GLP1 Receptor Agonists and ENTPD3 Monoclonal Antibodies. 3. Specificity and Safety of the Harmine-Linker and TGF-ß-Inhibitor Linker Conjugates in vivo in Human Islet Engraftment Models.
NIH/NIDDK R01 DK126450-01 Myc Physiology in the Pancreatic Beta Cell	PI, (Scott, Co-PI)	7/1/20- 4/30/24	We will test our hypothesis that Myc is critical for adaptive β-cell growth and function. Reversing Myc resistance in the T2D-prone or metabolically-stressed aged β-cell can lead to an enhanced adaptive response.
NIH/NIDDK R01DK105015-06 Dyrk Inhibitors for Human Beta Cell Expansion	PI, (Stewart, DeVita Co- PIs)	3/1/16- 5/31/25	The Specific Aims of this application will 1. Decipher mechanisms underlying the beneficial prodifferentiation effects of select DYRK1A inhibitors; 2. Define in vivo efficacy of DYRK1A inhibition in type 1 and type 2 diabetes models; and 3. Develop linkers to novel classes of DYRK1A inhibitors for targeted delivery to beta cells.
Department of Defense PR191443 Evaluating Pancreatic Neuromodulation for Prediabetes and Diabetes	Co-I (Stanley PI)	06/01/20- 05/31/23	This application will test the hypothesis that high fat diet increases islet sympathetic innervation, reduces islet parasympathetic innervation leading to insufficient insulin to maintain normal glucose.
NIH/NIDDK R01 DK124461-01A1	Co-I, Stanley, PI	1/1/21- 12/31/24	We will test the effects of insulin resistance on islet innervation leading to dysregulated hormone secretion.

Neural control of pancreatic endocrine			
function in obesity and diabetes			
NIH/NIDDK R01 DK130300 Alleviation of Glucotoxicity in Pancreatic Beta Cells	Co-I (Scott PI)	07/1/21 — 06/31/25	In this proposal, we will explore specific molecular mechanisms of glucose toxicity in pancreatic beta cells and test therapeutic interventions to mitigate these effects. These studies could lead to the development of therapeutic strategies to treat beta cell dysfunction in diabetes.
NIH/NIDDK R01DK130425 Experimental and natural SARS-CoV-2 infection of the human pancreas	Co-I (Homann PI)	09/1/21- 08/31/24	Collectively, the proposed work addresses, and is expected to resolve at least in part, key aspects of the hypothesis that SARS-CoV-2 infection may precipitate diabetes onset. Together with emerging epidemiological data, it may therefore provide an important foundation for future risk assessment and the prioritization of prophylactic and/or therapeutic intervention strategies.
Pending Grant Support			
NIH/NIDDK 2 R01 DK114338-05 The Role of Nrf2 in the Expansion and Preservation of Beta Cell Mass	PI (Gannon, Scott Co- PIs)	09/01/22- 08/31/27	In this proposal we will explore the mechanisms by which eicosanoid and incretin signaling pathways interact with the Nrf2 antioxidant pathway to expand and preserve beta cell mass, and test the exciting therapeutic potential of activating combinations of these pathways to treat diabetes.
Previous Grant Support as PI (Last 3 yrs)			
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Research Grant 2-SRA-2017-514-SB Combined harmalog-TGF beta inhibitors for human beta cell expansion	PI (Stewart Co- PI)	09/01/17- 08/31/19	This application will explore the combine effect of harmine and TGF beta inhibitors in beta cell proliferation.
Department of Defense W81XWH-17-1-0363 "Dextran Sulfate and human immune regulation in Type 1 diabetes"	PI	08/01/17- 07/31/20	This grant sought to analyze the effect of dextran sulfate in human PBMCs from control and type 1 diabetic subjects by using Cytof technology.

<u>CLINICAL TRIALS PARTICIPATION:</u> None.

TRAINEES

Trainee	Trainee Type	Dates of Training	Trainee Institution	Topic of Study	Position today
Maria A. Martinez- Brocca	Postdoc	2001- 2006	University of Seville, Spain, MD 2006	HGF-mediated increase in glucose transport in skeletal muscle	Professor, University of Seville and Chair of Division of Endocrinology, Macarena Hospital, Seville, Spain

Nathalie Fiaschi-	Postdoc	2002-	Universite Louis Pasteur,	PTHrP and HGF in renal ischemia and reperfusion in	Director of Oncology and Angiogenesis, Regeneron
Taesch			Strasbourg, France, PhD, 2000	transgenic mouse models	
Jennifer Roccisana	BSc	2001- 2004	BSc, University of Pittsburgh, 2000	c-met deficiency in beta cells	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biology, University of Pittsburgh
Poornima Rao	Postdoc	2002- 2004	"People's Friendship" University Medical Faculty, Russia, MD 1995	Akt activation and human islet transplantation	Assistant Professor, Allegheny Hospital, Pittsburgh.
Jose A. Gonzalez- Pertusa	Postdoc	2005- 2006	University of Elche, Spain, PhD, 2004	Glucolipotoxicity and beta cell death	Assistant Professor, Univ. of Seville, Spain
Laura C. Alonso	Postdoc	2005- 2009	U. Penn School of Medicine, MD, 1997	Glucose-induced beta cell proliferation	Chair Division of Endocrinology, Weill- Cornell
Soledad Lopez	Postdoc	2006	Universaidad de Malaga, Spain, PhD, 2006	HGF and pancreatic beta cell death	Professor, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Seville, Spain
Jose M. Mellado-Gil	Postdoc	2006- 2009	Univ. of Cadiz, Spain, PhD, 2009	c-met deficiency in Type I diabetes	Senior Researcher, CABIMER-Andalusian Center for Molecular Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Seville, Spain
Raquel Guerrero- Navarro	Postdoc	2007	University of Seville, MD, 2004	HGF and islet vascularization	Assistant Professor, Univ. of Seville, Endocrinologist, Macarena Hospital, Seville, Spain
Cem Demirci	Postdoc	2007- 2009	University of Istanbul, Medical School at Cerrahpasa, Turkey, MD, 1991	Gestational diabetes and the pancreatic beta cell	Medical Director, Diabetes Program, Chase Family Chair in Juvenile Diabetes, U Conn
Taylor Rosa	BSc	2007- 2009	BSc University of Pittsburgh, 2007. PhD Duke, 2014	HGF and IRS2 deficiency in beta cells.	Pharmacologist - RTI International
Silvia Velazquez- Garcia	Postdoc	2008- 2011	Univ. of La Laguna, Canary Islands, Spain, Ph, 2008	Protein kinase C Zeta and the pancreatic beta cell	Senior Scientist, University of Geneva, Switzerland
Sara Ernst	Postdoc	2008- 2011	Baylor College of Medicine, PhD, 2008	Beta cell regeneration and c- met	MD Student, University of Pittsburgh Medical School
Tonslyn Toure	Postdoc	2009- 2010	Brown University/Alpert Medical School, MD, 2005	Protein kinase C Zeta and the pancreatic beta cell	Private Practice, Diabetes, Metabolism & Endocrinology, Boston, MA
Shelley Valle	BSc	2009- 2011	BSc University of Pittsburgh, 2009. PhD University of Arizona, 2016	Dextran sulfate for Type I diabetes	Postdoctoral fellow, Cleveland Clinic

Maria Isabel Jimenez- Serrania	Postdoc	2011	University of Salamanca, Spain, PhD, 2012	HGF and glucose transport in skeletal muscle	Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Universidad Europea Miguel de Cervantes,
Gabriella Casinelli	Bsc	2011- 2012	BSc, Bethany College, WV, 2011	Protein kinase C Zeta and the pancreatic beta cell	Valladolid, Spain MD Student, Marshall University School of Medicine
Juan.C. Alvarez- Perez	Postdoc	2011- 2017	University of Santiago, Spain, PhD, 2011	p53, glucolipotoxicity, beta cell and obesity/type 2 diabetes	Senior Scientist, University of Granada, Spain
Varsha Shridhar	Psotdoc	2011- 2012	Microbiology and Molecular Virology, University of Pittsburgh, PhD	Protein kinase C Zeta and the pancreatic beta cell	Antenatal and Postnatal counselor, childbirth educator, St.Philomena's Hospital, Viveknagar, Bangalore, India
Francisco Rausell- Palamos	Postdoc	2013- 2016	University of Valencia, PhD, 2011	Islet transplantation and type I diabetes	Instructor, University of Madrid, Spain
Diana Wang	MS Student	2013- 2014	BSc, Cornell, NY, 2013	HTS for finding activators of PKC Zeta expression	MD Student, University of Philadelphia
Carolina Rosselot	Postdoc	2013-	University of Buenos Aires, PhD, 2005	Transcriptional regulation of beta cell proliferation	Instructor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Matthew P. Spindler	MS Student	2014- 2015	BSc, Princeton, NJ, 2013	Immune modulation by dextran sulfate and other polysaccharides	MD/PhD Student, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Kelly Hyles	HS Student	2015- 2016	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2016	Protein kinase C Zeta and the pancreatic beta cell	Student, Harvard University
Anna Kalis	HS Student	2016- 2017	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2017	Transcriptional regulation of beta cell proliferation	Student, University of Michigan
Geming Lu	Postdoc	2017-	MD, University of Beijing, China, 2000	Type 1 diabetes and immune tolerance	Instructor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Cecilia Berrouet	BSc	2017- 2019	BSc, Cornell, NY, 2016	Epigenetic regulation of beta cell proliferation	Research Assistant, Columbia University
Jessica Wilson	BSc	2017- 2019	BSc, Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2014	Harmine-based therapies for beta cell regeneration	Research Assistant, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Viktor Zlatanic	MS Student	2017- 2018	BSc, Dartmouth, 2016	Harmalogs and beta cell regeneration	MD Student, St George's University, Grenade
Zihan Zheng	BSc	2017- 2018	BSc, UNC, 2017	CyTOF-based analysis of immune cell populations in type 1 diabetes	PhD student, Stanford University
Kadeem Whyte	HS Student	2017- 2018	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2018	Specificity Protein 1 and the pancreatic beta cell	Student, Cornell University
Diego Rodriguez	HS Student	2018- 2019	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at	Harmalogs and beta cell regeneration	Student, Brown University

			the City College of NY, 2019		
Soledad Lopez	Visiting Professor	2019	Universidad de Sevilla, Spain,	Dextran sulfate and human DCs	Professor, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Seville, Spain
Jiamin Zhang	BSc	2019- 2020	Immunohematolo gy Lab, Shanghai Institute of Blood Transfusion, Shanghai Blood Center, Shanghai, China, 2019	Dextran sulfate and islet basement membrane	Research technician, Immunohematology Lab, Shanghai Institute of Blood Transfusion, Shanghai Blood Center, Shanghai, China.
John Graham	Postdoc	2019- 2020	MD/PhD, Icahn School of Medicine, Endocrine MD fellow	Type 1 diabetes and immune tolerance in humans	Endocrine Fellow, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Xinyi Yang	HS Student	2019- 2020	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2019	Dextran sulfate and beta cell survival	Student, Boston University
Roma Patel	PhD Student	2020	BSc, Navrachana University, India	Melatonin and GLP-1 to induce beta cell regeneration	Postdoc, Weill Cornell
Randy Kang	BSc	2020-	BSc, Cornell University, 2019	Omics platforms and human islets	Research Assistant, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Kara Beliard	Pediatric Endocrine MD fellow	2020-	MD, Universidad Pontificia Católica Madre y Maestra, Dominican Republic, 2015	Effect of Dyrk1a inhibitors on human beta cell expansion in diabetes	Pediatric Endocrine Fellow, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Angela Liu	HS Student	2020- 2021	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2019	Dextran sulfate, HGF and beta cell survival	Student, Northeastern University
Keya Thakkar	Pediatric Endocrine MD fellow	2021-	MD, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 2017	Brain effects of Dyrk1a inhibitors	Pediatric Endocrine Fellow, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Wylie Dituri	HS Student	2021- 2022	HS for Math, Science and Engineering at the City College of NY, 2019	HGF and MDSCs	Student, HS, CEYE
Daniela Guevara	MD	2021-	MD, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2011	Harmine and beta cell survival	Lab volunteer

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Teaching Activity/Topic	Level	Role	Number of Learners	Number of hours per week/month/year	Years Taught
Class: Introduction to Core Research Techniques for MD fellows.	MD Fellows	Lecturer	8/year	3 hrs/year	2001-2007
Class: Molecular Pathobiology Course	MD and PhD Students	Lecturer	10	3hrs	2003
Class: Transgenic Animal Course: Of Mice, Zebrafish and Men: If Steinbeck had been a Clinician.	MD and PhD Students, Fellows and Faculty	Lecturer	20	3hrs	2005
Course: "Research Basis of Medical Knowledge,"	MD/PhD Students	Class Mentor	10	3hrs	2009
PBL. Course: Fuel Metabolism	MD Students	Lecturer	9/year	9 hrs/year	2008-2012
Course: Systems Biomedicine. Module 2: Diabetes. Class "Non-Insulin Metabolic Hormones and Signaling: Incretins, Leptin and Other Metabolic Hormones"	MD, PhD, MD/PhD and MS Students	Lecturer	20/year	2 hrs/year	2013-2015
Course: Systems Biomedicine. Module 2: Diabetes. Class "Pancreatic Beta Cell Regeneration & Protection"	MD, PhD, MD/PhD and MS Students	Lecturer	20/year	2 hrs/year	2016-2022
Course: Diabetes Virtual Camp. Organized by Dr. Jason Kim, U. mass.	HS, MD, PhD, MD/PhD and MS Students. International.	Lecturer	200/year	2 hrs/year	2020

ADMINISTATIVE LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS:

Endocrine Research Conference Organizer, Division of Endocrinology, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-2004 Member, Basic Research Faculty Committee, Division of Endocrinology, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-2012

Member, Organizing Committee of the Division of Endocrinology Research Retreat, 2007-2009

Member of the Underrepresented Minority (URM) Focus Group of the Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-2012

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Member, Midwest Islet Club Meeting Organizing Committee, 2010-2012

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- 2013 "Growth factors and signaling pathways for pancreatic beta cell regeneration". Molecular Biology and Genetics Institute, Department of Biochemistry, University of Valladolid, CSIC, Spain.
- 2014 "Role of PKC-zeta in Beta Cell Signaling". Keystone Symposium: Emerging Concepts and Targets in Islet Biology (D3). Keystone, CO.
- 2014 "Regulation of pancreatic beta cell replication: Looking for signals in the intracellular roads". Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Diabetes (MEND), Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2014 "Pancreatic beta cell proliferation: Looking for signals in the intracellular roads". Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2015 "Recent Advances in the Regulation of Pancreatic Beta Cell Replication". Diabetes Research Center Seminars. Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, New York, NY.
- 2015 "Control of Beta Cell Proliferation and Expansion by Protein Kinase C Zeta". The Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, Columbia University Medical center, New York, NY.
- 2015 "Human Beta Cell Proliferation and Intracellular Signaling". University of Washington, UW Diabetes Research Center, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 "Uncovering Intracellular Signaling Pathways that Regulate Adaptive Pancreatic Beta Cell Replication". Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2015 "Advances and challenges in the treatment of diabetes". The Child Health Research Seminar. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2016 "Nutrient Oversupply and Adaptive Pancreatic Beta Cell Expansion". Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2016 "Modulation of Autoimmunity and Beta Cell Survival for Type 1 Diabetes". 1st Cuban-American Workshop on Diabetes: Prevention, Management and Cure, as part of the International Meeting "Controlling Diabetes and its more severe complications", Varadero, Matanzas, Cuba.
- 2017 "Mechanisms of Adaptive Pancreatic Beta Cell Expansion: Potential Therapeutic Targets for Diabetes?" Diabetes Research Institute-Division of Endocrinology, University of Miami Medical School, Miami, FL.
- 2017 "Advances and Challenges in Beta Cell Replacement and Regeneration Strategies for Treating Diabetes". Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Tarrytown, NY.
- 2017 "Pancreatic Beta Cell Regeneration and Protection as Potential Therapies to Treat Diabetes: Advances and Challenges". Division of Endocrinology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 "Advances in Pancreatic Beta Cell Expansion and Protection for Diabetes Treatment". Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.

- 2019 "Advances in pancreatic beta cell regeneration for diabetes treatment". Plenary talk, Diabetes and endocrine disorders. International Conference on Reproduction, Endocrinology and Development, Navrachana University, Varodara, India.
- 2019 "Adaptive pancreatic beta cell expansion in insulin resistance". Invited Conference, Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries, Varodara, India.
- 2019 "Pancreatic beta cell adaptation to diet and age: When Myc is just not enough". Invited Speaker, Research Seminar Series, Molecular Biology and Genetics Institute, University of Valladolid, Spain.
- 2019 "Advances in Pancreatic &-Cell Protection and Regeneration for Diabetes Treatment". Invited Speaker, Biomedical Sciences Seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 2019 "Beta Cell Regeneration and Preservation for Diabetes Treatment: Where Are We Now?" Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2019 "How to write a specific aims page". Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Career Development Workshop, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY.
- 2020 "iDISCO 3D Tissue Clearing for Assessment of Human Beta Cell Mass In Vivo". Invited Symposium Speaker, 20th Rachmiel Levine Symposium, City of Hope National Medical Center, City of Hope, CA
- 2020 "Subacute and Chronic In Vivo Administration of a Harmine-Exenatide Combination Enhances Glycemic Control and Markedly Expands Human Beta Cell Mass". Invited Speaker, 2020 nPOD Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 2020 "Strategies to expand and protect pancreatic beta cells for diabetes", Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2020 "Generating New Beta Cells from Adult Human Pancreatic Islets", Invited Symposium Speaker. American Diabetes Association 80th Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2020 "Regeneration of Insulin-Producing Cells for Diabetes", Invited Speaker, Diabetes Virtual Summer Camp Team, Lauren, Allison, and Dr. Jason Kim, Wellesley, Massachusetts.
- 2020 "Human Islet and Adenovirus Core", Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2020 "Neural Control of Pancreatic Endocrine Function in the Development of Type 1 Diabetes". Invited Speaker, The Mindich Child Health and Development Institute. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2020 "Regeneration and Preservation of Pancreatic Beta Cells for Diabetes". Invited Speaker, Grand Rounds, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Minnesota.
- 2021 "Dextran Sulfate for the preservation of beta cell function in patients with type 1 diabetes". Invited Speaker, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Bone Diseases, Grand Rounds, Mount Sinai Beth Israel/Morningside/West, NY.
- 2021 "Regeneration and Functional Stimulation of Insulin-Producing Cells for Type 1 Diabetes Therapy". Invited Speaker, Mincich Child Health and Development Institute Leadership Council Virtual Winter Meeting, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2021 "Immunomodulation, Beta Cell Regeneration and Functional Preservation for Type 1 Diabetes Therapy". Invited Speaker, New York City-Type 1 Diabetes Research Network 2021, The New York Stem Cell Foundation, New York, NY.
- 2021 "3D Visualization and Quantification of Human Beta Cell Mass Expansion In Vivo". Invited Speaker, The West Coast Islet Research Group, UCLA, CA.
- 2022 "Advances in Beta Cell Replacement and Regeneration for Type 1 Diabetes Treatment". 2nd Congress Diabetes Zero Foundation, Granada, Spain.
- 2022 "Novel and Effective Therapeutic Approaches for Pancreatic Beta Cell Preservation and Expansion in Diabetes", City of Hope, Duarte, CA.
- 2022 "Pancreatic Islets, Immune Cells and Diabetes: What Happens Next?" Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work In Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2022 "Advances in Beta Cell Regeneration for Diabetes Treatment". Congress Diabetes Evolution, La Coruña, Spain.
- 2022 "Use of DYRK1A inhibitors and GLP-1 receptor agonists for pancreatic beta cell regeneration and diabetes". Pharmacology and Toxicology Seminar Series. Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton, OH.

- 2023 "Update on the Human Islet and Adenovirus Core", Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work in Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2023 "Diabetes and Pancreatic Beta Cell Regeneration: The Last 10 Years" Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism Institute (DOMI) Work in Progress. Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY.
- 2023 "Efficient regeneration of pancreatic beta cells in vivo". Inaugural Conference, XXXIV Annual Meeting of the Spanish Society of Diabetes, Valencia, Spain.