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A. Education/Training

Institution & Location	Dates Attended	Degree	Conferred	Field of Study
Université Paris Cité	-	HDR	1/6/2022	Biology of ageing
Université Paris-Diderot	11/2006-5/2010	PhD	27/05/2010	Ageing and Genetics
Université Paris-Diderot	9/2003-10/2006	Magistère de Génétique	6/2006	Genetics
Université Paris-Diderot	9/2005-8/2006	Master 2	6/2006	Ageing and Genetics
Université Paris-Diderot	9/2004-6/2005	Maitrise/Master 1	6/2005	Genetics
Université Paris-Diderot	9/2003-6/2004	Licence	6/2004	Genetics
University Pierre et Marie Curie	9/2001-6/2003	DEUG	6/2003	Biology

B. Research positions

June 2020 –	Group leader, Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity, Université de Paris, INSERM U1284, Paris, France
Jan. 2018 – June 2020	Group leader, Institut Biologie Paris Seine, CNRS/UMR8256 “Adaptation Biologique et Vieillesse”, Paris, France
Oct 2013-Jan 2018	CR2 CNRS, Université Paris 7, CNRS/UMR8251 “Biologie Fonctionnelle et Adaptative”, Paris, France
2010-2013	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Integrative Biology and Physiology, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA
Mentor: David W. Walker	Project: Role of intestinal stem cells mitochondria in ageing
2006-2010	Intern and PhD candidate, Department of Genetics. Institut Jacques Monod
Mentor: Hervé Tricoire	Project: Role of mitochondrial Electron Transfer Chain in ageing

C. Communications

2021	Pourrait-on un jour prédire notre mort ? – <i>invited talk</i> at Centre d'éthique clinique AP-HP
2018	Enjeux éthiques et sociétaux de la prédiction de la mort– <i>invited talk</i> at Ministère de la Santé (Paris, France)
2017	New Views on Ageing (Paris, France) – <i>invited talk</i>
2016	drosoFrance 2016 (Grâce, France) – <i>talk</i>
2015	Molecular Biology of Ageing (Groningen, NL) – <i>poster</i>
2014	24 th European Drosophila Research Conference (Heidelberg, Germany) – <i>poster</i>
2013	27 th Annual French Drosophila conference (Obervai, France) – <i>talk</i>

D. Funding

2020 – 2025	ANR JCJC ADAGIO	289k€
2020 – 2024	CRI Core Fellow – Fondation Bettencourt Schueller	≈ 600k€

2019	Actions Incitatives IBPS/Sorbonne – Université, collab. Dr Stéphanie Daumas, Dr. Nicolas Pietrancosta, Dr. Christophe Antoniewski and Nicolas Eberlé. “High throughput drug screening using drosophila – the case of VGlut3”	20k€
2018	Actions Incitatives IBPS/Sorbonne – Université « Transposable elements remobilisation in ageing and the end of life »	20k€
2017	ATIP/Avenir group leader	180k€ + 2 years postdoc salary
2017	Interdisciplinary PhD grant, Sorbonne-Université	3 years PhD salary

E. Publications (total = 24, citations = 2112, h-index = 15)

1. [RR.Martins, M. Rera, CM. Henriques. Positive selection of senescence through increased evolvability: ageing is not a by-product of evolution.](#) (under review at Aging Cell,(2022)
2. [T.Roget, P.Jolivet, S. Méléard, M. Rera. Positive selection of senescence through increased evolvability: ageing is not a by-product of evolution.](#) biorxiv (2022)
3. [C.Cansell, F.Bain, V.Goepp, N.Todd, V.Douard, F.Zane, C.Sanchez, N.Pietrancosta, C.Rovere, RGP Denis, S.Luquet, M.Rera. Extending the two-phase model of ageing from Drosophila to mice helps better understand age-related and late-life metabolic decline.](#) (under review at BMC Biology, 2022)
4. [B.Greshake Tzovaras, M.Rera, EH Wintermute, K.Kloppenborg, J.Ferry-Danini, G.Aidelberg, R.Aronoff, A.Lindner, D.Misevic. Empowering grassroots innovation to accelerate biomedical research.](#) PLoS Biol 19(8): e3001349. (2021)
5. [M.Gaille, M.Araneda, C.Dubost, C.Guillermain, S.Kaakai, E.Ricadat, N.Todd, M.Rera¹. Conséquences éthiques et sociales de biomarqueurs prédictifs de la mort chez l’homme-La vieillesse et la mort, problématiques comportementales et sociétales.](#) Médecine/sciences, 2020 invited article
6. [M.Gaille¹, M.Araneda, C.Dubost, C.Guillermain, S.Kaakai, E.Ricadat, N.Todd, M.Rera¹. Ethical and social implications of approaching death prediction in humans-when the biology of ageing meets existential issues.](#) BMC Medical Ethics, 2020
7. [S.Méléard, M.Rera[#], T.Roget. A birth–death model of ageing: from individual-based dynamics to evolutive differential inclusions.](#) Journal of Mathematical Biology (2019)
8. [A.Palandri, E.Martin, M.Russi, M.Rera, H.Tricoire, V.Monnier. Identification of cardioprotective drugs by medium-scale in vivo pharmacological screening on a Drosophila cardiac model of Friedreich's ataxia.](#) Disease Models & Mechanisms 2018 11
9. [R.R.Martins, A.W.McCracken, M.J.P. Simons, C.M.Henriques and M.Rera¹ How to Catch a Smurf? – Ageing and Beyond... In vivo Assessment of Intestinal Permeability in Multiple Model Organisms. Bio-protocol.](#) Bio Protoc. 2018 Feb 5; 8(3): e2722.
10. [M.Rera¹, C.Vallot, C.Lefrançois: The Smurf transition: New insights on ageing from end-of-life studies in animal models.](#) Current Opinion in Oncology 1/2018; 30(1):1 invited opinion
11. [A.Rana, M.P. Oliveira, A.V. Khamoui, R.Aparicio, M.Rera, H.B. Rossiter, D.W. Walker: Promoting Drp1-mediated mitochondrial fission in midlife prolongs healthy lifespan of Drosophila melanogaster.](#) Nature Communications 12/2017; 8(1)
12. [E.Dambroise, L.Monnier, L.Ruisheng, H.Aguilaniu, J-S.Joly, H.Tricoire, M.Rera¹: Two phases of aging separated by the Smurf transition as a public path to death.](#) Scientific Reports 03/2016; 6
13. [H.Tricoire, M.Rera¹: A New, Discontinuous 2 Phases of Aging Model: Lessons from Drosophila melanogaster.](#) PLoS ONE 11/2015; 10(11)
14. [A.Seguín, V.Monnier, A.Palandri, F.Bihel, M.Rera, M.Schmitt, J-M.Camadro, H.Tricoire, E.Lesuisse: A Yeast/ Drosophila Screen to Identify New Compounds Overcoming Frataxin Deficiency.](#) Oxidative medicine and cellular longevity 10/2015; 2015(1):1-10

15. [R.I.Clark, A.Salazar, R.Yamada, S.Fitz-Gibbon, M.Morselli, J.Alcaraz, A.Rana, **M.Rera**, M.Pellegrini, W.W.Ja, D.W.Walker: *Distinct Shifts in Microbiota Composition during Drosophila Aging Impair Intestinal Function and Drive Mortality*. Cell Reports 08/2015 12\(10\):1-12,](#)
16. [M.Ulgherait, A.Rana, **M.Rera**, J.Graniel, D.W.Walker: *AMPK Modulates Tissue and Organismal Aging in a Non-Cell-Autonomous Manner*. Cell Reports 09/2014; 8\(6\)](#)
17. [J.H.Hur, S.Bahadorani, J.Graniel, C.L.Koehler, M.Ulgherait, **M.Rera**, D.L.Jones, D.W. Walker: *Increased longevity mediated by yeast NDI1 expression in Drosophila intestinal stem and progenitor cells*. Aging 09/2013; 5\(9\)](#)
18. [M.Rera, R.I.Clark, D.W. Walker: *Why do old flies die?* Aging 08/2013; 5\(8\)](#)
19. [A.Rana, **M.Rera**, D.W.Walker: *Parkin overexpression during aging reduces proteotoxicity, alters mitochondrial dynamics, and extends lifespan*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 05/2013; 110\(21\)](#)
20. [M.Rera*, M.J.Azizi*, D.W.Walker *Organ-specific mediation of lifespan extension: More than a gut feeling?* Ageing research reviews \(2012\)](#)
21. [M.Rera*, R.I.Clark*, D.W. Walker: *Intestinal barrier dysfunction links metabolic and inflammatory markers of aging to death in Drosophila*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences \(2012\)](#)
22. [V.Monnier, M.Iché-Torres, **M.Rera**, V.Contremoulins, C.Guichard, N.Lalevée, H.Tricoire, L.Perrin : *dJun and Vri/dNFIL3 Are Major Regulators of Cardiac Aging in Drosophila*. November 2012 PLoS Genetics 8\(11\):e1003081](#)
23. [M.Rera*, S.Bahadorani*, J.Cho*, C.L.Koehler, M.Ulgherait, J.H.Hur, W.S.Ansari, T.Lo, D.L.Jones, D.W.Walker. *Modulation of Longevity and Tissue Homeostasis by the Drosophila PGC-1 Homolog*. November 2011 Cell metabolism 14\(5\):623-34](#)
24. [M.Rera, V.Monnier, H.Tricoire. *Mitochondrial electron transport chain dysfunction during development does not extend lifespan in Drosophila melanogaster*. February 2010 Mechanisms of ageing and development 131\(2\):156-64](#)

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F. Teaching activities

2020 -	Teaching for licence and masters “Frontières du Vivant”, Université de Paris
2020	Conception and teaching of the Open Science course for Master 2 “Frontières du Vivant”
2013 -	Master 2 research seminar for the masters Biology of Ageing and Longevity / Magistère de Génétique, specialization Ageing.

G. Supervision of students

Jan. 2022 –	Co-supervision (as principal supervisor) of PhD candidate Hayet Bouzid with Dr. Clément Carré (MCF Sorbonne université)
Oct. 2018 – May 2022	Co-supervision (as principal supervisor) of PhD candidate Flaminia Zane with Dr. Grégory Nuel (DR CNRS) <i>Project:</i> Network Analysis of Pre-death Gene-Expression Changes
Sep.2015 – Nov.2018	Co-supervision of a PhD student, Tristan Roget, with Pr. Sylvie Méléard (Ecole Polytechnique) <i>Project:</i> Modeling the evolutionary basis of the 2 phases of ageing model

H. Institutional responsibilities

- 2021 – Scientific expert for the Chaire de Mathématiques Appliquées de l'Ecole Polytechnique
- 2019 – Member of the scientific council for the Plateforme Nationale pour la Recherche sur la fin de vie
- 2018 – 2020 Graduate Student tutor of Margaret Ahmad's PhD student
- 2015 – 2018 Graduate Student Advisor (comité de thèse) (Marie Durollet), Université de La Rochelle

I. Organization of scientific meetings

- Oct. 2020 Junior European Drosophila Investigators (JEDI) 10th anniversary meeting
- Nov. 2017 "31st French Drosophila Meeting" Giens. Approx. 90 participants
- June 2016 "DIF day". Institut Curie, Paris. Approx. 70 participants

J. Peer reviewing / Editorial activities

- Extensive reviewing activity peer reviewed journals (eLife, Current Aging Research, Experimental Physiology, PLOS ONE...)
- Reviewing for grant Labex, Canadian Discovery Grants Program and ANR
- Guest Editor for Frontiers in Genetics, [special issue on ageing](#)