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Presentation



Dear colleagues and friends

Once again I am pleased to present the Annual Scientific Report of the Sant Pau Biomedical Research Institute (IIB Sant Pau) for the year 2015. This annual event gives us the opportunity to share and acknowledge the efforts and achievements of all those who collaborate to make our Institute a dynamic and solid entity, committed to the advancement of medical knowledge and its applicability to clinical practice.

In the pages of this Report the reader will find evidence of the sustained improvement in the amount and the quality of the scientific output of our research groups. Moreover, this report completes the first life-cycle of the IIB Sant Pau as Sanitary Research Institute credited by the Ministry of Health (2011-2015). Remarkably, the great work done during this period by the researchers, managers, administrative staff, support staff, and technicians, has led to the recent renewal of this important recognition.

The activity of the seven areas of scientific research that integrate the structure of the IIB Sant Pau, composed of 52 consolidated and 22 associated groups, has achieved significant indicators. For instance, in 2015, our researchers published 804 scientific papers, most (or many) of them (58%) in journals of the first quartile and many in the first decile of the correspondent research area. The total impact factor of the published articles was 3.927,427 with a mean impact factor of 4.096. The sustained growth of the activities of clinical research allowed us to maintain our leading position for performing clinical trials. Importantly, there was a growth in studies of early clinical development (phase I and II) of the Drug Research Area (CIM Sant Pau). The Scientific Management Area gave support to the presentation and management of more than 300 projects during 2015, which included technical assessment to young researchers for the presentation of investigator initiated research. The Innovation Area succeeded in provide technical support for the presentation of 24 International and European Projects, one of them eventually granted. Moreover, in 2015 six inventions were protected, some of them transferred to the industry thereby providing royalties to our institute. Regarding training and education, the implication of the researchers with the University gave rise to the lecture of XXX doctoral thesis.

Among other important aspects of the activity of the IIB during 2015, it is worth mentioning the operative implementation of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan and its corresponding indicators for evaluation, which was previously discussed and agreed with the effective participation of the organization. In 2015 the European Commission awarded our institute with the recognition "HR Excellence in Research", owing to our commitment to deploy a 4-year action plan intended to develop a favorable working environment for our research staff. A third milestone in 2015 has been the launch of our intranet, a tool that will improve internal communication and allow investigators to speed up a number of ancillary processes related with their research.

As for the obtained financial resources needed to sustain the research activities, our institute, with an annual budget of around 14 million euros, displays very high efficiency rates. The dynamic activity of our researchers for obtaining competitive resources (including scientific grants, donations, and contracts with the pharmaceutical industry and other promoters), allowed us to continue our activities with a minimal index of public subsidy. Among the challenges for coming years, is securing funding to allow an adequate policy for capture research talent and development of new infrastructures of research.

Other areas for improvement that face our Institute for the next future are the growth in human capital and scientific quality, properly distributed among the different areas and research programs of the IIB. Specifically, we need to secure the funding and prepare the organization for the future moving of the bulk of the experimental activity to the New Research Building of the Institute that will represent a quantum leap in the life of the Institute. It should be preceded by a further strengthening within the organization of the particularities of the research culture, and the crucial role of competitiveness and merits in the policy for distributing space and resources. According to the Strategic Plan, we will continue conducting external evaluations to analyze the scientific outputs of the researchers funded by the IIB and the activity of the research groups, persuaded that these assessments help to learn and improve the performance of the groups and to ensure their alignment to the strategic positioning of the organization.

Research and education activities are essential to advancing patient care. The multidisciplinary research teams of the different biomedical and healthcare entities integrated in the IIB Sant Pau strive to generate and rapidly translate new discoveries to improve the prevention and treatment of disease and injury. They are in close contact with the needs of the patients and work across disciplines to expand the frontiers of scientific understanding while moving the most promising breakthroughs into tangible health benefits through clinical trials. However, we firmly believe that a passive role of patients in health investigation is no longer satisfactory and see our patients as partners in health research collaborating to prioritize a patient-centered research agenda that captures issues that patients, their relatives, clinical specialists and researchers consider important. Many of these activities that our members bring to the patients and the community promoting the dissemination of science, the importance of translational medicine and the crucial role of patient involvement in research priorities, were conducted in 2015 and will be stimulated in the next future.

I take this opportunity to once again congratulate all who in one way or another was involved in the activities of the IIB Sant Pau for the results summarized at this 2015 Report, and to encourage our patients and investigators to continue to work together with renewed enthusiasm to face the many challenges of medical research.

Jaume Kulisevsky
Scientific Director

IIB Sant Pau Scientific Structure

IIB Sant Pau has seven research areas that can be divided into two research lines: vertical, transversal and associated groups.

The vertical line has five main areas:

- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Genetic, Metabolic and Inflammatory Diseases
- Haematological and Oncological Diseases
- Neurological and Mental Disorders
- Uronephrology and Experimental Surgery

The transversal line consists of two areas:

- Epidemiology, Public Health and Healthcare Services
- Molecular, Genomic, Cellular and Kinetic-Dynamic Bases for Diseases and their Treatment

Activities in the transversal line complement and support research in the vertical line.

Who We Are

The Sant Pau Biomedical Research Institute (IIB Sant Pau) conducts research into basic, clinical and epidemiological medicine and healthcare services. Ten entities cooperate to perform high-level research into new techniques and processes aimed at improving the quality of life of patients. Stakeholders include the following:

- Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Healthcare Management Foundation
- Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Private Foundation
- Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Research Institute
- Autonomous University of Barcelona - Ageing Institute
- Catalan Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences
- Puigvert Foundation
- Blood and Tissue Bank
- Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre
- Barcelona-Sardenya Primary Health Care Centre
- Public Health Agency of Barcelona

IIB Sant Pau was founded in 2009 as an association of healthcare entities carrying out their own research. Throughout 2010, IIB Sant Pau became consolidated as a research centre, while continuing to implement an accreditation process as a Healthcare Research Institute with the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. This accreditation was finally obtained in early 2011. The institutions participating in IIB Sant Pau, which together form a natural alliance for historical and geographical proximity reasons, jointly implement research activities and cooperate in other scientific areas. The cooperation between these institutes represents a qualitative leap in terms of fostering translational research projects that bridge the gap between basic and clinical research.

The knowledge developed in this kind of research is channelled to society by the application of discoveries to clinical practice and to healing patients. The most tangible benefits are the application of technology to health and the scientific communication of new knowledge. This research infrastructure also generates employment and spotlights Catalonia's contributions to biomedical research. The success as a research centre ultimately translates to patient health.

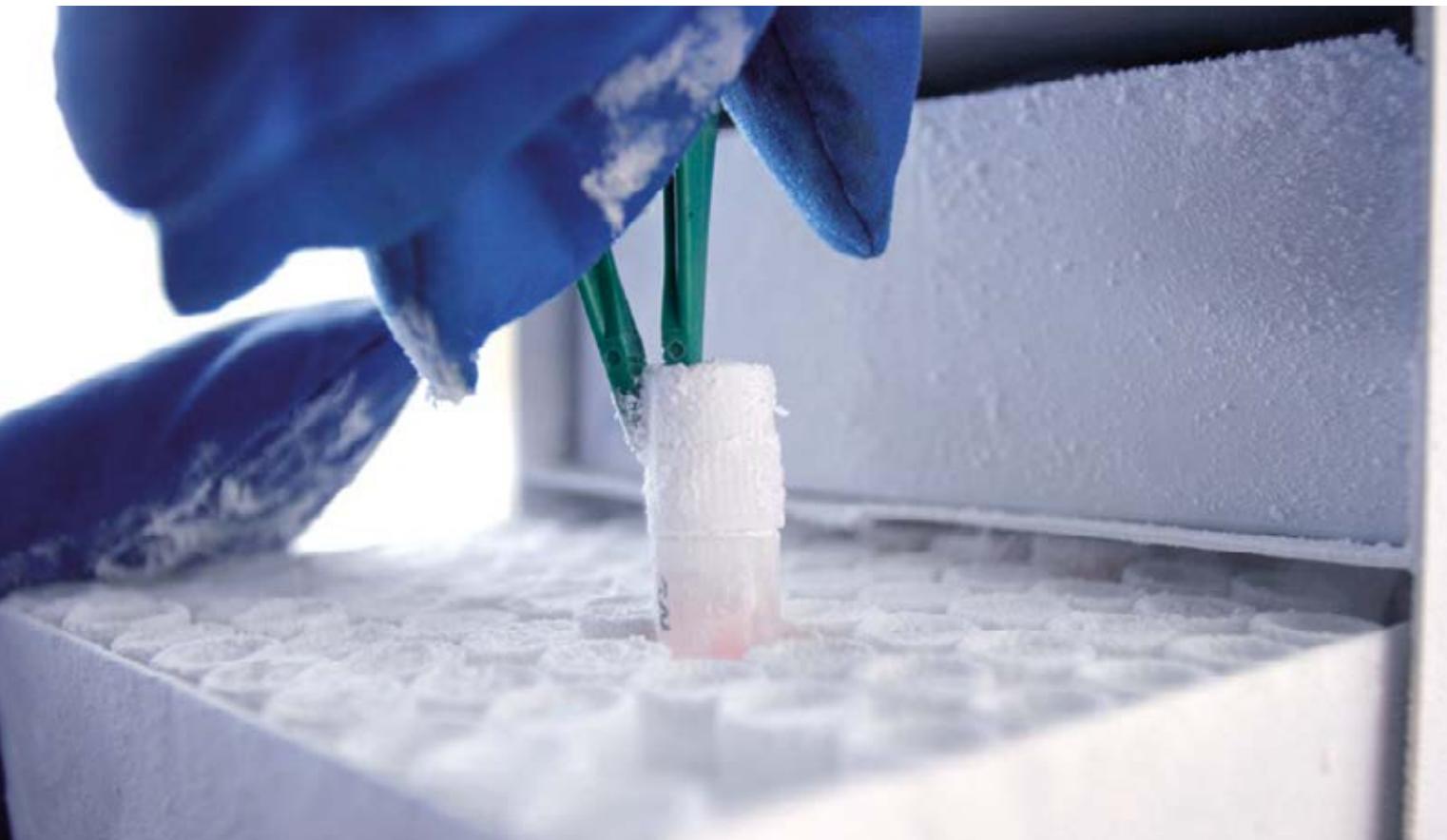


Strategic Objectives

IIB Sant Pau's mission is to manage, promote, develop and communicate research into the health sciences.

To fulfil its mission, IIB Sant Pau has set itself a number of strategic objectives that guide its activities:

- Promote and consolidate relationships and knowledge exchanges between IIB Sant Pau researchers and with other public and private organizations, prioritizing the implementation of joint projects and the creation of multidisciplinary teams so as to strengthen alliances and implement translational research with a bearing on clinical activities.
- Organize courses, conferences, open days, seminars and workshops aimed at communicating scientific advances to society and at facilitating innovation and technology transfers to the productive sector.
- Organize and participate in continuous professional development, whether by developing teaching activities or arranging grant-aided stays abroad for researchers.
- Participate in developing policies aimed at coordinating biomedical research in Catalonia, while ensuring a strong presence in national and international research projects and networks of excellence.
- Acquire, maintain and optimize use of scientific and technological infrastructures and equipment.



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



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



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



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 known 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 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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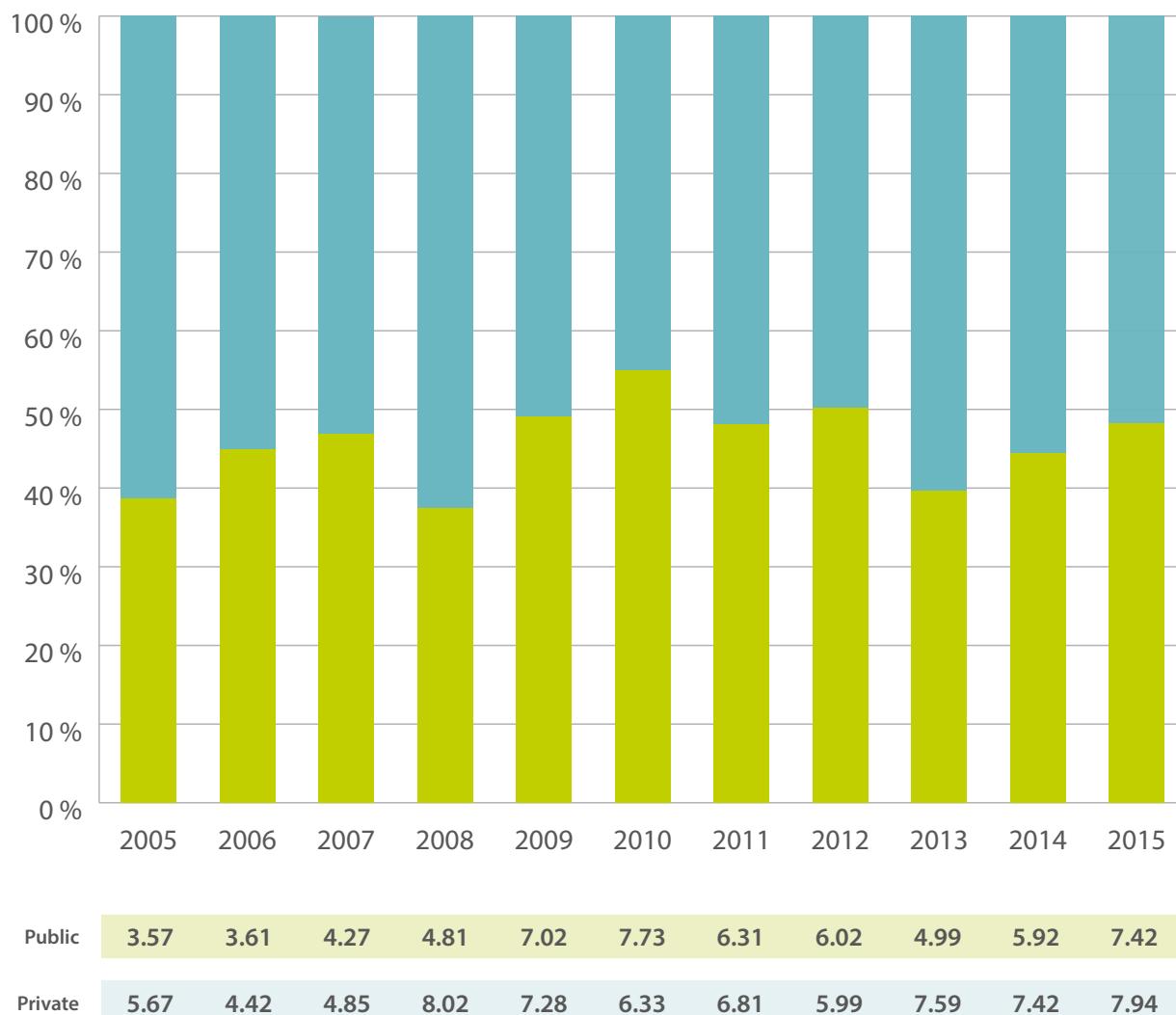
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Financial Data

Public/Private Income Summary 2005-2015



Income Statement year ending 31 December 2015

Income from activities	14,030,821
Services	4,408,892
Collaborations with partners and sponsors	2,281,391
Government grants	6,071,938
Other grants, donations and legacies	1,364,529
Repayment of grants, donations, etc	-95,929
Stocks and supplies	-1,153,789
Material and equipment for activities	-1,153,789
Other income	157,738
Additional and management income	157,738
Personnel expenditure	-8,357,984
Salaries	-6,426,977
Social security	-1,931,007
Other operating expenses	-4,432,967
External services	-3,933,605
Leases and Royalties	-227
Repairs and maintenance	-106,418
Freelance services	-460,949
Insurance	-49,215
Banking	-17,034
Sundry	-1,750
Other services	-3,298,011
Taxes	-21,082
Loss, deterioration and variation in provisions for operations	64,314
Other operating expenses	-542,595
Depreciation of fixed assets	-1,247,901
Grants, donations and bequests transferred to results	888,382
Deterioration and gains/losses on disposal of fixed assets	0
Gains/losses from disposal and other	0
Other gains/losses	10,914
Incidental expenses	-41,315
Incidental income	52,229
OPERATIONAL PROFIT/LOSS	-104,787
Financial income	245,811
From investments in equity instruments	245,811
Negotiable costs	245,811
Financial expenditure	-179,032
Debts with third parties	-179,032
Exchange differences	-1,177
FINANCIAL PROFIT/LOSS	65,602
OVERALL PROFIT/LOSS	-39,185

In euros

Scientific Outcomes

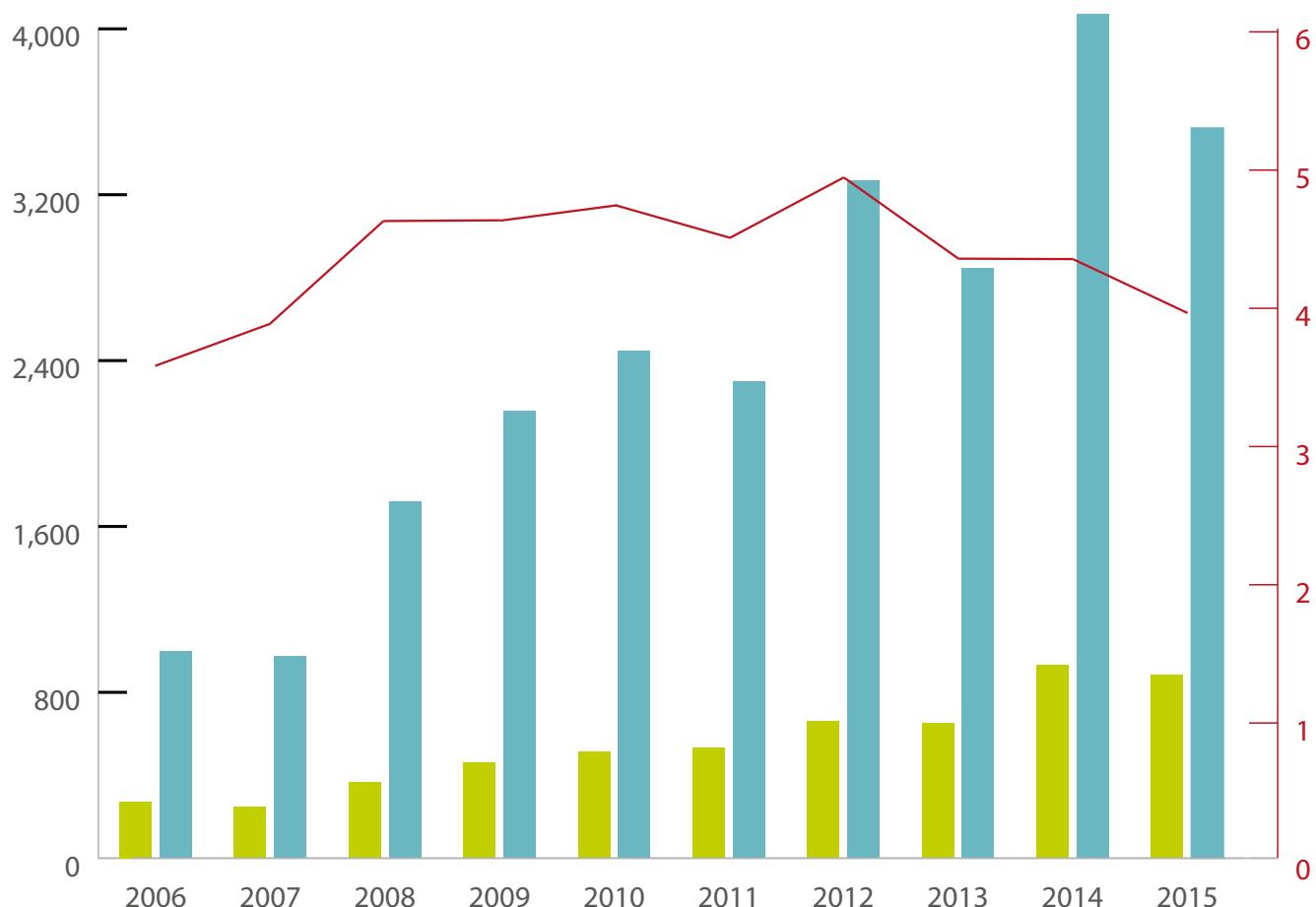
Outcomes for IIB Sant Pau's scientific activities are summarized in the following pages as follows:

- **Publications with an Impact Factor (IF):** This figure shows IIB Sant Pau publications over the years with an impact factor, one of the most important indicators used to identify the relevance of a science journal in its field and to give an approximate idea of the quality of the publications of researchers.
- **Publications by Thematic Area:** This figure reflects the relative importance of each of the thematic areas covered by IIB Sant Pau.
- **Publications by Quartile:** This figure depicts IIB Sant Pau publications by quartiles that reflect the importance of the scientific journal. The journals in a specific category are listed in descending order according to their impact factor and the list is divided into four equal quartiles. Thus, journals in the top quartile (Q1) are the most important journals in their category.
- **Research Resources and Training:** These tables show the list of institutions providing support to IIB Sant Pau and sharing its vision of research.
- **Doctoral Theses:** This table reflects the potential of up-and-coming IIB Sant Pau staff members and their ability to generate new ideas and drive new projects.
- **Patents:** This table shows the patents requested by IIB Sant Pau researchers between 2009 (foundation year) and 2014.
- **Technology Transfer Agreements:** This table reflects agreements signed between 2009 (foundation year) and 2014.
- **Clinical Guidelines.**



Publications with an Impact Factor

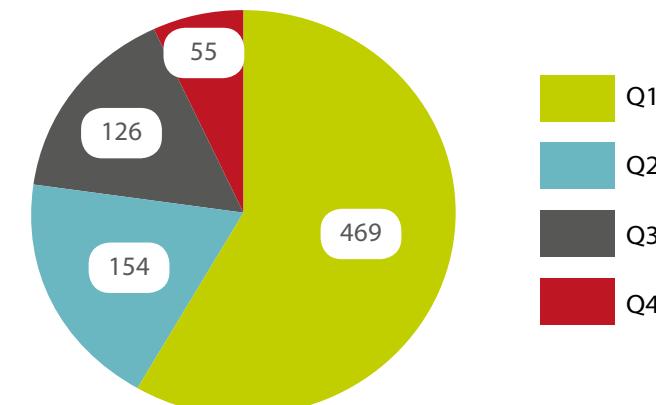
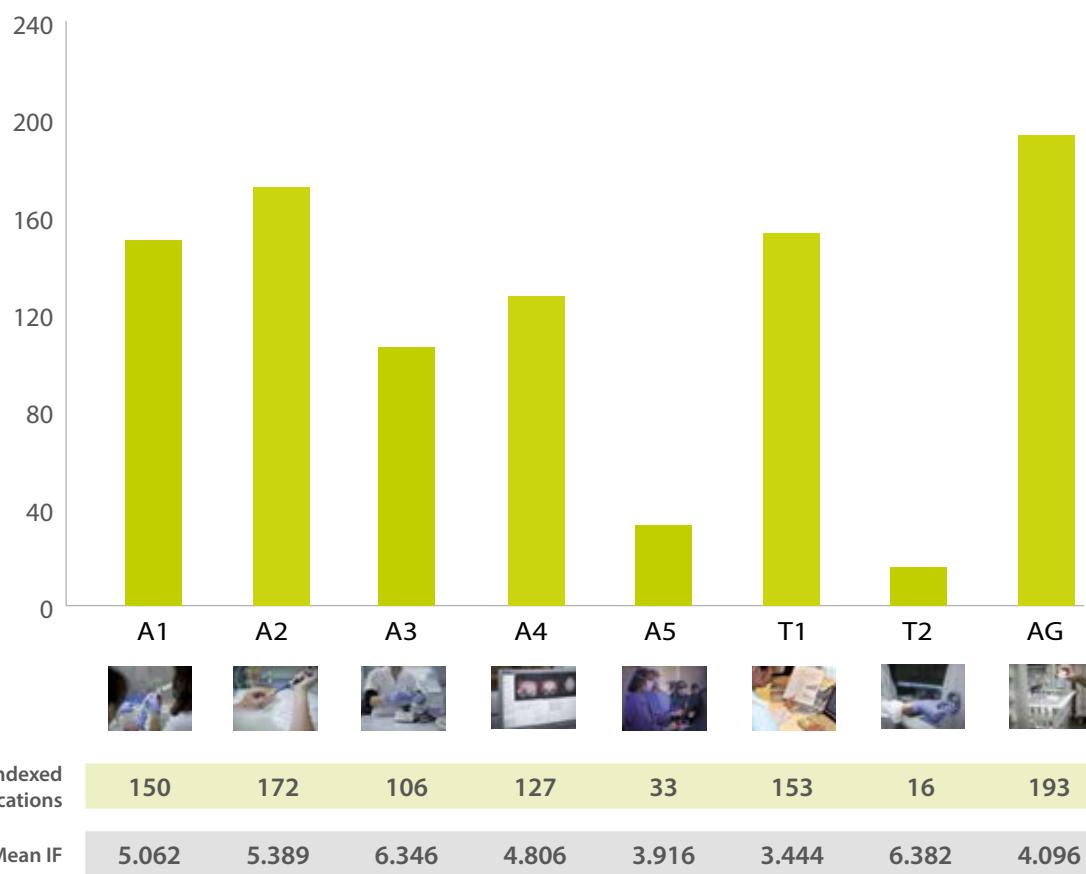
Production status



Publications	275	250	367	461	514	534	664	654	933	804
Total IF	1,001.03	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
Mean IF	3.64	3.9	4.69	4.68	4.78	4.30	4.92	4.35	4.37	3.98

Publications by Thematic Area and Quartile

Indexed publications



Research Resources

Centre	Active		Granted	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
AGAUR (Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitats i Recerca)	19	23	23	2
European Comission	5	5	1	1
American Grants	1	1	-	-
EAES (European Association for Endoscopic Surgery)	1	1	-	-
COIB (Col·legi Oficial d'Infermeria de Barcelona)	2	1	-	1
Fundació Marató TV3	9	10	5	5
Fundació Mútua Madrileña (FMM)	2	2	-	1
Fundación Mapfre	1	-	-	-
ISCIII (Instituto de Salud Carlos III)	113	101	21	21
MINECO (Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad)	6	8	6	2
Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad	11	10	-	1
SEPAR (Sociedad Española de Neumología y Cirugía Torácica)	9	8	4	-
AECC (Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer)	3	3	-	3
Merk Serono	1	1	-	-
Fundació Acadèmia de Ciències Mèdiques i de la Salut de Catalunya i de Balears	1	-	-	-
SOCAP (Societat Catalana de Pneumologia)	1	2	-	-
Sociedad Española de Diabetes	1	-	-	1
Fundació Catalana de Pneumologia	2	2	1	1
Sociedad Española de Cardiología	-	-	-	1
Asociación Española de Artroscopia	1	-	-	-
AFM Telethon	1	1	1	1
Societat Catalana de Psiquiatria i Salut Mental	1	1	-	-
Fundació Alfonso Martín Escudero	1	1	-	-
CIBERER	1	-	-	-
GILEAD	1	2	1	-
Grup Espanyol d'Investigació en Sarcomes	-	1	1	-
Mutual Médica	-	-	1	-
Federación Española de Enfermedades Raras / Fundación Isabel Gemio / Federación Española de Enfermedades Neuromusculares	-	1	1	-
Fundació Privada de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau	-	-	-	6
Col·legi de Farmacèutics de Barcelona	-	-	-	1
Fundación y Sociedad Española de Arteriosclerosis	-	-	-	1
European Society of Cardiology	-	-	-	1
Fundació Víctor Grífols i Lucas	-	-	-	1
Fundació Ramón Pla Armengol	-	-	-	1
Institució CERCA	-	-	-	1
Fundació Privada Daniel Bravo-Andreu	-	-	-	1
Foundation International Guillain-Barré	-	1	-	-
	194	186	66	54

Research Training

Centre	Active		Granted	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
AGAUR (Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitats i Recerca)	3	5	2	2
Departament de Salut (Generalitat de Catalunya)	3	3	-	-
MINECO (Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad)	6	3	-	1
ISCIII (Instituto de Salud Carlos III)	27	30	12	12
Fundació Gestió Sanitària	5	-	-	-
Fundación Casa del Corazón	-	1	1	1
American Grants	-	1	1	-
Fundación J. L. Castaño	-	1	1	-
Fundació Privada de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau	-	-	-	4
	44	44	17	20

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

Doctoral Theses

IIB Sant Pau Accredited Groups	Candidate	Thesis title	Director(s)
Anaesthesiology	Mercedes García Álvarez	NGAL como biomarcador de disfunción renal aguda en pacientes postoperatorios de cirugía cardíaca	Antoni Betbesé Roig, Alfonso Martínez López, Jorge Ordóñez Llanos
Anaesthesiology	Pilar Paniagua	Lesión miocárdica tras la cirugía no cardíaca: Análisis de la cohorte española del estudio VISION	Xavier León Vintró, Pablo Alonso Coello
Anaesthesiology	M. L. Maestre Hittinger	Valoración de los factores de riesgo asociados a la transfusión en pacientes de cirugía cardíaca mediante análisis de partición recursiva	Xavier Ruis Cornadó, Xavier Borràs Pérez, Josep M. Padró Fernández
Andrology	Chiara Chianese	Genetic and Epigenetic Aspects of Male Infertility	C. Krausz
Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation	Zenaida Piñeiro Aguin	Expresión de la prostaciclina sintetasa en los carcinomas de cabeza y cuello y valor pronóstico en la respuesta a radioterapia	Mercedes Camacho, Xavier León, Luis Vila
Chronic Respiratory Diseases	Diego M. Castillo Villegas	Rendimiento de un programa de estudio de casos de EPOC en usuarios de alto riesgo de la farmacia comunitaria	Pere Casan Clara, Mercedes Mayos
Chronic Respiratory Diseases	Jordi Giner Donaire	Estàndards i qualitat en la determinació de la funció pulmonar (l'spirometria) a l'Atenció Primària	Joaquín Sanchis Aldás, Vicente Plaza Moral
Chronic Respiratory Diseases	Virginia Pajares Ruiz	Utilización de criosondas para la realización de la biopsia pulmonar transbronquial	Joaquín Sanchis Aldás, Vicente Plaza Moral
Clinical and Translational Cardiology	Francisco Javier Noriega Sanz	Caracterización clínica y electrofisiológica de las alteraciones recíprocas del electrocardiograma en el infarto agudo de miocardio	Joan M. Cinca Cuscullola
Clinical and Translational Cardiology	Jesús Álvarez García	Consecuencias clínicas, bioquímicas y electrofisiológicas de la oclusión aguda de las arterias coronarias auriculares durante la angioplastia en el ser humano	Joan M. Cinca Cuscullola
Clinical Oncology	Bárbara Garcia-Valdecasas Vilanova	Cáncer de mama: estudio de focos neoplásicos invasores y no invasores de la expresión de Ki67 y su relación con la supervivencia	Agustí Barnadas
Digestive Diseases	Elisabet Sánchez Ardid	Modelos experimentales de peritonitis bacteriana inducida en ratas con cirrosis y nuevas estrategias terapéuticas	Carlos Guarner
Digestive Diseases	Juan Camilo Nieta Sachica	Caracterización de la respuesta inmune innata a ligandos de tlr, infecciones bacterianas y tratamiento con probióticos en la cirrosis	Carlos Guarner
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition	Gemma Carreras González	Terapia intensiva en la diabetes mellitus tipo 1 desde el debut. Efecto sobre el control glucémico y las complicaciones tardías a los 20 años de evolución	Antonio Pérez, Isabel Badell

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Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes	Núria Obradors	Factors individuals i contextuels associats al consum de risc d'alcohol en joves de la Catalunya Central	Carles Ariza
Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes	Olga Juárez	Programas de prevención del embarazo, las infecciones de transmisión sexual, incluida la infección por el VIH/ SIDA, entre jóvenes escolarizados de Barcelona ciudad (1992-2014)	Carles Ariza
Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling	Judith Alonso Nieto	Papel de NOR-1 en la apoptosis y el estrés oxidativo: regulación de cIAP2 y la familia SOD en células musculares lisas humanas	Antonio Rodríguez Sinovas, José Martínez González
Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling	Mar Orriols Martins	Mecanismes de regulació de la Lisil Oxidasa i la Fibulina-5 a nivell vascular: Implicació en la reestenosi i l'aneurisma d'aorta abdominal	Antonio Rodríguez Sinovas, José Martínez González
Inflammatory Diseases	Eder Fredy Mateus Medina	Papel de STAT1 y STAT3 en la tolerancia inducida por Staphylococcal enterotoxin B.Entity	Cándido Juárez
Inflammatory Diseases	Juan C. Nieto Sachica	Caracterización de la respuesta inmune innata a ligandos de TLR, infecciones bacterianas y tratamiento con probióticos en la cirrosis	Silvia Vidal Alcorisa
Intensive Medicine	Mercedes García	Neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL) como marcador predictivo de fracaso renal agudo en pacientes postoperatorios de cirugía cardíaca	Antoni-Jordi Betbesé Roig, Jorge Ordóñez Llanos, Alfonso Martínez López
Lipids and Cardiovascular Pathology	Elena Revuelta-López	Implicación del receptor LRP1 en el remodelado vascular y cardiaco	Vicenta Llorente Cortés
Locomotor System Research	Francisco Javier Aguilera Roig	Ácido tranexámico en cirugía protésica de rodilla	Claudia Mariana Lamas Gómez
Locomotor System Research	Jordi Álvarez San Nicolás	Cirugía de salvamento de extremidad en sarcoma de Ewing: supervivencia, complicaciones y factores de riesgo	Claudia Mariana Lamas Gómez
Locomotor System Research / Anaesthesiology	Mireia Rodríguez Prieto	Eficacia del bloqueo ecoguiado de nervios periféricos en el control del dolor postoperatorio en cirugía ambulatoria de rizartrosis	Xavier Rius Cornadó, Claudia Mariana Lamas Gómez, Albert Garcia Muret
Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	Laura García Arroyo	Epidemiologia de les infeccions respiratòries víriques a l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau: Estudi retrospectiu de 17 anys i avaluació de dos mètodes moleculars pel diagnòstic virològic	Núria Rabella, Ferran Navarro
Microbiology and Infectious Diseases	Mar Martí Carrizosa	Cándida Parapsilosis, C. Orthopsilosis y C. Metapsilosis: Epidemiología de las candidias, patrones de sensibilidad y mecanismos de resistencia a las equinocandidas	Fernando Sánchez
Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases / Biomarkers for Cardiovascular Disease	Ilaria Ramaiola	Thrombus composition in acute coronary syndrome	Lina Badimon, Teresa Padró
Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases	Sonia Espinosa Ferrer	Neovascularización mediada por factor tisular en la placa aterosclerótica	Lina Badimon, Gemma Arderiu

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Molecular Pathology and Therapeutic of Ischaemic and Atherothrombotic Diseases	Raquel de la Torre Tovar	Mecanismos de inflamación y trombosis: papel de la proteína C-reactiva y de la proteína 78 regulada por glucosa	Lina Badimon
Nephrology	Laia Sans Atxer	Estudio del perfil cardiovascular, sistema renina-angiotensina-aldosterona, inflamación y disfunción endotelial en pacientes normotensos con poliquistosis renal autosómica dominante y sin insuficiencia renal	Patricia Fernández-Llama, Julio Pascual
Neurobiology of Dementia	Daniel Andrés Alcolea Rodríguez	Cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers for the study of the pathophysiological pathways in Alzheimer's disease	Alberto Lleó Bisa, Rafael Blesa González
Neuromuscular Diseases	Xavier Suárez	Nous aspectes fisiopatogènics en la dermatomiositis	Isabel Illa
Nursing Care Research	M. Teresa Ricart Basagaña	Proceso de alta de una unidad de cuidados intensivos: medición de la ansiedad y factores relacionados	Mar Lleixà Fortuño
Nursing Care Research / Intensive Medicine	Gemma Robleda Font	Relevancia clínica del dolor asociado con los procedimientos del paciente crítico	Josep Eladi Baños Díez, Jordi Mancebo Cortés
Oncogenesis and Antitumoral Drugs	Laia Estalella Mercadé	Estudio de factores clínico-patológicos y valor pronóstico de la expresión subcelular de E-cadherina en metástasis hepáticas de cáncer colorectal	Maria Virtudes Céspedes, Vicenç Artigas, Manuel Trias
Ophthalmology	Jaume Crespi Vilimelis	New genes involved in rare diseases in Ophthalmology	José Antonio Buil Calvo, José García-Arumí
Ophthalmology	José Ignacio Vela Segarra	Estudio de las lesiones paravasculares en el paciente alto miope mediante OCT de dominio espectral	José Antonio Buil Calvo, José García-Arumí
Pain and Neurosciences	Miren Revuelta Rizo	Efectividad de la respuesta al tratamiento intervencionista en la Unidad del Dolor sobre la radiculalgia secundaria a hernia discal	Xavier León Vintró, Elena Català Puigbò
Pain and Neurosciences	M. Mercè Genové	Impacte de les alteracions cerebrals en la percepció del dolor per herpes zòster i neuràlgia postherpètica	Xavier Rius Cornadó, Elena Català Puigbò, Maria J. Portella Moll
Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders	Eva Ruzaña Valiente	Comportamiento de la escala Parkinson's Disease – Cognitive Rating Scale (PD-CRS) en patologías diferentes a la enfermedad de Parkinson	Jaime Kulisevsky, Carmen García Sánchez
Pharmacological Research in Humans	Savion Gropper Achitoov	Absorption, safety and tolerability of a Topical Quinolone	Rosa Antonijoan
Pharmacy	Noé Garin Escrivà	Distribution of multiple chronic conditions and their impact on the Spanish population*	M. Antònia Mangues
Pituitary and Gland Disorders	Anna Aulinás	Investigation of the telomere maintenance system in Cushing's syndrome: A contribution to the phenomena of early ageing and specific morbidity	Susan Webb
Pituitary and Gland Disorders	Alícia Santos	Estudio neuropsicológico, neuroradiológico y clínico en el hipercortisolismo endógeno	Susan Webb
Plastic Surgery	Gemma Pons Playá	Planificación preoperatoria de anastomosis linfáticas-venosas mediante ICG y linfoRMN	Jaume Masià, Xavier Rius, Xavier León
Urology	Carlos Errando	Valoración funcional y de la calidad de vida tras implante de cabestrillo reajustable tipo remeex® en incontinencia de orina femenina recidivada o insuficiencia esfinteriana intrínseca	A. Gelabert, F. Millán, J. Palou

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Patents

IIB Sant Pau Group	Researchers	Organizations	Title	Application Number
Molecular Pathology of Gynaecologic Cancer	Jaime Prat	HSCSP RI	Method to predict risk of recurrence in endometrial carcinoma	PCT/EP2015/053387
Reproductive Health	Ramon Rovira	HSCSP RI	Dispositivo para simular una operación endoscópica vía orificio natural	P201531796

Technology Transfer Agreements

Organizations	Partners	Intellectual property / Technology
HSCSP; HSCSP RI	Sociedad de Gestión de Proyectos Tecnológicos SL	mHealth Platform
HSCSP RI	Eli Lilly and Company	Clinical scales
HSCSP RI	Bracket Global LLC	Clinical scales

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Research Support Services

The main objective of the research support services, which are divided into two blocks, is the sharing and pooling of resources as an effective way to optimize funds and boost research.

Research Support Services

These provide facilities and equipment that are exclusively available to any specific research group but are shared among groups at all institutions within IIB Sant Pau.

IIB Sant Pau has 14 services:

- Clinical Trial Documentation Management
- Research Institute Management
- Research Institute Projects Unit
- Tumour Bank
- Quality and Information Systems Unit
- Radioactivity Unit
- Centre for Drug Research (CIM Sant Pau)
- Central Clinical Research and Clinical Trials Unit (UCICEC Sant Pau)
- Animal Housing
- Transfer and Innovation Unit
- Author Editing
- Communications Coordination Team
- Clinical Research Ethics Committee
- Clinical Research Ethics Committee Secretariat

Scientific and Technical Service Platforms

The main aim of these support services is to manage, allocate and optimize the top-level research resources available to IIB Sant Pau. They provide researchers with support and scientific and technical assessment and advise on the most appropriate methods to prepare samples and to plan optimal work flows for each objective.

IIB Sant Pau has 5 platforms:

- Genomics and Transcriptomics Platform
- Functional and Cellular Analysis Platform
- Microscopy and Immunohistochemistry Platform
- Innovation Platform i2Health Sant Pau
- Biobank

The platforms also have access to equipment available for general use to complement their functioning.



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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.

Facilities:

Several areas have been designated to implement these functions:

- > Head office and administration area
- > Data processing and management area

- > 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.

- > 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.
- > 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.
- > Activity reports: scientific report, Board, Direction and others.
- > Internal and external audits from different financial entities.
- > Researchers: meetings for starting and managing projects.
- > Interaction with different transversal areas to implement the regulations of the calls.



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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.
- Manage new laboratory works performed under the contingency plan.
- 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.
- Manage the HSCSP Research Institute Biosafety Committee.
- Participate in the Animal Experimentation Ethics Committee.
- Participate in the UCICEC Sant Pau Technical Committee.
- Represent the HSCSP Research Institute before external organizations.

> Quality:

- Implement policies to improve quality under GLP, GCP, GMP and ISO 9001 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.
- 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.

> Information systems:

- 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.

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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.

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.

- > 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.
- Cellular cholesterol efflux.
- Metabolism in vivo.

- > 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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Tumour Bank

Functions:

- > Create and maintain a collection of healthy and diseased tissue samples in optimal conditions for use in research projects that may include morphology, phenotype and molecular analyses and which may also be used in diagnosis.
- > Guarantee the quality of stored material by means of morphology analyses of samples,

assuring anatomical and pathological correlation with definitive diagnoses for tissues.

- > Supply material to research groups on a non-profit basis (investigators may apply for samples as long as their project complies with current regulations and is scientifically, technically and ethically viable).

Equipment:

- > 4 fast-freeze apparatus (isopentane bath, stored at -50°C).
- > Storage and cryopreservation systems: 2 freezers -80°C and 1 deposit for liquid nitrogen.
- > 1 cryostat.
- > 1 manual tissue arrayer.



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.

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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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Central Clinical Research and Clinical Trials Unit (UCICEC 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.

UCICEC 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), Clinical Research Ethics Committee (CEIC), 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 form and annexes / application forms / evaluation forms follow form.
- > Support in the processing of initial applications, clarifications and amendments: AEMPS, CEIC, 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 Housing

Functions:

- > Produce different small rodent strains in-house for research and teaching purposes.
- > Manage the purchase and transportation of animals from domestic and international breeding and supply centres.
- > Receive and house incoming animals and deliver them to users once quarantine and health requirements are met.
- > House and maintain experimental animals while ensuring their welfare.
- > Regularly check rodent health status.
- > Perform twice-yearly health checks.
- > Clean and sterilize of materials and maintain the pathogen-free area.
- > Feed animals according to experimental protocols.
- > Provide support for animal surgery, anaesthesia and euthanasia.
- > Supply laboratory materials and collect samples.
- > Monitor mating, mating plugs, pregnant females and weaning.
- > Provide healthcare.
- > Advise the animal welfare expert.
- > Perform periodic health checks with sentinel screening in all rooms.
- > Maintain monitoring protocols.
- > Ensure the hygiene and safety of facilities and equipment.
- > Manage waste disposal.
- > Attend training in relation to all protocols developed in the animal house.
- > Advise on the drafting of research projects involving the use of animals.
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- > Advise on the drafting of research projects involving the use of animals.

Facilities:

Conventional Animal Facility:

- > Mice rooms (2), total capacity 2400.
- > Rat room, capacity 200.
- > Quarantine room.
- > Washroom.
- > Clean-storage room.
- > Standard storeroom.
- > Surgery room.
- > CO₂ euthanasia equipment.
- > Treatment room.
- > Office.
- > Shower.
- > WC.

Pathogen-free area:

- > Pre-changing room.
- > Changing room.
- > Air shower.
- > Work room.
- > Mice room and changing area.
- > S.A.S.
- > Autoclave and washing area.
- > storage room.

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Transfer and Innovation Unit

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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Clinical Research Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee for Clinical Research (CEIC) 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 trial and provide public assurance of that

Its specific functions are:

- > Evaluate the methodological, ethical and legal aspects of:
 - Clinical trials with drugs and health products.
 - Observational 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 CEIC.
- > Monitor of clinical drug trials and clinical research with medical devices.

protection, 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.



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Clinical Research Ethics Committee Secretariat

The Clinical Research Ethics Committee 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 Secretariat of the Clinical Research Ethics Committee evaluates the methodological, ethical and

legal aspects 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.

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.
- > 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.
- > Administer contracts for all clinical trials to be performed at the HSCSP.
- > Certify the actions of the Committee.
- > Prepare the annual report of the Committee.
- > Ensure compliance with the SOPs of the Committee.



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Author Editing

Functions:

- > Review and edit research papers, abstracts, posters, presentations and other scientific documents written in English.
- > Assist in the preparation and delivery of presentations, lectures, speeches, etc in English for meetings, conferences and similar events.

Scientific and Technical Service Platforms



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Genomics and Transcriptomics Platform

> GENOMICS LABORATORY

Functions:

- > Next-generation sequencing: full transcriptome genotyping, RNA-Seq, Ampli-Seq, ChIP-Seq, amplicon sequencing and sequencing and identification of microorganisms.
- > Sanger sequencing: mutational analysis, microorganism identification and validation of cell lines.
- > Analysis of fragments: microsatellite instability, loss of heterozygosity studies in pathological conditions, mutation detection and genotyping, quantification of gene copy numbers, methylation studies and studies of polymorphisms associated with disease states.

Equipment:

- > Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine.
- > Ion OneTouch (TM) System.
- > 3130xl Genetic Analyzer capillary electrophoresis sequencer.

> TRANSCRIPTOMICS LABORATORY

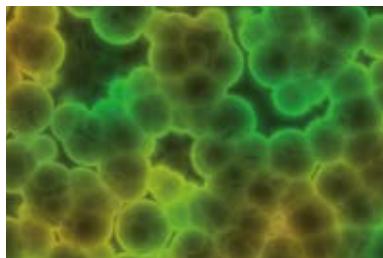
Functions:

- > Hybridization and analysis of Affymetrix microarrays:
 - RNA and micro-RNA expression profiles in normal conditions and in diseases and treatment.
 - Loss of heterozygosity, copy number analysis and genome-wide mutation detection.
 - Genome-wide linkage and association studies.

- > Real time quantitative PCR (gene expression, allelic discrimination).
- > Nucleic acid quality assessment.
- > Quantification of nucleic acids (Bioanalyzer, Nanodrop).

Equipment:

- > Affymetrix array platform (upgrade 7G).
- > Real time quantitative PCR ABI 7900HT (384-well plates and TLDA).
- > Bioanalyzer 2100
- > Nanodrop 2000.



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Functional and Cellular Analysis Platform

> FLOW CYTOMETRY LABORATORY

Functions:

- > Conventional cytometry in homogenous (cell line) or heterogeneous (biological fluid) samples:
 - Detection of the presence of proteins and determination of cell populations (cell markers).
 - Studies of signalling cascades (cell cycle, cell proliferation, apoptosis, intracellular calcium determination).
 - Quantification of transfection efficiency.

- Phenotype changes and relative and absolute presence.
- Production of mediators.
- Detection of minority populations.

> Cell sorter:

- Separation of cell populations in sterile conditions.

Equipment:

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

> CELL CULTURE LABORATORY

Functions:

- > To make adequate facilities and equipment available to researchers working with cell cultures in a BSL2 laboratory.

Equipment:

- > 3 CO₂ incubators.
- > 2 hypoxia incubators (2-21% O₂).
- > 2 IIA biosafety cabinets (BSL2).
- > 2 hypoxia cabinets (BSL1).
- > Culture baths.
- > Olympus inverted microscope with high-resolution colour camera.
- > Refrigerated centrifuge.
- > Fridge 4°C and freezer -20°C.
- > Thermo-desinfector and autoclave.

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Microscopy and Immunohistochemistry Platform

> IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY LABORATORY

Functions:

- > Tissue processing.
- > Paraffin and OCT-block preparation.
- > Block cutting with microtome/cryostat.
- > Automatic immunostaining (simple and dual).
- > Staining (Giemsa, haematoxylin-eosin,

- trichromic, PAS, Oil Red, etc).
- > Preparation of tissue arrays.
- > Image acquisition and analysis using high-resolution colour microscopy and specialist software.

Equipment:

- > Tissue processor (Sakura).
- > Paraffin bath (Sakura).
- > Microtome (Microm).
- > Cryostat (Leica).

- > Immune autostainer AS48 (Dako).
- > Autostainer (Sakura).
- > Semiautomatic tissue arrayer.

> MICROSCOPY LABORATORY

Functions:

- > Confocal microscopy in live and fixed cells:
 - Immunofluorescence of 2 to 5 fluorochromes.
 - Reconstruction of 3D and 4D images.
 - Colocalization studies.

- Inter- and intra-interactions (FRET and FLIM).
- Molecular diffusion times (FCS).
- > Conventional fluorescence microscopy (immunofluorescence with 1 or 2 fluorochromes, FISH) in live and fixed cells.

Equipment:

- > Confocal multispectral Leica SP5 AOLS with high-resolution scanning system and high-speed tandem scanning, FLIM/FCS modules and time-lapse incubation system.
- > Zeiss digital time-lapse microscope.

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Functions:

- > Promote the development of the information and communication technologies in the health sector.
- > Support researchers and healthcare staff undertaking e-health projects.

- > Provide a dedicated space within the hospital to create a living lab by bringing together medical staff, engineers, technologists, industry and health administration.



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Biobank

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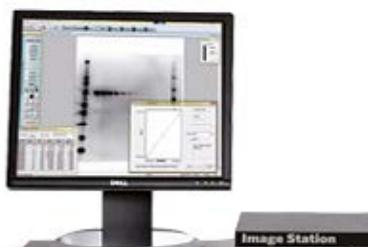
- > Create and maintain a collection of healthy and diseased biological human samples in optimal conditions for use in research projects.
- > Facilitate collaboration projects by putting investigators in touch and making biological human sample cession possible.
- > Supply (non-profit) human biological samples to research groups, in accordance with legal regulations.

> Obtain, process and store human biological samples in accordance with international standards, maintaining sample traceability and security in accordance with legal requirements.

> Provide training in legal and ethical regulations governing biological human sample management.

Grants:

- > HSCSP Research Institute. Biobank Network 2009. Amount: €138,000.



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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**

Equipment:

- > Precision weighing balances (Sartorius).
- > Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent).
- > Nanodrop 2000 (Thermo).
- > Infinite 200 (Tecan) microplate reader: spectrophotometer, fluorometer, luminometer.

Grants:

- > HSCSP Research Institute. Innovation Network 2009. Amount: €123,414.
- > Kulisevsky, J. Expert system integrating teleassistance and medicine to prevent dependence and promote autonomy of the elderly in the home environment. E-HEALTH Platform for Healthy Ageing. Plan Avanza. Amount: €60,848.55.

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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.

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.
- ▶ Characterize the ECG patterns and prognosis in patients with left circumflex coronary occlusion.
- ▶ Describe the behaviour of myocardial electrical impedance in normal and acute ischemic models using new bioimpedance methods developed in our laboratory.

Heart failure

- ▶ Develop new risk scores for ambulatory heart failure patients predicting death and re-hospitalizations.
- ▶ 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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- ▶ Antoni Capdevila, HSCSP - Radiodiagnostics.
- ▶ María Poca Sans, HSCSP - Digestive Disorders.
- ▶ Rafael Serra, HSCSP - Anaesthesiology.
- ▶ Enric Álvarez, HSCSP - Psychiatry.

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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.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Incorporation to the new CIBER cardiovascular research network.



Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Genomics of Complex Diseases (GAIT1, GAIT2, RETROVE, VEREMA and MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Stroke Unit (HERO, EDUCANT and MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Vascular Surgery (GAIT2, genetics of venous insufficiency).
- ▶ Medical Oncology (MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Clinical Haematology (MIRTO Project).
- ▶ Digestive Diseases (HEPACO).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Cardiovascular Research Network (RIC).

- ▶ Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden: GAIT2 and VEREMA.
- ▶ La Timone Hospital, Marseilles, France: GAIT2 and VEREMA.
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- ▶ Thrombosis Group of the Spanish Medical Oncology Society (SEOM): ONCOTHROMB and MIRTO.
- ▶ Institut of Biological Psychiatry, Mental Health Snc. Hans. Roskilde (Denmark).

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Main Lines of Research

Atherosclerosis mechanisms

- ▶ Analysis of apolipoprotein J (apoJ) as a marker of CVR.
- ▶ Use of mimetic peptides derived from apoJ as therapeutic tools.
- ▶ Involvement of LDL(-) on lipid accumulation in cardiomyocytes and heart failure.

Inflammatory mechanisms induced by LDL(-) on monocytes from patients with diabetes

- ▶ Diagnosis of chronic or acute cardiovascular diseases.

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.

- ▶ 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.

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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 L. Vila).
- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology (Dr J. Cinca).
- ▶ Lipids and Cardiovascular Pathology (Dr C. Llorente).

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Research into diagnosis

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Participation in multicentre studies

- ▶ MUSIC (sudden death in heart failure) Risk Score, Spanish Society of Cardiology.
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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).
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Physiopathological role of LRP family proteins in chronic diseases.
- ▶ Identification and characterization of transcription factors and genetic targets. Role of lipids and inflammation.
- ▶ 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.

Awards

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- ▶ Biomarkers for Cardiovascular Disease (PI: Teresa Padró).
- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (PI: Joan Martí Fábregas).
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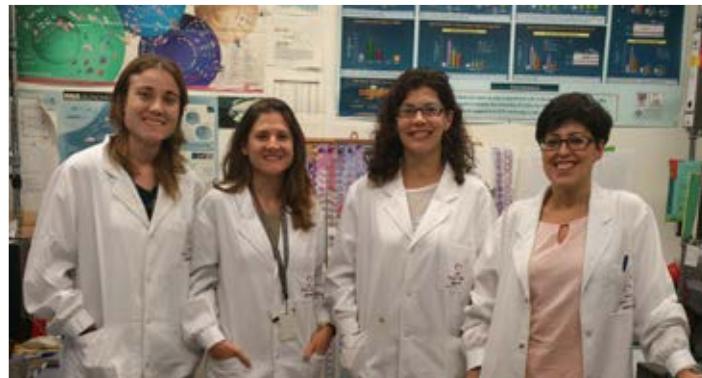
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Inflammation and vascular remodelling: regulation of vascular 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).
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- ▶ Vicente Andrés. Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (Spain).

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▶ Jesús Osada. CIBERONB, Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain).

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- ▶ José Martínez González. Red de Investigación Cardiovascular (RIC). MINECO-ISCIII. RD12/0042/0053. Duration: 2013-2016. €205,000.

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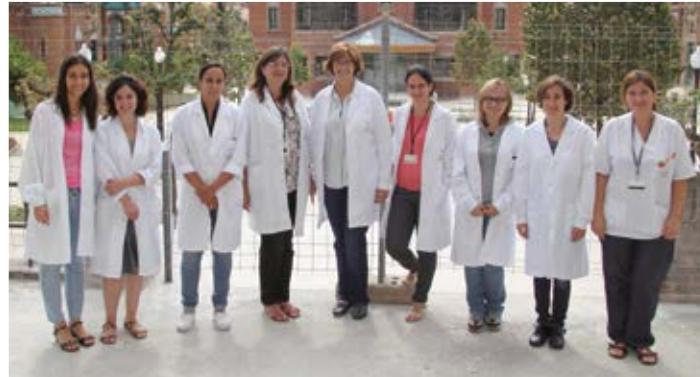
Biomarkers for Cardiovascular Disease

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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 vascular injury, atherothrombotic disease and/or ischaemic, coronary and cerebrovascular syndromes using postgenomic techniques.
- ▶ Generate new information on potential soluble biomarkers (in serum, plasma) and in microparticles circulating in blood, as well as in blood and/or vascular cells studies include proteomic and lipidomic techniques based on liquid chromatography and bidimensional electrophoresis, antibody array systems and mass spectrometry (MALDIToF/ToF; linear ion trap).
- ▶ 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 (biology of systems).
- ▶ Consolidate the lipidomic platform.
- ▶ Lead the Biobank in the SAFE-T European project.

Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ Department of Cardiology, Thorax Institute, Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Spain (Salvatore Brugaletta, Victoria Martin-Yuste, Clarissa Cola, Manel Sabaté).
- ▶ Fundación Jiménez Díaz, Madrid (Rodrigo Alonso, Pedro Mata).
- ▶ Red TERCEL.
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Theses

- ▶ Ilaria Ramaiola. Thrombus composition in acute coronary syndrome. Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Directors: Lina Badimon, Teresa Padró. Date of defense: 24 March 2015.



Active Grants

- ▶ Teresa Padró. Qualification of Translational Safety Biomarkers from Non Clinical to Early Clinical Studies: SAFE-T Project. IMI_Call_2008_1_05 – FP7 EU. Duration: 2009-2015.
- ▶ Teresa Padró. Biomarker For Cardiovascular Assessment in Europe (BiomarCaRE) FP7-Health-2011/ GA 278913. European Community FP7. Duration: 2011-2016.
- ▶ Teresa Padró. Molecular and Cellular pathology in atherosclerosis. Regulating role of the extracellular matrix. ISCIII. PI13/02850. Duration: 2014-2016.
- ▶ Teresa Padró. Identificación de nuevas dianas para inhibir el desarrollo de placa arteriosclerótica: abordaje traslacional en el estudio de la perlipina TIP47. Sociedad Española de Cardiología (SEC). Duration: 2014-2016.
- ▶ Teresa Padró. Cell Therapy Network (TerCel). RD12/0019/0026. Carlos III Health Institute. Duration: Jan 2013-Dec 2016.
- ▶ Teresa Padró. Consolidated Research Group. AGAUR 2014 SGR 1303. Duration: Jan 2014-Dec 2016.

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Awards

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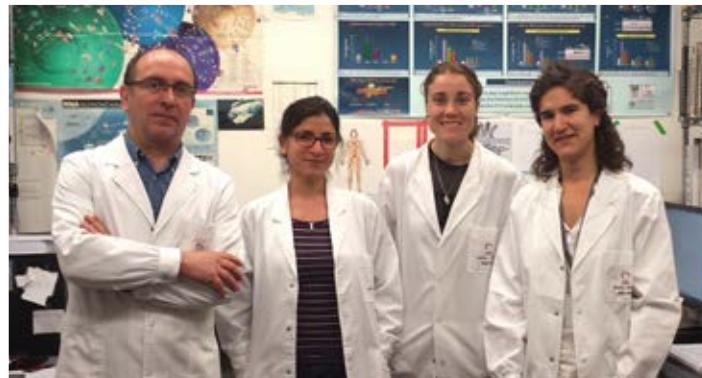
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Atherosclerosis and Vascular Biology

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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 imple-
- ment 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

- ▶ José Luis de la Pompa. Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares, CNIC.
- ▶ Jain K. Mukesh. Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland.
- ▶ Mark Slevin. Manchester Metropolitan University.
- ▶ Jerzy Krupinski. Hospital Mútua Universitària de Terrassa.
- ▶ Francisco Marín. Hospital Clínico Universitario Virgen de la Arrixaca, Murcia.
- ▶ Jesús Osada. Universidad de Zaragoza.

- ▶ Mercedes Salas. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, UAM.
- ▶ Vicente Andrés García. Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares, CNIC.
- ▶ Juan Miguel Redondo. Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares, CNIC.
- ▶ Victoria Cachofeiro. Universidad Complutense de Madrid, UCM.
- ▶ José Luis Martín Ventura. Fundación Jiménez Díaz-UAM.
- ▶ Francisco Sánchez Madrid. Hospital de la Princesa-UAM.
- ▶ Manuel Vázquez Carrera. Universitat de Barcelona.



Active Grants

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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 arrhythmogenesis.
- ▶ Effects of development and ageing on calcium handling in cardiac myocytes.
- ▶ Functional effects of lipid accumulation in cardiomyocytes.

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), the detection and role of Reactive Oxygen Species in diseased cardiomyocytes, and the role of telomere length in cardiac senescence and regeneration.
- ▶ 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)

▶ Vicente Andrés. Fisiopatología Cardiovascular Molecular y Genética, CNIC.

▶ Ignacio Flores. Regeneración y envejecimiento, CNIC.

▶ Leif Hove-Madsen, Researcher Collaborator at the Red de Investigación Cardiovascular (RIC).

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Active Grants

- Leif Hove-Madsen. Identificación de factores de riesgo moleculares y electrofisiológicos, que conllevan un mayor riesgo de padecer fibrilación auricular. SAF2014-58286-C2-1-R.

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Scientific Production

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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

- ▶ Develop transgenic mice with tissue-specific LRP1 modulation to proceed to in-depth analysis of LRP1-dependent mechanisms.
- ▶ Maintain and amplify relationship with IIB Sant Pau groups regarding translation in this research area.
- ▶ Maintain and strengthen 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.

Awards

- ▶ Circulating microRNAs as emerging cardiac biomarkers: response to acute exercise in healthy subjects and implications for health and performance. Third place in XVII National Sports Medicine Research Award, Spain.
- ▶ David de Gonzalo-Calvo. Young investigator fellowship 2015, European Society of Atherosclerosis.

Active Grants

- ▶ David de Gonzalo Calvo. Contractes "Sara Borrell" 2014. CD14/00109. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2017. €89,598.
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- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk (PI: Francisco Blanco)
- ▶ Molecular Bases of Disease (PI: Pablo Fuentes)
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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:
 1. Studies of molecular pathology, disease mechanisms and SMN gene expression.
 2. Identification of modifying genes.
 3. Study of biomarkers for validation processing in spinal muscular atrophy.
 4. Study of the neuromuscular junction in human development.
- ▶ Hereditary breast cancer and BRCA mutations:
 1. Identification of mutations and genetic variants.
 2. Molecular characterization of Circulating tumor cells (CTCSS) through expression profiles in patients with breast cancer.
- 3. 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.

Active Grants

- ▶ Maria Pia Gallano Petit. Elaboración de paneles de diagnóstico molecular en patología monogénica hereditaria mediante el sistema de nanofluidos y secuenciación masiva. PI11/02586. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €78,250.
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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.
- ▶ Positive health effects of phytosterols.
- ▶ Development, validation and application of new clinical laboratory methods in the field of metabolic and cardiovascular medicine.
- ▶ Genetic determinants of metabolic factors of cardiovascular risk: dyslipidaemia, type 2 diabetes, hyperhomocysteinaemia.

Challenges

- ▶ Analyse the effects of diabetes *mellitus* and hyperhomocysteinaemia in reverse cholesterol transport *in vivo*.
- ▶ Determine the pathogenic relevance of alterations in cholesterol metabolism in diabetic retinopathy.
- ▶ Compare the effects of niacin and fenofibrate in the HDL of patients with type 2 diabetes.

- ▶ Study anti-cancer mechanisms of HDL genetic modification and phytosterol consumption.
- ▶ Develop new molecular techniques to diagnose metabolic inherited diseases to be used in the clinical laboratory.

Active Grants

- ▶ Juan Carlos Escolá Gil. Estrategias terapéuticas y nutricionales basadas en la mejora de las funciones antioxidante y antiinflamatoria de las HDL en la diabetes mellitus tipo 2 y el cáncer de mama. PI12/00291. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2016. €164,000.
- ▶ Laura Teresa Errico. Contrato FIS Pre-Doc Formación. FI12/00226. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €85,200.
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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 treatment.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Study of lymphocyte subpopulations involved in chronic graft rejection in cardiac posttransplant patients.

Challenges

- ▶ Role of cells and molecules of the innate 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.
- ▶ Involvement of STAT family of transcription factors in response to superantigens.
- ▶ Study of mechanisms involved in immunodeficiency caused by alterations of the CD8a molecule.
- ▶ Role of perivascular adipocytes and TLR signalling pathways in the development of atherosclerosis.
- ▶ Inflammation and rejection in heart transplantation.
- ▶ Effects of immunobiological treatments on immunological variables.
- ▶ Analysis of the evolution of immunological parameters and their correlation with clinical response to treatment with immunomodulators.
- ▶ Effects of rituximab, tocilizumab and adalimumab in immunological variables and their correlation with the clinical response in patients with inflammatory diseases.

Active Grants

- ▶ Cándido Juárez Rubio. Mecanismos implicados en la acción del rituximab en miastenia gravis: efecto diferencial sobre los autoanticuerpos anti-AchR y ANTI-MuSK. PI11/00927. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €66,500.
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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.

Active Grants

- ▶ Cintia González Blanco. Intensificación y monitorización telemática personalizada de la modificación del estilo de vida en el tratamiento de la obesidad y la prevención del riesgo cardiometabólico. PI12/00931. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2017. €68,000.
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Challenges**Endocrine Neoplasms**

- ▶ Molecular markers of the epithelial lineage: expression of the ABCG2 gene/BCRP1 transporter.
- ▶ Importance of thyroglobulin and antithyroglobulin antibodies as prognostic prediction markers in differentiated thyroid cancer of epithelial lineage.
- ▶ 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.

Autoimmune Diabetes Mellitus and Gestational Diabetes

- ▶ 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 gestational diabetes at different pre-conception, pregnancy, birth and postpartum stages.

Telemedicine and Intelligent Systems for Therapeutic Optimization of Diabetes Mellitus

- ▶ 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 demonstrate with documented evidence (heuristics) that European research on the development of pancreatic extracts achieved beneficial results in the opotherapy of both experimental and clinical diabetes.
- ▶ Research into impaired glucose tolerance in women suffering from polycystic ovary syndrome.
- ▶ Acquisition of information to help assess the clinical and socio-economic relevance of cardiometabolic risk.

Collaborations**Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups**

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- ▶ Cardiovascular Biochemistry (Jorge Ordóñez, José Luis Quesada, Francisco Blanco).
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Morbimortality, low-grade inflammation and cardiovascular risk in patients with acromegaly or Cushing syndrome.
- ▶ ERCUSYN: European Registry on Cushing syndrome. Initiated with funding from SANCO, EU Public Health Programme.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Correlate neuropsychological status and circadian rhythm of cortisol in patients with hypercortisolism (Cushing syndrome) and without hypercortisolism (non-functioning pituitary adenomas) compared to normal controls.
- ▶ Evaluate long-term morbidity and mortality in patients who have had Cushing syndrome or acromegaly in the last 25 years.
- ▶ Analyse and update the European database of patients with Cushing syndrome

(ERCUSYN), which at the end of 2013 included over 1100 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.
- ▶ Investigate correlations of telomere length and different clinical and biochemical parameters in patients with Cushing syndrome.
- ▶ Evaluate long-term morbidity and mortality in patients who have had Cushing syndrome or acromegaly in the last 25 years.

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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 research group by studying complications in cirrhosis.
- ▶ 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.

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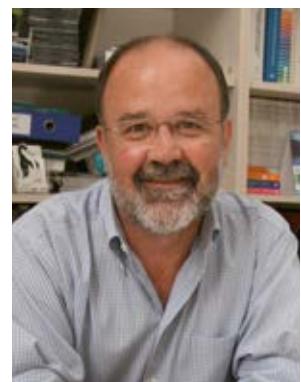
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Main Lines of Research

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

- ▶ Vaccines in patients at high risk of CMV infection post-transplantation.
- ▶ Detection of patients IgG positive for CMV but with posttransplantation risk of CMV infection.

Challenges

Clinical Microbiology Resistance Mechanisms

- ▶ Study of increased resistance as a result of gene carrier-vector spread.
- ▶ Continuity of work in the context of the Spanish Network for Research into Infectious Pathologies (REIPI), heading certain projects (e.g., epidemiology of class C beta-lactamases in Spain) and cooperating with a project on the epidemiology of resistance to amoxicillin-clavulanic acid among others.
- ▶ Advancement of other research lines, both in-house and in cooperation with other centres, leading to two doctoral theses.

Tuberculosis, Epidemiology and Resistance Mechanisms

- ▶ Prospective monitoring of primary and acquired *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* resistance to first-second-line drugs.

- ▶ Biomarkers for BKV in urine samples.
- ▶ 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.

- ▶ 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 sup-

Challenges**Theses**

port 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-hematological diseases.
- ▶ Multicentre studies of HIV (ongoing).
- ▶ Monitoring of congenital infection in pregnant women with Chagas disease.

Kidney Surgery

- ▶ Vaccine in patients with high risk of CMV infection post-transplantation: Phase 2 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of MCMV532A/MCMV3068A for the prevention of cytomegalovirus disease in high-risk kidney allograft recipients, Clinical trial sponsored by Genetech.
- ▶ Detection of patients IgG positive for CMV with high or low risk of CMV infection post-transplantation: Translational study to assess the clinical utility of determination pre-transplant of IFN-γ secreted by CD8 + T-cell-specific guide for the prevention of CMV infection in patients of low risk of CMV infection. Clinical trial sponsored by Consejería de Sanidad y Bienestar Social de Andalucía, Spain.
- ▶ 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.

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 Cutbreaks 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.
- ▶ Observational, epidemiological and retrospective study of management of CMV infection in a cohort of patients receiving solid organ transplantation in Catalonia (Dr Canal, Dr Facundo and Dr Serra), sponsored by the Catalan Transplantation Society.

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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 hypercholesterolemia.

Clinical Management, Internal Medicine and Geriatrics

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

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 tofacitinib.

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.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Digestive Diseases (Dr Germán Soriano), Study by densitometry and ergospirometry of the effects of an exercise programme in overweight patients with liver cirrhosis.
- ▶ Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology Service (Dr José Carlos González Rodríguez), Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial of parallel groups assessing the efficacy of subcutaneous denosumab for periprosthetic resorption decrease in patients with total knee prosthesis, IIB-SP-DEN-2012-24, Eudra No: 2012-001285-15.
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External Collaborations

- ▶ Dr Luis del Rio, Standardized measures of different tissues using dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry, CETIR Medical Group, Barcelona, Spain.
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- ▶ Dr César Díaz Torné, panellist for the Guidelines to Clinical Practice for Gout (GuipClinGot), Spanish Rheumatology Society.

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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.

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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).

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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 grant-aided 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.

Challenges

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 treatment-dependent and non-treatment-dependent factors in multicentre cohorts.
- ▶ Development of in vitro models (adipose cultures) to study adipose toxicity for antiretroviral drugs.

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 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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- ▶ 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 Gynaecologic Cancer (Dr. Jaime Prat).
- ▶ Genetic Diseases (Dr. Montserrat Baiget).

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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 neoplasies.
- ▶ Enhance international collaboration and participation in EU networks and industrial projects.

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Main Lines of Research

Malignant Haemopathologies

- ▶ Diagnostic activities: morphological, immunophenotyping, cytogenetic and molecular characterization (particularly of acute leukaemias).
- ▶ Biological characteristics responding to therapy.
- ▶ New treatments using cell line models aimed at molecular targets.
- ▶ Genomic (microarrays) and proteomic platforms for diagnosis.
- ▶ Murine models development.

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 haemopathologies.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Develop functional cell culture and animal (murine) models.

- ▶ 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 haematology, pathology, gastrointestinal, haemostasis and thrombosis, complex disease genomics areas) and with other groups in Spain and abroad, especially those with complementary technologies.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Group

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Main Lines of Research

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

Challenges

- ▶ Progress as a productive translational gynaecological cancer research group, capable of competing with other highly visible groups in Barcelona that publish regular articles in reputable journals.
- ▶ Cooperate with other groups at the national and international levels.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

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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 Mangues).
- ▶ Translational Molecular Oncology (Dr. Matilde Parreño).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Catalan Institute of Oncology: Epidemiology (Dr. X. Bosch).
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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.

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).

- ▶ Design of new modalities of haematopoietic stem-cell transplantation and cell therapy.
- ▶ Psychological intervention and quality of life in patients with haematological malignancies.

Collaborations**Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups**

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

External Collaborations

- ▶ Haematologic cancer programme groups, Carlos III Health Institute Cooperative Cancer Research Network (RTICC): J. Sierra, co-ordinator.

- ▶ European Research Initiative on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (ERIC): C. Moreno, coordinator.
- ▶ Spanish lymphoma transplantation groups (GELTAMO): J. Briones, S. Novelli
- ▶ Spanish hematologic malignancies consortium (PETHEMA): J. Sierra, M. Granell, S. Brunet
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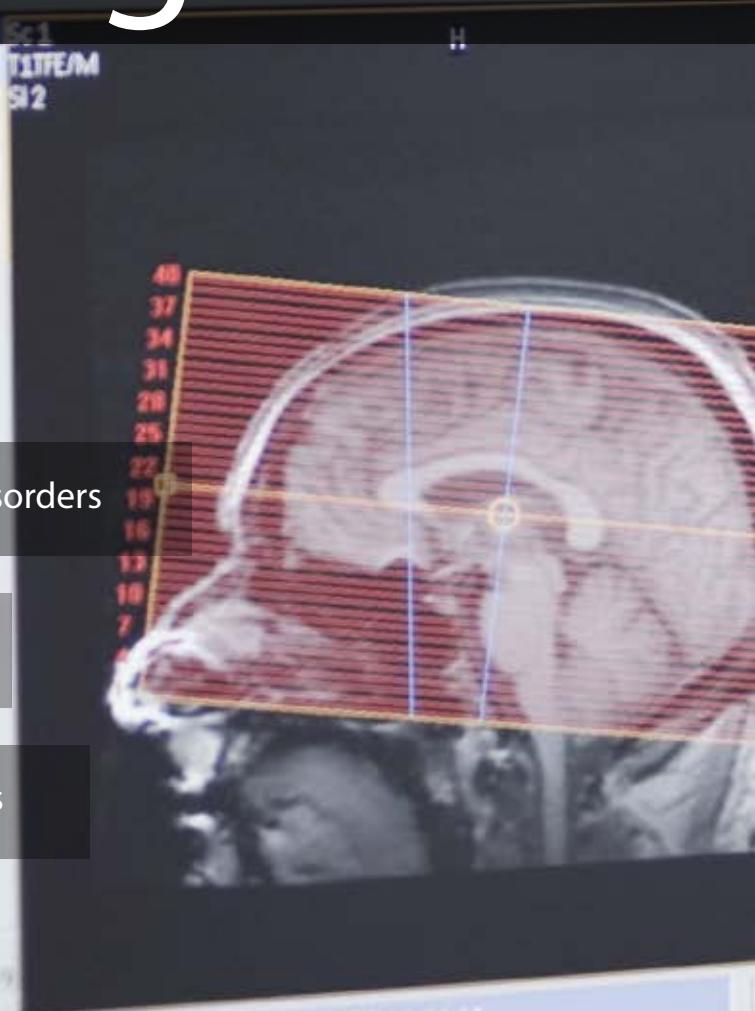
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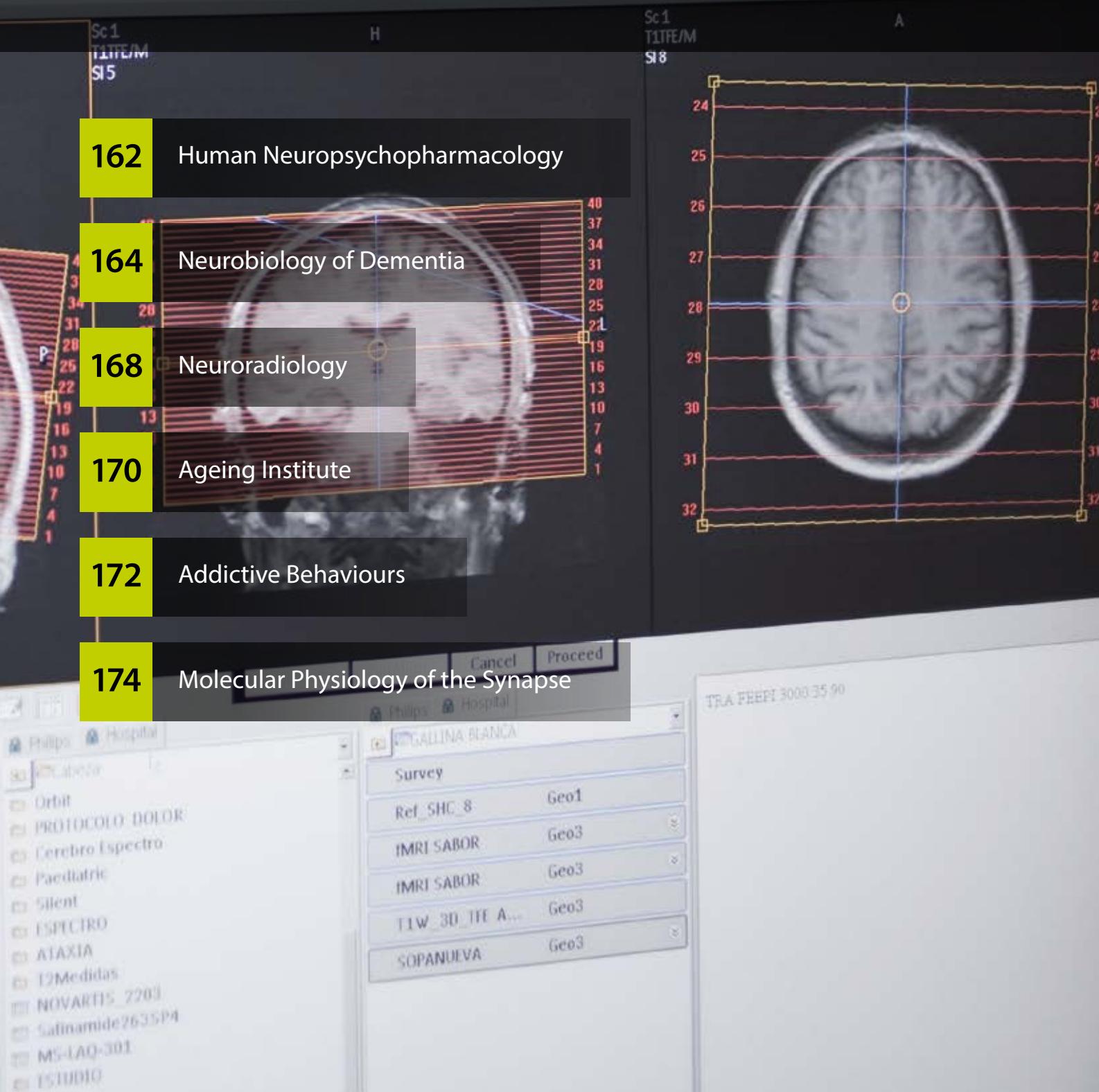
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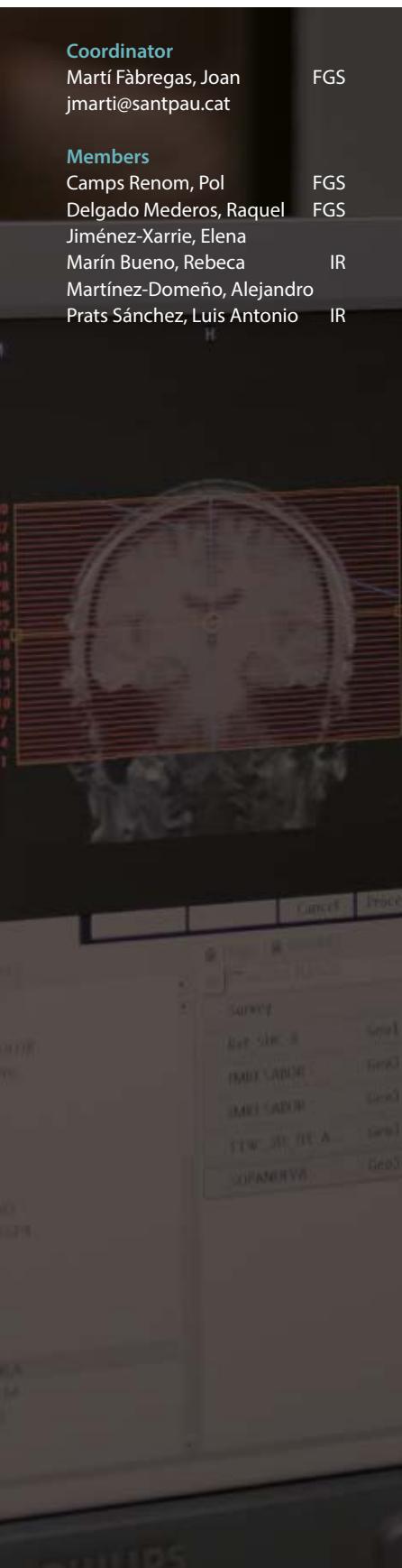
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Sonothrombolysis.
- ▶ 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 intrahospital cooperation (the Catalan Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and the Haemostasis-Thrombosis group) and extra-hospital cooperation (with groups managed by Dr. García-Verdugo in Valencia, Dr. Arús at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Dr. Anna Planas at Hospital

Clinic de Barcelona, Dr. Turgut Durduran at ICFO). To obtain funding from FIS, regional authorities and private companies.

- ▶ Increase the number of contracted and grant-aided researchers and professionally develop existing researchers.

Active Grants

- ▶ Joan Martí Fàbregas. INVICTUS. RD12/0014/0002. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2016. €165,220.40.
- ▶ Joan Martí Fàbregas. Malalties Vasculars Cerebrals. 2014 SGR 703. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016.

- ▶ Joan Martí Fàbregas. REgenerative Stem cell therapy for STroke in Europe-RESTORE. PHC-15-2015. European Union. Duration: 2015-2020. €389.58.

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- ▶ Joan Martí Fàbregas. Estudio de la progresión y la vulnerabilidad de la aterosclerosis carotídea: influencia del recuento de células progenitoras y del control de factores de riesgo vascular. Proyectos de Investigación en Salud 2015. PI15/00884. Duration: 01/01/2016-31/12/2018. € 45,000.

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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.

External Collaborations

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- ▶ Dr. Francesc Purroy, Hospital Arnau de Vilanova, Lleida, Spain.
- ▶ RETICS (cooperative health research network) / INVICTUS (ictus research)
- ▶ Clinical trials:
 - IMPACT-24b: Implant in the sphenopalatine ganglion to increase cerebral blood flow 24 hours after stroke onset.
 - IMPACT-24Bt: Implant in the sphenopalatine ganglion to increase cerebral blood flow 24 hours after stroke onset (rt-PA port).
 - CLEAR III: Evaluation of thrombolytic therapy in intraventricular haemorrhage.
 - LIFE: Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled study of the effect of treatment with F2695 (75 mg OD) in 3 months to improve functional capacity in patients with ischaemic stroke.
- ▶ Dra. Jennifer Linn (SUSPECT study), University of Rochester, New York
- ▶ Dr. David Werring (HERO study), National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London.
- ▶ Dr. Peter Kelly (BIOVASC study), Mater University Hospital, Dublin.

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Main Lines of Research

Autoimmune neuromuscular diseases

- ▶ Characterization of new target antigens in Myasthenia Gravis, and immune neuropathies (CIDP, GBS, MMN). Their use as diagnostic and therapeutic biomarkers.
- ▶ Pathogenesis of newly recognized paraneoplastic antigens 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.).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Study of miRNA profiles and muscle secretome in muscular dystrophies.
- ▶ Role of PDGF in muscular dystrophies fibrosis.
- ▶ Natural history of Dysferlinopathies. The international COS-study Jain Foundation.
- ▶ To evaluate the frequency of carriers of mutations in the dyferlin gene in normal population.

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, PM, IBM).
- ▶ 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 dystro-

phies resulting from dysferlinopathy and other myopathies research (biomarkers (miRNA, secretome), MRI, etc).

- ▶ Advance in the knowledge of the pathogenetic mechanisms involved in muscular dystrophy resulting from dysferlin deficiency and other muscular dystrophies.
- ▶ Cleanroom access to manipulate cells for use in humans.
- ▶ Use of the NMD.ES registry to perform research in different NMD.

Collaborations**External Collaborations**

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Awards

- ▶ Eugenia Martínez. Extraordinary award for the thesis Biomarcadores en el diagnóstico y tratamiento de la miastenia. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- ▶ Jordi Díaz. Extraordinary award for the thesis Dysferlin myopathy: new insights in diagnosis and therapy. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona .

Theses

- ▶ Xavier Suárez. Nous aspectes fisiopatogènics en la dermatomiositis. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Active Grants

- ▶ Maria Isabel Illa Sendra. Nuevas reactividades antigenicas y estudios de inmunidad innata en enfermedades neuromusculares autoinmunes. PI13/00937. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2016. €160,250.
- ▶ Luis Antonio Querol Gutiérrez. Contratos Juan Rodés 2013. JR13/00014. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2016. €135,000.
- ▶ Eduard Gallardo Vigo. Recerca en Malalties Neuromusculars. 2014 SGR 272. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016. €30,000.
- ▶ Ricardo Rojas García. Biomarkers profile in different phenotypes of Motor Neuron Disease. MARATÓ 20143710. Fundació La Marató de TV3. Duration: 2015-2018. €120,500.

- ▶ Xavier Suárez Calvet. New therapeutic targets in dermatomyositis. Research Grant Application 2014. The Myositis Association. Duration: 2015-2017. €63,136.98.

- ▶ Maria Isabel Illa Sendra. Paranodal autoimmunity in CIDP: diagnostic and therapeutic value rationale and objective. GBS/CIDP 2014. Foundation International Guillain-Barré syndrome chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculopathy. Duration: 2014-2016. €39,720.

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- ▶ Maria Isabel Illa Sendra. Danger signals promoting innate immunity in dermatomyositis. AFM TELETHON 18476. The French Muscular Dystrophy Association (AFM-Téléthon). Duration: 2015-2016. €34,166.
- ▶ Eduard Gallardo Vigo. Influencia de factores inmunológicos y no inmunológicos en la patogenia de las miopatías inflamatorias. Proyectos de Investigación en Salud. PI15/01597. Duration: 01/01/2016-31/12/2018. €30,000.

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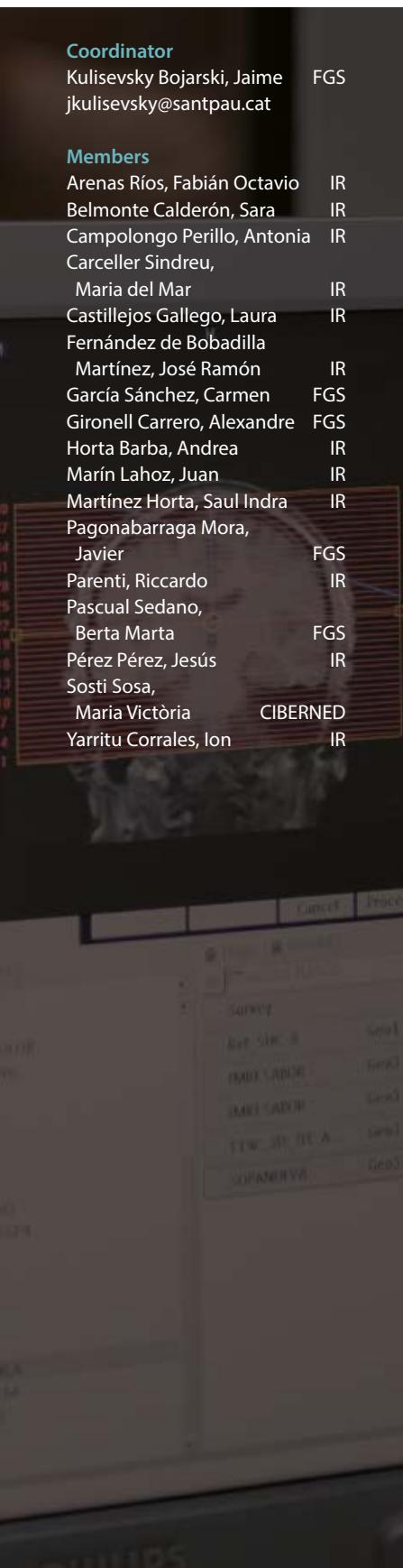
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Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders



Main Lines of Research

Cognitive Impairment and Behavioural Dysfunctions in Parkinson Disease

- ▶ Knowledge and detection of the neural correlates of cognitive performance in Parkinson disease using neurophysiological techniques (event-related brain cognitive potentials) and structural and functional neuroimaging (voxel-based morphometry, cortical thickness and spectroscopy).
- ▶ Development of more sensitive tools for cognitive and functional assessment in Parkinson disease to detect subtle changes in cognitive performance and treatment response.
- ▶ Prospective follow-up analysis of cognition and mood in patients with deep-brain stimulation of the subthalamic nucleus.
- ▶ Physiological correlates and pharmacological approach to apathy in Parkinson disease and other movement disorders.
- ▶ Neurophysiological and cognitive correlates of impulse control disorders in Parkinson disease and other movement disorders. Behavioral and pharmacological treatment.
- ▶ Surgery and treatments of continuous infusion in Parkinson disease.
- ▶ Follow-up and etiologic study of weight loss in patients treated with continuous infusion of intraduodenal levodopa.
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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).

Translational Research - Parkinsonian Animal Models

- ▶ Assessment of behavioural and cognitive modulations exerted by distinct antiparkinsonian drugs in murine models of Parkinson disease with lesions in particular neurotransmitter systems (dopaminergic and noradrenergic lesions).
- ▶ Assessment of behavioural and cognitive traits of murine models of HD.

Translational Research - Cell Models

- ▶ Assessment of cell cultures of neurons derived of induced pluripotent cells (iPSCs) obtained from skin fibroblast as in vitro model for the modulation of key factors associated to both cognitive and neurotransmitter disturbances in Parkinson disease.

Huntington Disease

- ▶ Study of the metabolic correlates (18-FDG PET) of disease progression from the pre-manifested to early-stages.
- ▶ Study of the metabolic correlates (18-FDG PET) of apathy and depression in pre-manifested gene carriers.
- ▶ Functional magnetic resonance imaging study of reward sensitivity in pre-manifested an early-stage Huntington's disease.
- ▶ Determination of the prevalence and clinical significance of neuropsychiatric features in Huntington's disease.
- ▶ Development of new instruments for cognitive and functional assessment in Huntington's disease.
- ▶ Prospective observational study of Huntington's disease in a European cohort (Registry Study).
- ▶ Molecular, clinical, behavioural and cognitive characterisation of the BACHD rat model of Huntington's disease.
- ▶ Collaboration in multicentre and Spanish

Main Lines of Research

coordinated projects:

- Relationship between intermediate alleles and clinical manifestations (PI: Esther Cubo, Burgos).
- Validation of the Spanish version of the Problem Behaviour Assessment Scale (PBA-S; PI: Jesús Ruiz, Barcelona).
- Study of dietary intake in Huntington's disease (PI: Esther Cubo, Burgos).
- A multimodal neuroimaging approach to delineate emotional, motor and cognitive cortico-striatal pathways. IDIBELL (PI: Ruth de Diego-Balaguer, Barcelona).

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.

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.

Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

- ▶ Development of a cognitive rating scale.
- ▶ Development of a standarized eye movement evaluation.

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.

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.

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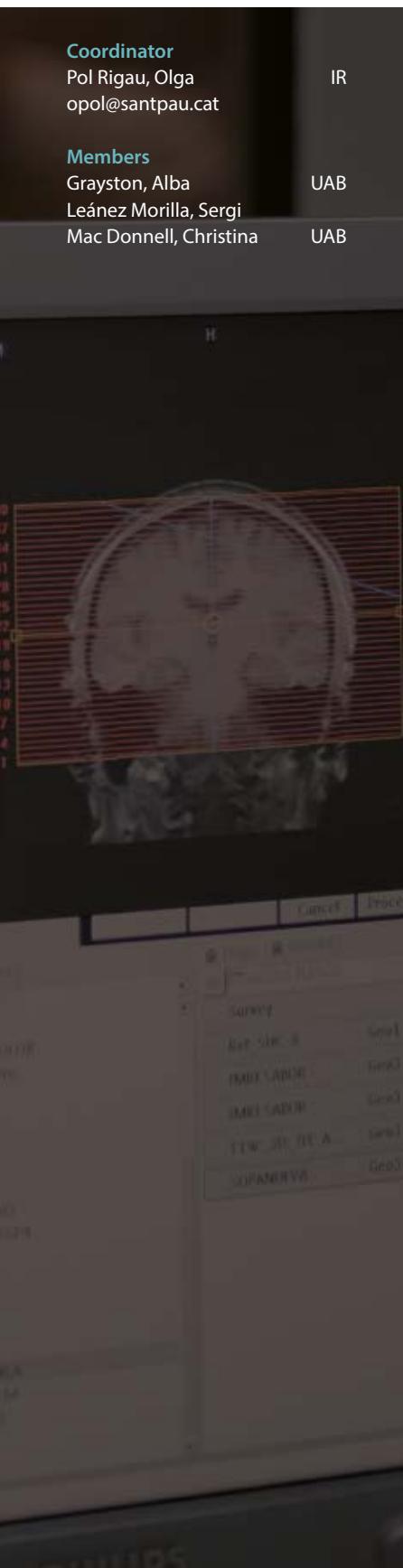
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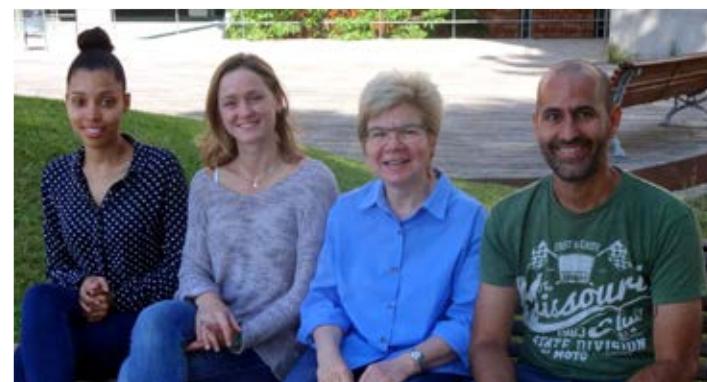

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Main Lines of Research

Chronic pain affects a high percentage of the adult 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 using pharmacological, molecular and genetic approaches.

- ▶ Establish new strategies to improve the analgesic effects produced by opioids and cannabinoids in the treatment of chronic pain and avoiding the development of side effects.
- ▶ Identify new targets for the treatment of inflammatory, arthritic, and neuropathic pain by using different pharmacological approaches in several animal models of pain.
- ▶ Identify new approaches for treating diabetic neuropathy and oxidative stress, two of the main complications of diabetes, by evaluating the effects produced by several specific drug combinations in type I and II diabetic mice.
- ▶ Investigate the role played by nitric oxide-carbon monoxide systems in the modulation of the nociceptive and emotional responses induced by chronic pain in transgenic animals.

Challenges

- ▶ Identify new pharmacological compounds that effectively abolish chronic pain without side effects and which use can be transferred to clinical practice and/or patentable.
- ▶ Advance knowledge of the molecular mechanisms involved in the enhanced antinociceptive actions produced by opioids and cannabinoids combined with the heme oxygenase 1 signaling pathway inducer compounds.
- ▶ Develop new effective drug combinations for the treatment of neuropathic pain and oxidative stress associated with diabetes.
- ▶ Knowledge of the role played by gaseous neurotransmitters in the modulation of nociceptive and emotional responses induced by inflammatory pain.

Collaborations
Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

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

External Collaborations

- ▶ Prof. Christie Leite-Panissi. 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.

▶ Pedro José Otaegui Goya. Equipos de Monitorización conductual. UNAB13-4E-1952. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Duration: 2013-2015.

Active Grants

- ▶ Olga Pol Rigau. Nuevas estrategias en el tratamiento de la neuropatía diabética. PI14/00927. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2017. €71,500.
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- ▶ Best UAB Neuroscience thesis of the year extraordinary award to Arnaud Hervera's thesis, directed by Olga Pol, year 2012-13.

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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, bioavailability 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.

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).

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.

External Collaborations

- Phase I clinical trials for national and international pharmaceutical companies (12 in total).

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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.

Awards

- ▶ A. Fernández Vidal, E. Salagre, A. Ancochea, A. Feliu, D. Puigdemont, M.J. Portella, J. Trujols, E. Álvarez, V. Pérez, J. de Diego-Adeliño. Remissió en depressió: la felicitat i salut mental positiva del pacient hi tenen res a dir? Premi accésit a la millor comunicació de la Jornada de Cloenda de Psiquiatria 2014, Societat Catalana de Psiquiatria i Salut Mental. 5-6 June 2014.
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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.

Active Grants

- ▶ Iluminada Corripio Collado. Determinantes clínicos y neurobiológicos de segundos episodios de esquizofrenia. Estudio longitudinal de primeros episodios psicóticos. PI11/00260. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €75,727.
- ▶ María Jesús Portella Moll. Contracte SNS Miguel Servet 2010. MS10/00393. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2011-2017. €151,875.
- ▶ Enric Álvarez Martínez. Estimulación Cerebral Profunda en el tratamiento de la esquizofrenia refractaria: estudio piloto aleatorizado, controlado y cruzado. PI12/00042. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2017. €91,500.
- ▶ Francisco Javier de Diego Adeliño. Recerca farmacogenètica de la difusió sexual induïda per antidepressius. JPC 2013. Societat Catalana de Psiquiatria i Salut Mental. Duration: 2013-2016. €2,700.
- ▶ María Jesús Portella Moll. Estudio longitudinal de cambios cerebrales en pacientes con un primer episodio de depresión mayor. PI13/01057. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2016. €56,300.
- ▶ Joaquín Soler Ribaudi. Efectos del Mindfulness en la Actividad y Conectividad Funcional de la Default Mode Network en Pacientes con Trastorno Límite de la Personalidad. PI13/00134. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2016. €46,150.
- ▶ Enric Álvarez Martínez. Grup de Recerca en Trastorns Psiquiàtrics de Sant Pau. 2014 SGR 468. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016.
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- ▶ Juan Carlos Pascual Mateos. Estudio Epigenómico en el Trastorno Límite de la Personalidad: estudio del patrón de metilación (EWAS-Epigenome-wide association study) y su relación con antecedentes traumáticos. PI14/00214. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2017. €81,500.
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- ▶ Francisco Javier de Diego Adeliño. Contratos Juan Rodés 2014. JR14/00011. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2018. €135,000.
- ▶ Eva María Grasa Bello. Eficacia del Entrenamiento Metacognitivo Individualizado (EMC+) en personas con psicosis de breve evolución. PI14/00044 C. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2015-2017.
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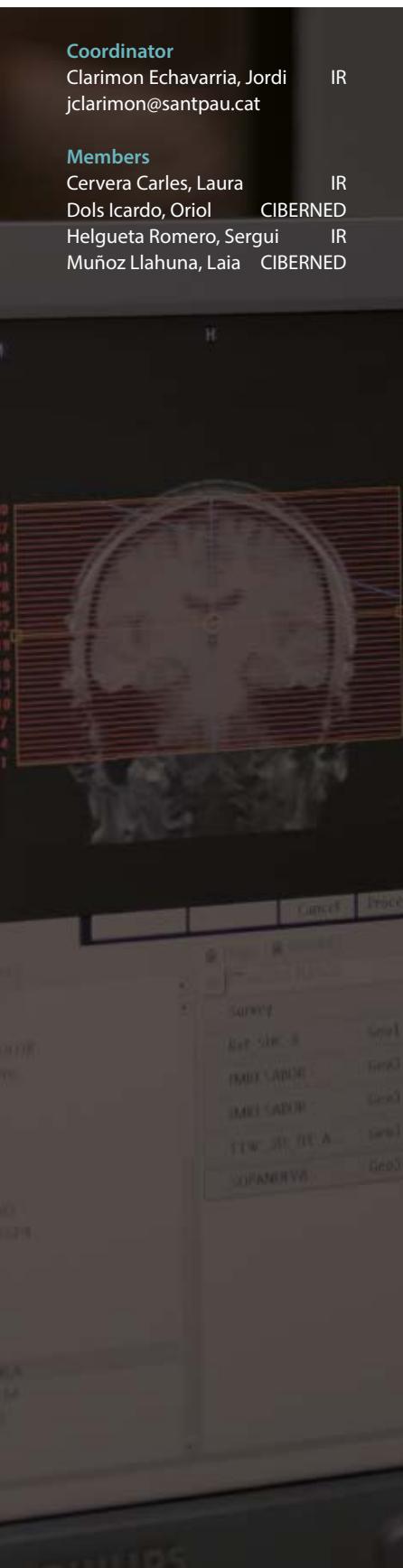
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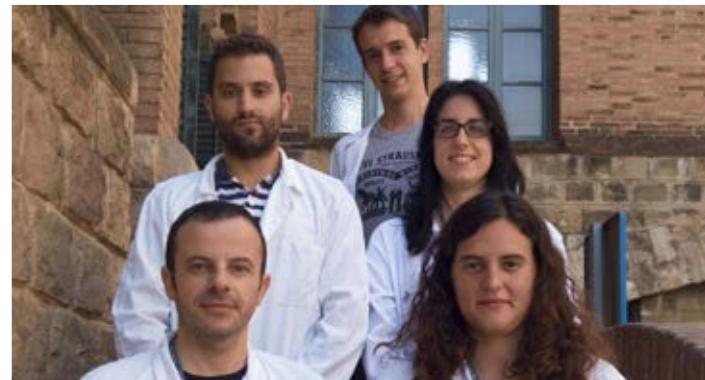


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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ 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 neuromuscular disorders.
- ▶ Cloning and evaluation of novel genes associated with neurodegenerative disorders through genomic analyses on families with Mendelian pattern of inheritance.

Challenges

- ▶ Assemble a research team of excellence in the international field of genetics of neurodegenerative disorders.
- ▶ Increase our capacity of funding through EU support.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Neurobiology of Dementia (Alberto Lleó).
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders (Jaime Kulisevsky).
- ▶ Neuromuscular Diseases (Isabel Illa).

External Collaborations

National and international consortiums

- ▶ European Early Onset Dementia Consortium (EU-EOD).
- ▶ European Alzheimer Disease Initiative (EADI).
- ▶ International Genomics of Alzheimer Project (IGAP).
- ▶ 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. Coro Paisán-Ruiz, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, USA.
- ▶ Dr. Ekaterina Roganova, University of Toronto, Canada.
- ▶ Dr. Mikko Hiltunen, Kuopio University, Finland.
- ▶ Dr. Martin Ingelsson, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- ▶ Dr. Liana Fidani, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.
- ▶ Dr. Philippe Amouyel, Institut Pasteur de Lille, France.
- ▶ Dr. Christine Van Broekhoven, University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Active Grants

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- ▶ Jordi Clarimon Echavarria. Grup de Recerca en Demècies. 2014 SGR 235. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016. €18,000.
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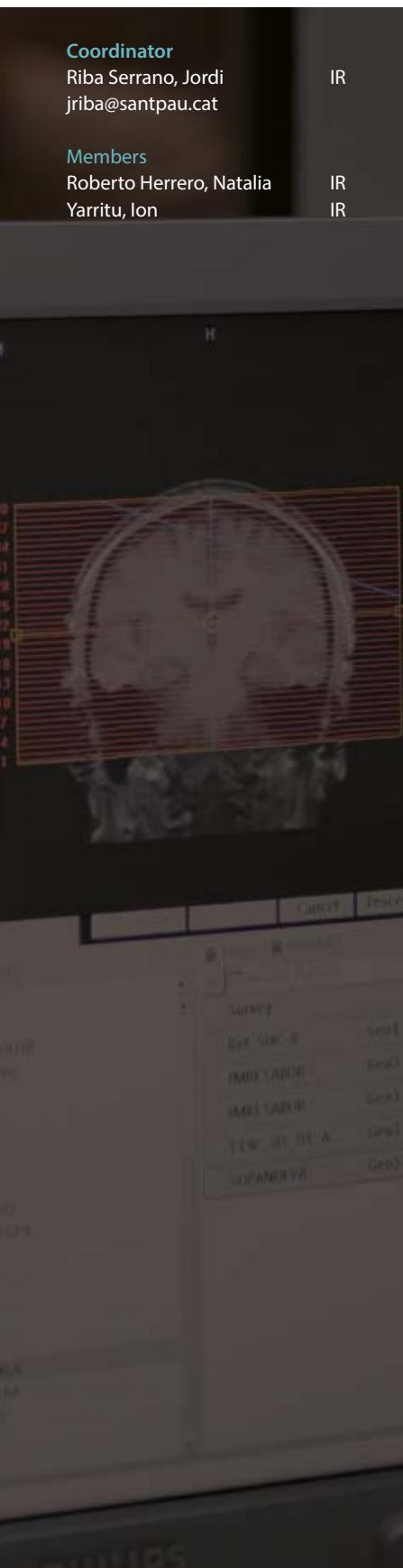
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Human Neuropsychopharmacology


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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 emerging-group recognition.
- ▶ Obtain stable funding and supporting technical staff.

- ▶ Communicate activities.
- ▶ Maintain existing external cooperation agreements.
- ▶ 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.

▶ Biomedical Engineering Research Centre, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Spain.

▶ Brain Institute, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil.

▶ Neuroscience and Behaviour Department, Ribeirão Preto Medical School, University of São Paulo, Brazil.

▶ Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, USA.

▶ Department of Comparative Biomedical Sciences, Louisiana State University, USA.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Cognition and Brain Plasticity Group (IDI-BELL Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute), Spain.

Active Grants

- ▶ Jordi Riba Serrano. Farmacología humana de la salvinorina-A: estudio farmacocinético, farmacodinámico y de mecanismo de acción mediante bloqueo farmacológico de los efectos. PI12/02758. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2013-2016. €66,500.

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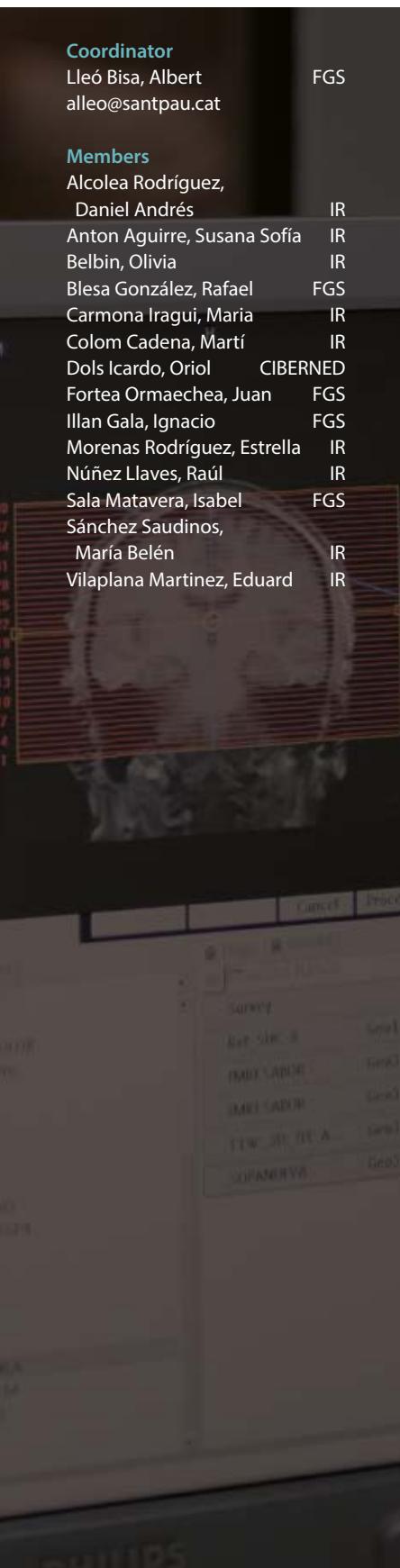
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- ▶ Bouso J.C., Riba J., Barbanjo M.J. Drogas de abuso y sueño In: Tratado de Sueño (2015). Editorial Médica Panamericana. Chapter 25, pages 276-281.

Neurobiology of Dementia



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 imaging in neurodegenerative dementias.
- Novel MRI markers in preclinical Alzheimer disease.

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 patent applications and contracts.

Collaborations

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).
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders (PI: Jaime Kulisevsky).
- ▶ Nuclear Medicine (PI: Ignasi Carrió).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Ellen Gelpi, José L Molinuevo, Hospital Clínic-IDIBAPS, Barcelona, Spain.
- ▶ Jordi Magrané, Cornell University, New York, USA.
- ▶ Tiago Outeiro, University Medical Centre, Goettingen, Germany.
- ▶ Martin Ingelsson, MD, PhD, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- ▶ Tara Spires-Jones, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- ▶ Kaj Blennow, Göteborg, Sweden.
- ▶ Pieter J Visser, Amsterdam University, The Netherlands.

Theses

- ▶ Daniel Andrés Alcolea Rodríguez. Cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers for the study of the pathophysiological pathways in alzheimer's disease. Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Directors: Alberto Lleó Bisa, Rafael Blesa González. Date of defense: 30 November 2015.

Active Grants

- ▶ Juan Fortea Ormaechea. Estudios multimodales de líquido cefaloracuideo y resonancia magnética en la enfermedad de Alzheimer preclínica. PI11/02425. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €93,009.
- ▶ Albert Lleó Bisa. Biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease (BIOMARKAPD). PI11/03035. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2012-2016. €97,000.
- ▶ Rafael Blesa González. Enfermedad de Alzheimer y síndrome de Down. Estudios multimodales de líquido cefalorraquídeo, resonancia magnética y PET de amiloide. PI13/01532. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2016. €107,500.
- ▶ Olivia Belbín. Contratos Miguel Servet 2013-Tipo I. MS13/00091. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: 2014-2019. €202,500.
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Grants Awarded in 2015

- ▶ Albert Lleó Bisa, Convocatòria d'intensificació 2015. IR15-INT2. Institut de Recerca de l'Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau. Duration: 2015-2016. €30,000.

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Awards

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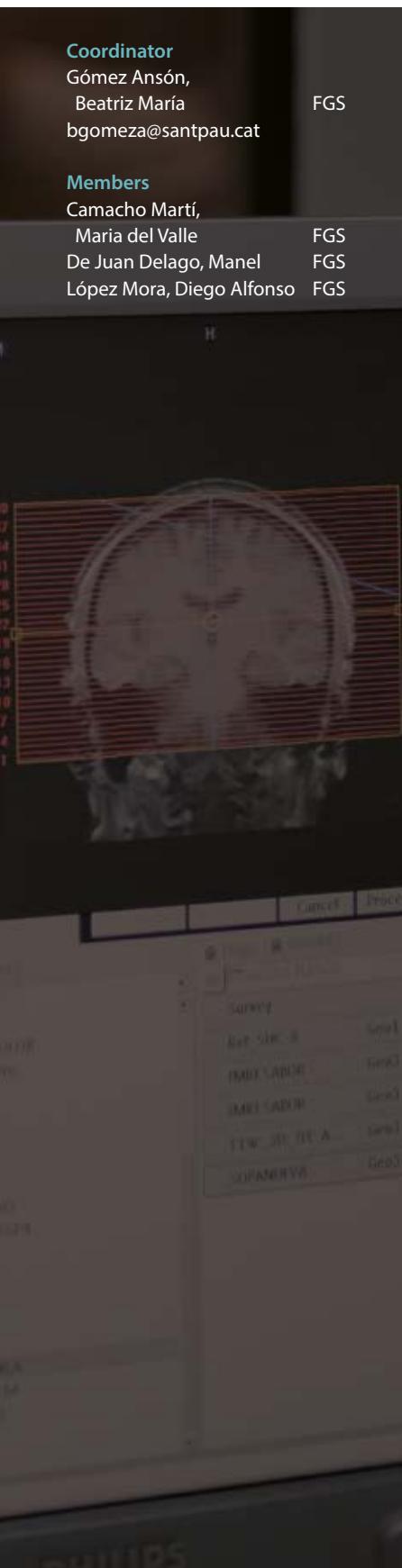
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**Main Lines
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Ours is a multidisciplinary research group, which has the added value of combining neuroimaging skills of the members of the Neuroradiology clinical unit at Hospital de la Santa Creu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

Our main focus is the search for neuroimaging biomarkers in diseases involving the

central nervous system, including neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric conditions.

A secondary focus is the implementation of automatic procedures and software tools to improve neuroradiological practice.

Challenges

- Achieve visibility for our research group and for neuroradiology –often considered by clinicians more a technical tool rather than a discipline in itself– as a defined field of knowledge.

Collaborations
Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- Pituitary Gland Disorders.
- Clinical Psychiatry.
- Digestive Diseases.
- Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders.
- Cerebrovascular Diseases.

External Collaborations

- PIC (Information Science Port) / IFAE (Institute for High Energy Physics), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.
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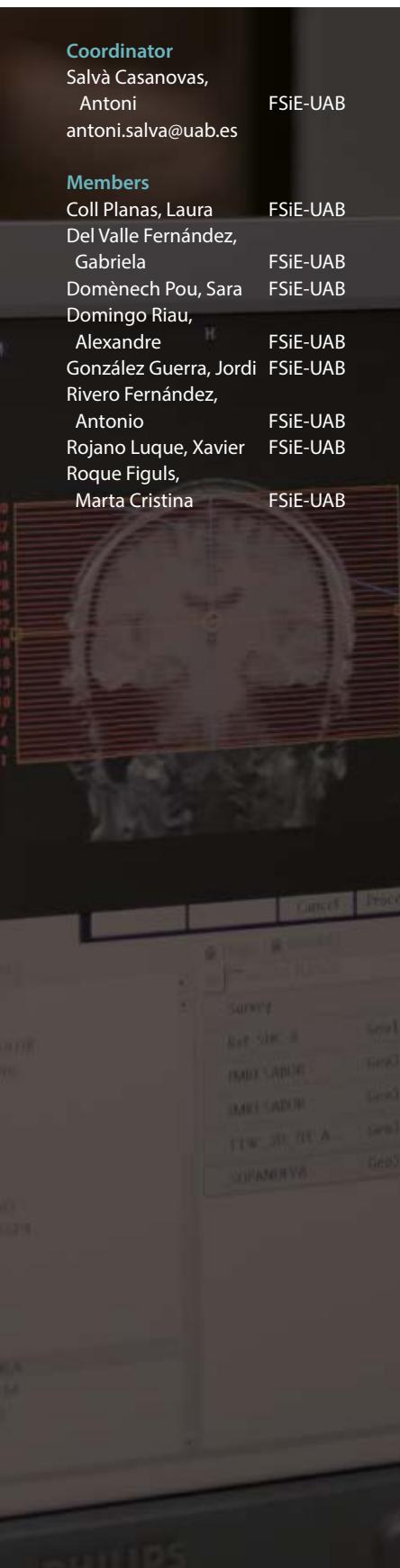
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Health research into ageing:
- Healthy ageing: physical activity, nutrition and cognition.
- Frequent health problems in older adults: falls, frailty and sarcopenia, functional loss, Alzheimer and other dementias, malnutrition and other geriatric syndromes.
- Epidemiological studies.
- ▶ Health and social services research.
- ▶ Research into caregivers of older adults.
- ▶ Promotion of active ageing among older people.
- ▶ ICT applications to health, social services and active ageing.

Challenges

Health Research Area

- ▶ Area mainly focused on health promotion and disability prevention to improve quality of life among older people.
- ▶ Clinical and epidemiological research undertaken includes both observational and intervention studies, with the main lines of research referring to mobility, nutrition and cognition.

Health and Social Services Research

- ▶ Social care and healthcare as key for the maintenance of autonomy, with a focus on the following topics:
 - Models of social care and healthcare.
 - The organization of health and social services.

- Comprehensive needs assessment.
- Care quality.
- Good caregiving practices.
- Assessment of dependence.
- Home care services.
- Analysis of economic costs.

Research into ICT Applications to Health, Social Services and Active Ageing

- ▶ Interest in this area mainly focuses on the following topics:
 - Social appropriation of ICTs.
 - e-Health development.
- ▶ Development of new technological products to promote active ageing.

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. During 2015 there were two collaborative projects in progress:
 - Profound
 - SAAPHO

- ▶ 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)
 - MOBEX group: about mobility and falls

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Main Lines of Research

Alcohol

- ▶ Pharmaco-epidemiological, 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

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.

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.

Opiates

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

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.
- ▶ Joan Trujols. Calidad de vida y satisfacción con el tratamiento en pacientes dependientes de opioides en mantenimiento con metadona: Desarrollo y estudio piloto de dos autoinformes centrados en la perspectiva del paciente (13BICIBE08). Internal call CIBERSAM. €4,050.

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Molecular Physiology of the Synapse


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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
- ▶ Molecular Physiology of Synapse. (Alejandro Bayés. AGAUR 2014. SGR 297. Duration: 2014-2016. €19,200.)

External Collaborations

- ▶ Prof. Seth GN Grant. University of Edinburgh, UK.
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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 Hepatobiliarypancreatic 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.

Hepatobiliarypancreatic 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.

Endocrinial 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

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- ▶ Fernando Muñoz, Ignasi Català. IMPACT-24 study. Effects of pterygopalatine ganglion stimulation on cerebral perfusion in patients with stroke, Brainsgate. Principal researcher: Joan Martí (Neurology Group).
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- ▶ Fernández Muñoz, Carlos Asencio. Estudi MISTIE III. Minimally Invasive Surgery Plus rt-PA for Intracerebral Hemorrhage Evacuation. Principal researcher: Joan Martí Fàbregas.

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Main Lines of Research

Proteomics Applied to Nephrology and Hypertension

- ▶ Water and sodium renal transport analysis from urinary exosomes, urinary proteomic characterization in diabetic nephropathy: evaluation of renal-angiotensin blockade.

Hereditary Kidney Diseases

- ▶ Genetic and clinical studies in cystic and glomerular inherited kidney diseases such as polycystic kidney disease, Alport, corticoid-resistant nephrotic syndrome, Fabry disease, tuberous sclerosis and familial nephropathies of uncertain origin.

Glomerular Disorders

- ▶ Molecular and clinical studies in disorders such as membranous glomerulopathy and vasculitis with renal involvement, among others.

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.

Awards

- ▶ Lluís Guirado Perich, clinical head of Renal Transplant of the Department of Nephrology. Award for Professional Excellence. Fundació Puigvert. 18 May 2015.
- ▶ Iara DaSilva, Edisson Rudas, Jackeline del Carpio, César Ruiz, Patricia Lescano, Pamela Chang, Cyntia Mercado, Nadia

Kidney Transplantation

- ▶ Protocol biopsies, chronic transplant nephropathy, kidney transplant and associated cardiovascular risk factors, pharmacogenetic and genomic studies.

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

- ▶ Early diagnosis of CKD, epidemiological and clinical studies in CKD-related complications such as renal anaemia, CKD mineral and bone disorders (CKD-MBD) and associated cardiovascular risk; haemodialysis techniques and studies of genetic damage in patients with CKD.
- ▶ Mechanisms of epithelial-mesenchymal transition and renal fibrosis.



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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.

Platforms

- ▶ Biobank platform.

External Collaborations

Other 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.
- ▶ EURenOms 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 vitamina D derivatives in CKD-MBD.

Other collaborations

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

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- ▶ Coll E. Prognostic biomarkers and strategies to decrease the morbimortality in chronic kidney disease patients. PI12/02559. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Duration: January 2013-December 2015. €126,445.

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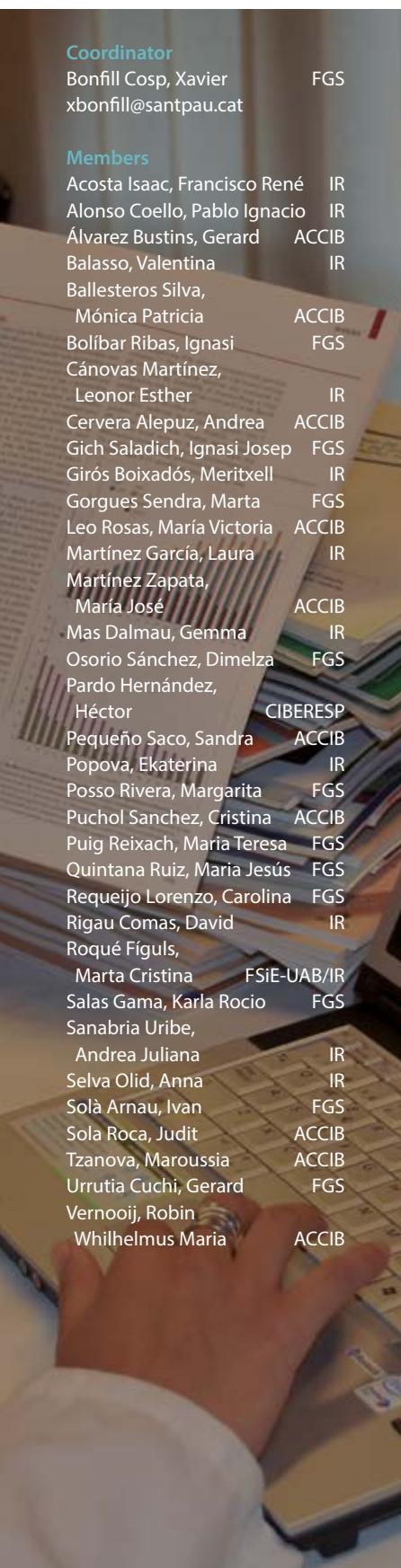
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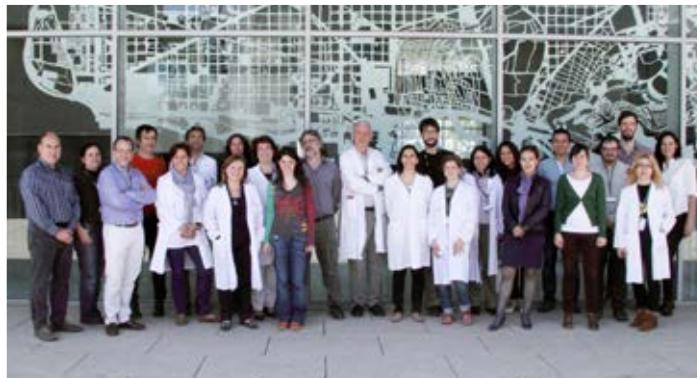


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Main Lines of Research

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

Challenges

- ▶ Become a reference group in Spain and Latin America regarding the preparation of systematic reviews on the effects of healthcare interventions, enhancing the group's capacity to provide technical and methodological support and increasing its scientific production in the framework of the Iberoamerican Cochrane Network.
- ▶ Promote greater use of scientific evidence and evidence-based medicine tools in clinical and healthcare decision making by means of stable agreements with governmental, academic and scientific entities and institutions, thereby ensuring the ongoing development and dissemination of these tools and the implementation of training in their use.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Locomotor System Research
- ▶ Urology
- ▶ Palliative Care
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation
- ▶ Anaesthesiology
- ▶ Public Health Agency of Barcelona
- ▶ Blood and Tissue Bank
- ▶ Ageing Institute
- ▶ EAP Sardenya

Areas of interest

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

- ▶ Become a reference group for independent applied clinical research that fosters relevant and scientifically sound studies aimed at meeting the real needs of the national healthcare system, whether on the group's own initiative or through networked relationships with similar groups.
- ▶ The group is currently setting up clinical and epidemiological studies (phase 3/4 trials with non-commercial interests, research into healthcare services and results and studies of research methodologies) and applying for additional public funding for new projects aimed at consolidating these research lines.

- ▶ Clinical and Translational Cardiology

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Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes

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Main Lines of Research

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.

Awards

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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).

External Collaborations

- ▶ CIBER-Epidemiology and Public Health (Group 18: Evaluation of public health policies and programmes).
- ▶ 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.

▶ 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.
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- ▶ Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO).
- ▶ Municipal bodies: Barcelona Sports Institute (IBE), Barcelona Municipal Institute of Education (IME).
- ▶ Regional bodies: Public Health Agency of Catalunya (Promoting Health through Physical Activity and Healthy Eating Plan) and Catalan Health Information and Quality Agency (AQUAS).
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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).

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.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Health Inequalities (PI: Carme Borrell)
- ▶ Safety indicators for cities IRTAD Cities (Joint Transport Research Centre of the OECD and the International Transport Forum (JTRF)).

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 leaded by the IP of the group (Catherine Pérez).
- ▶ All members of the group are members of the group of Social Inequalities of CIBERESP (Consorcio de Investigación

Research Projects in the Planning and Design Phase

- ▶ 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.

- ▶ Calculation of risk indicators using mobility exposure.
- ▶ Study motorized and non-motorized mobility and its impact on health.

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).
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Main Lines of Research

Application of New Technologies to Tuberculosis Control

- ▶ International diffusion of the new technologies. Google Analytics offers a highly effective system for analysing website visits that enables us to profile visitors (2007, 13,429 visitors, 21% from Latin America).
- ▶ Production of scientific knowledge of relevance on the control, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of tuberculosis (key role in Spain and South America).

Clinical Trials for Tuberculosis Prevention and Treatment

- ▶ Our centre, which is the only such centre in Europe, is part of a network of international centres (in Canada, Brazil, South Africa and Uganda) associated with the Tuberculosis Trials Consortium of the CDCs, promoting international involvement in laying the therapeutic and strategic bases for the treatment of tuberculosis and tubercular infection. Preliminary results have recently been presented at the ICAAC and other important international conferences e.g., the American Thoracic Society (the article with definitive study data is pending publication). A major research line aims to fix the bases for shortening treatment times for tubercular infection and, by extension, ensure compliance and control over the disease.

Community Health Worker's and Notifiable Disease Control

- ▶ The experiment regarding the community health worker's role in the control of notifiable diseases has been presented at tuberculosis and primary care conferences and workshops and in journals (Emerging Infectious Diseases; Ethnicity and Health). Results of a comparative study have recently been presented as a thesis in fulfilment of the master in public health of Pompeu Fabra University and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (an article is undergoing final review before publication).

- ▶ The inclusion of community health workers in tuberculosis programme teams has led to the creation of new tuberculosis consensus protocols. Institute of Health studies are under development with sponsorship from the authorities and we are participating as instructors and students in the first intercultural mediation course in the healthcare arena. The concept of the community health worker has been included in the framework Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Plan for Spain. The short- to medium-term objective is for community health workers to continue working with us and for these professionals to be included in other public health areas.

Challenges

- ▶ Prevent sexually transmitted infections and other transmissible diseases.
- ▶ Evaluate HIV screening programmes in gay saunas.
- ▶ Improve detection and research into causes of hepatitis C.
- ▶ Improve detection and control measures of outbreaks.



Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ CDC.
- ▶ CASCADE.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ In-depth 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).

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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

Scientific Production

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes (PI: Carlos Ariza)
- ▶ Health Inequalities (PI: Carme Borrell)

External Collaborations

- ▶ Several CIBERSAM and CIBERESP groups.

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Cardiovascular prevention in primary care settings.
- ▶ Health promotion in primary care settings.
- ▶ Ageing.
- ▶ Hypertension.

- ▶ Diabetes.
- ▶ Paediatric immunization.

Challenges

- ▶ Enlarge the research team by linking up with other primary care centres associated with the ACEBA Family Medicine Teaching Unit.
- ▶ Cooperate with other research teams in IIB Sant Pau.
- ▶ Cooperate with other European institutions in implementing projects on risk prevention

and health promotion in primary care settings.

- ▶ Encourage research into medical ethics in family medicine training.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Services
- ▶ Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes
- ▶ Ageing Institute

External Collaborations

- ▶ FATE project (fall detection in the elderly): Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Sistema d'Emergències Mèdiques, TicSalut. Project number: 297178, European Commission, ICT-PSP. Duration: 2011-2015.
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Genomics of Complex Diseases

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Main Lines of Research

Genetic Epidemiology and Bioinformatics

- ▶ Algorithms to risk assessment.

Genomics of Complex Diseases

- ▶ Genetic analysis of idiopathic thrombophilia (GAIT).
- ▶ Genetic analysis of osteoporosis (GAO).
- ▶ Genetics of chronic venous insufficiency.
- ▶ Genetics of abdominal aortic aneurysms (TAGA).

- ▶ Modelling Individuals Risk of Thrombosis in Oncology (MIRTO, ONCOTHROMB).

Epigenomics

- ▶ miRNAs as a novel biomarkers in thromboembolic diseases.

Pharmacogenomics

- ▶ Markers of genetic susceptibility and pharmacogenomics of cardiovascular diseases.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate the epigenomic, genetic epidemiology and bioinformatics research lines.
- ▶ Increase human and material resources to achieve the goals defined for the different projects in which we are involved.

- ▶ Coordinate an international cardiovascular genomic project.
- ▶ Continue the current agreements with biopharmaceutical companies and get new ones.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Thrombosis and Haemostasis: Projects: GAIT, MIRTO, RETROVE.
- ▶ Multiorgan Damage – Internal Medicine: Project GAO.
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation: Projects TAGA and GAIT.
- ▶ Inflammation and Vascular Remodelling: Project TAGA.
- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk: Project GAIT.
- ▶ Haematological Diagnosis: Project GAIT.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Clinical Oncology Department, Hospital Gregorio Marañón, Madrid. Project Oncothromb.
- ▶ Centre de Recerca en Enginyeria Biomèdica, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona. Project SUMMIT.
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Main Lines of Research
Thrombosis and Haemostasis

- ▶ Structural and functional investigations of blood coagulation factors, with emphasis on thrombin generation by the prothrombinase complex and on thrombin interactions with both physiological substrates (factor V, factor VIII and protease-activated receptors) and with exogenous inhibitors from haematophagous animals (e.g. anophelin from Anopheles mosquitoes).

Lipid Metabolism and Dyslipidemias

- ▶ Structural and functional analysis of mutant apoA-V proteins identified in individuals with hypertriglyceridaemia.

Neurodegenerative Diseases

- ▶ Analysis of mutations that affect the SMN genes, whose deficiency results in spinal muscular atrophy.
- ▶ Structural and functional investigations of proteins associated with inherited forms of Parkinson disease (PINK1, DJ-1 and Parkin).

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).

Cancer and Innate Immune Responses

- ▶ Structural and functional analysis of innate immune responses mediated by toll-like receptors (TLRs) and, in particular, the role of the major adaptor MyD88.
- ▶ Analysis of mutations and SNPs that affect the TET2 gene and implications for acute myeloid leukaemia.
- ▶ Structural and functional analysis of the microsomal prostaglandin E synthase (mPGES-1) as a target for the generation of novel anti-inflammatory drugs with fewer side effects.

Collaborations**Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups**

- ▶ Metabolic Bases of Cardiovascular Risk
- ▶ Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders
- ▶ Haematological Diagnosis
- ▶ Genetic Diseases
- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation

External Collaborations

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Active Grants

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Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modelling and Simulation



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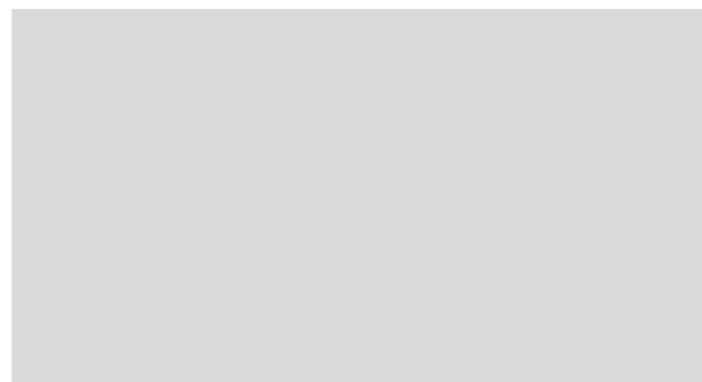
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ 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

Challenges

- ▶ Obtain recognition as an emerging group.
- ▶ Maintain existing external cooperation agreements.
- ▶ Establish new cooperation agreements within the HSCSP RI.

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.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Human Neuropsychopharmacology.
- ▶ Pharmacological Research in Humans.
- ▶ Pharmacy.
- ▶ HIV and AIDS.
- ▶ Epidemiology and Traumatology Services.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Lluita Contra la SIDA Foundation, Germans Trias i Pujol Hospital, Badalona, Spain.
 - Eficacia y seguridad de la vacuna HIV-convsv más romidepsina en la reducción del reservorio y el control viral tras la interrupción del cART. Análisis PK/PD poblacional y estudio de predictores, Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol.

▶ Ensayo clínico para evaluar la eficacia, la seguridad y el impacto económico de la reducción de la dosis de darunavir en pacientes infectados por el VIH en tratamiento con darunavir/ritonavir una vez al día. Hospital Germans Trias i Pujol.

- ▶ Pharmacy Service, Hospital Quiron, Mallorca, Spain.
- ▶ Department of Pharmacology, Liverpool University, UK.
- ▶ Anaesthesiology Service, Hospital del Mar, Barcelona, Spain.

Active Grants

- ▶ Marta Valle Cano. Grup d'Investigació en Farmacología Humana. 2014 SGR 828. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016.

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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

- ▶ Màrius Aguirre Canyadell (PI, Hospital Vall d'Hebron), Arnau Pla Calvet (BST). Tractament de l'osteonecrosi del cap femoral amb teràpia cel·lular avançada i biomaterials en un model experimental oví. Fundació La Marató de TV3. 61/C/2012. Duration: 2013-2015.

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258 Nursing Care Research

260 Reproductive Health

262 Translational Molecular Oncology

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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)

- ▶ Acute Respiratory Failure. PI: A. Moliné.
- ▶ Ventilatory pattern analysis in heart failure. PI: Sergio Herrera.
- ▶ Pneumonia in the emergency department. PI: Míriam Mateo.
- ▶ Noninvasive ventilation. PI: Miquel Turbau.
- ▶ Pulmonary embolism. PI: Laura Lozano.

Collaborations

- ▶ Programa ACCORD (Achieving Comprehensive Coordination on Organ Donation throughout the European Union). Prácticas clínicas al final de la vida en pacientes fallecidos con daño cerebral catastrófico y donación de órganos – Accord España. Organización Nacional de Trasplantes and Comisión de Trasplantes del Consejo Interterritorial de Salud.

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.

Community Disorders

- ▶ 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.

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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.

Computed tomography dosimetry

- ▶ Index dose assessment for multislice CT.

Collaborations

External Collaborations

- ▶ Grup d'estudis citogenètics i moleculars dels efectes de les radiacions ionitzants i del càncer. 2014 SGR 534. Montserrat Ribas, Pablo Carrasco, Teresa Eudaldo, Núria Jornet, Artur Latorre, Agustín Ruiz. 2014-2016.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Montserrat Ribas Morales. Estudis Citogenètics i Moleculars dels efectes de les radiacions ionitzants i del càncer. 2014 SGR 534-2 C. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca. Duration: 2014-2016.
- ▶ Montserrat Ribas Morales. Impacto dosimétrico del movimiento respiratorio durante la administración del tratamiento de IMRT dinámica. FIS Project 2012. PI12/00521. Duration: 01/01/13-31/12/15. €16,500.

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Grants Awarded in 2015

- ▶ Pablo Carrasco de Fez. Dosimetría en piel en técnicas de IMRT y SBRT. Proyectos Singulares 2015, Asociación Española contra el Cáncer. Duration: 2015-2017. €25,500.

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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

- ▶ Clinical research group linked to Centro de Investigación Biomédica en la Red de Enfermedades Raras (CIBERER).
- ▶ G. Fraga (collaborator). Estudio multicéntrico europeo (París, Roma, Barcelona): estudio de Asociación de Genoma Completo (GWAS) para la identificación de factores genéticos de riesgo en pacientes con síndrome nefrótico córtico-sensible (SNCS)/ síndrome nefrótico por lesiones mínimas (SNLM).
- ▶ 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.

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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.

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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.

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.

New Molecular Imaging Techniques

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

- ▶ 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.

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).

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.

- ▶ Cerebrovascular Diseases (Dr. Carrió, member).

External Collaborations

- ▶ Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. Molecular imaging (Prof. Hong Zhang, Prof. Mei Tian).

Active Grants

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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.
- ▶ Artificial nutrition.
- ▶ Oncohaematology.
- ▶ Independent clinical trials.

Challenges

- ▶ Evaluate the impact on effectiveness and safety of pharmacological treatments in different pharmaceutical care programmes: clinical pharmacokinetics, health education for outpatients, medicine reconciliation and identification and prevention of medication-related problems.
- ▶ Evaluate the impact of artificial nutrition on the clinical evolution of patients.
- ▶ Study the stability of cytostatics in different conditions of use.
- ▶ Predict response to anti-tumour treatment in a number of tumoural processes.
- ▶ Develop focal adhesion inhibitors, e.g., antitumour agents.
- ▶ Actively cooperate in independent clinical trials performed in the HSCSP.

Collaborations

Collaboration with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Oncogenesis and Antitumour Drugs.
- ▶ Spanish Hospital Pharmacy Society (SEFH).
- ▶ Intensive Medicine.
- ▶ Clinical Haematology.
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- ▶ Orthopaedics and Traumatology.
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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 immunologically-mediated dermatological.

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.

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Critical analysis of new clinical technologies

- ▶ Anaconda-inhaled sedation in patients undergoing postoperative mechanical ventilation.
- ▶ New monitoring systems for anaesthesia depth and cerebral oxygen status.

- ▶ Identification and recovery from preoperative anaemia.
- ▶ Study of the Prevalence of perioperative transfusions.
- ▶ Monitoring of perioperative fluid therapy.

Perioperative medicine

- ▶ Epidemiological study of perioperative morbidity and mortality in collaboration with the epidemiology department of the HSCSP (Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre) and the European Society of Anesthesiology.

New health service delivery systems

- ▶ Professional team preoperative evaluations.
- ▶ Zero preoperative stay.

Main Lines of Research

Rationalization of perioperative fluid therapy and blood products

- ▶ Institutional protocolization of massive transfusions.
- ▶ Monitoring of critical perioperative coagulopathy.

Physiology, pharmacology and anaesthetic techniques

- ▶ Intraoperative respiratory physiology.
- ▶ Peripheral nerve blocking for postoperative analgesia in CMA.
- ▶ Lipid Rescue due systemic complications after ALR.

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.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

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External Collaborations

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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Application of imaging techniques to intraoperative studies of perforators with the aim to improve the design of flaps, evaluate the suitable and viability of perfusion avoiding secondary postoperative complications and vascular complications.
- ▶ Anatomical studies of the variability of perforators 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 post-vascular balance post discectional of perforator flap.

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate and optimize preoperative management techniques for locating perforating vessels suitable 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 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 nodes).

- ▶ Identification by indocyanine green angiography for those patients affected with breast cancer with a major risk of developing secondary lymphedema.

Active Grants

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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.

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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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Genetics applied to male infertility.
- ▶ 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.

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

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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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Main Lines of Research

Research is partially conducted on the premises of the Translational Research Laboratory of the Catalan Oncology Institute (ICO)-Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBELL) under a framework agreement between the HSCSP and the ICO.

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.

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 periprosthetic 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 pertrochanteric hip fractures.

Cartilage

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

Meniscus

- ▶ Effect of normal and growth-factor-enriched cell cultures on the meniscal collagen network and glycosaminoglycan expression.

Theses

- ▶ Mireia Rodríguez Prieto. Eficacia del bloqueo ecoguiado de nervios periféricos en el control del dolor postoperatorio en cirugía ambulatoria de rizartrosis. Director: Xavier Rius Cornadó, Claudia Mariana Lamas Gómez, Albert Garcia Muret. Date of defense: 30 April 2015.
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- ▶ 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.

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.
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ Neuropsychological impairment in patients with multiple sclerosis.
- ▶ Pharmacogenetics in epilepsy.
- ▶ Neuropsychological impairment in juvenile myoclonic epilepsy.
- ▶ Basic research line.

Challenges

- ▶ Study cognitive evoked potentials in early detection of cognitive impairment in patients with radiologically isolated syndrome, clinically isolated syndrome and newly diagnosed multiple sclerosis.
- ▶ Study the effects of immunomodulatory and immunosuppressive treatments on the cognitive functions of patients with multiple sclerosis.
- ▶ Determine pharmacogenetic variations involving different responses to antiepileptic treatment.
- ▶ Study neuropsychological alterations in patients diagnosed with juvenile myoclonic epilepsy.

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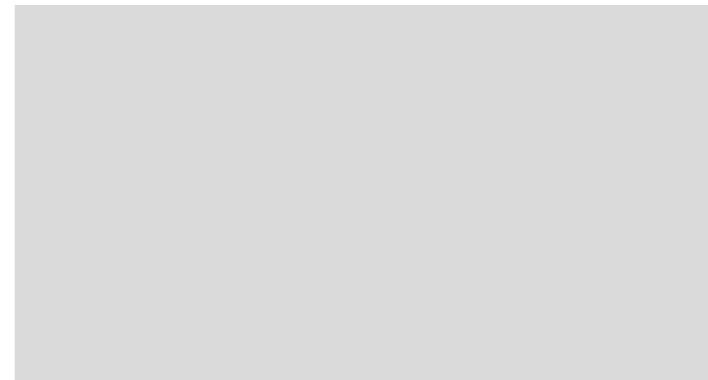
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Main Lines of Research

- ▶ 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 relieve 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

Theses

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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 qualita-

tive 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 care 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

External Collaborations

- ▶ Gemma Robleda. Estudio multicéntrico de validez y fiabilidad de la Escala de Conductas Indicadoras de Dolor (ESCID) para medir el dolor en pacientes críticos, no comunicativos y sometidos a ventilación mecánica. Instituto de Investigación Clínica, Hospital Universitario Puerta de Hierro Majadahonda. Madrid. PI11-00766. Duration: 2012-15.

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Awards

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Theses

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Main Lines of Research

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

Challenges

- ▶ Consolidate a line of work with the HSCSP genetics department concerning possible early clinical manifestations detectable using 2D and 4D ultrasound in foetuses affected by genetic diseases, particularly neuromuscular disorders, given that the HSCSP 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.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other IIB Sant Pau Groups

- ▶ Genetic Diseases.

Active Grants

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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 and as potential therapeutic targets.
- ▶ Preclinical cancer models to study alternative strategy of treatments in leukemia.

Challenges

- ▶ Evaluate survival pathways 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 vivo" model of leukogenesis.
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- ▶ Ear, Nose and Throat Cancers (Xavier Leon): studies of HNSCC.

- ▶ Angiology, Vascular Biology and Inflammation (Luis Vila, Mercedes Camacho): studies of HNSCC.

External Collaborations

- ▶ Translational Research Laboratory, Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO) - IDIBELL (Alberto Villanueva): studies of orthotopic tumor models.
- ▶ Cell signalling and checkpoints, Faculty of Medicine, IDIBAPS (Neus Agell and Montserrat Jaumot).

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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

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