

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

- 1987 B.Sc. Biology, University of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain
1993 PhD Human Molecular Genetics, University of Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain
1994-1998 Postdoctoral fellow, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
1998 Research Associate, Carl C. Icahn Center for Gene Therapy and Molecular Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Academic positions

- 1999 - 2001 Instructor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY
2001 - 2003 Research Assistant Professor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY
2003 - 2009 Assistant Professor, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
2005 - 2009 Assistant Professor, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
2009 - Associate Professor (tenured), Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
2010 - 2011 Visiting Professor (sabbatical leave), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich

Other Experience

- 2009 - 2010 Ad hoc reviewer, NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel; ZDK1-GRB-W Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Disease Fellowships (F30/F32) study section
2009 - 2012 Member, American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy, Genetic and Metabolic Diseases Committee
2009 - 2012 Permanent member, American Diabetes Association Research Grant Review Committee
2011 - 2011 Co-Chair, Genetic and Metabolic Diseases Gene & Cell Therapy II oral abstract session, American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy 14th Annual meeting,
2011 - 2017 Permanent member, NIH, Gene and Drug Delivery Systems (GDD) study section
2012 - 2018 Member, American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy, Oligonucleotide and RNAi Therapeutics Committee
2017 - 2018 Chair, American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy, Oligonucleotide and RNAi Therapeutics Committee

Publications

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