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Relevant Skills

Research and Leadership Abilities

- Skilled in the conception, development, management, and execution of small and large scale research projects comprising individuals or collaborative teams of researchers working towards completion of set aims.
- Extensive experience transitioning project ideas and preliminary findings into applications for granting agencies and patent applications.
- Highly skilled in the application of proteomics, metabolomics, and DNA/RNA sequencing technologies towards the study of complex biological systems and clinical research questions.
- Extensive experience with bioinformatic languages such as R and Python for data analysis. Proficient with Adobe Illustrator for the creation of high quality figures and rich schematics.
- Direct exposure to all aspects of the management of a core facility that caters to a wide range of individuals, from researchers to clinicians.
- Strong leadership skills developed through management of numerous undergraduate, graduate student, and technician research projects.

Current Role

2018-present

Staff Scientist and Mass Spectrometry Service Specialist
British Columbia Cancer Research Centre

In this role with Dr. Poul Sorensen, my responsibilities include:

- Independent conception, development, funding acquisition, execution, and supervision of studies examining the dynamics of protein translation at a sub-cellular level in cancer, with specific sub-studies focused on elucidating the mechanistic roles of targets using a wide variety of techniques.
- Participation in pan-Canada and global research projects involving the Sorensen lab (e.g. PROFYLE), including experimental conception and design, data acquisition and analysis, grant acquisition, and student supervision.

Education and Professional Experience

2014–2018	Group Leader, British Columbia Genome Sciences Centre Development, execution, analysis, and management of research projects utilizing proteomics in a diverse array of clinical experimental models, from large-scale patient cohort profiling to precision medicine clinical cancer trials.
2012–2014	Post-Doctoral Researcher, European Molecular Biology Laboratory Performed integrative studies that utilize genomics, transcriptomics, and proteomics to study dynamic molecular systems.
2007–2012	PhD in Biochemistry, Western University, Canada Thesis title: Proteomics of Human Stem Cell Derived Matrices
2006–2006	Research Technician, Merck Frosst Canada Worked with the drug metabolism team to test and validate of a new mass spectrometer ion source based on thermal desorption.
2006–2006	Research Technician, Radiant Technologies Inc. Worked in the drug purification team utilizing large-scale strategies to purify active compounds from natural products.
2004–2005	Research Technician, MDS Sciex Worked within the Demo and Projects Laboratories on projects related to profiling carcinogenic food dyes and excipient analysis of analgesic drugs.
2002–2007	Honors Bachelor of Science in Biology, University of Waterloo, Canada

Funded Grants and Awards

2021	Title: Ewing sarcoma progression and spreading are controlled by selected protein production events that are regulated by modified forms of the YB-1 oncoprotein, Agency: MGI, Role: co-applicant
2016	Title: Fixed tissue proteomics (FTP) applied to create a pragmatic clinical decision aid for endometrial cancer, Agency: CCSRI, Role: co-applicant
2016	Title: Breast cancer classification and marker identification by comprehensive proteomic analysis, Agency: CBCF, Role: co-applicant
2016	Title: High-resolution analysis of phenotypic fitness using genome-wide CRISPR editing coupled to quantitative mass spectrometry, Agency: BCPN, Role: co-applicant
2014	European Interdisciplinary Post-Doctoral Fellowship
2009	NSERC Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
2008	NSERC Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters

Selected Presentations

Poster	CCRC 2019 Title: A subcellular atlas of translation machinery reveals novel roles for the RNA binding protein YB-1
Oral	Personalized Oncogenomics Clinical Research Session 2016 Title: Proteomics and Metabolomics in Personalized Oncogenomics
Oral	BCPN 2016 Title: High Resolution Proteomic Analysis of Ovarian FFPE Tumour Tissues using TMT-MS3 on an Orbitrap Fusion for Clinical Research
Poster	ASMS 2015 Title: Enhanced processing of FFPE tissue for clinical proteomics using SP3
Poster	ASMS 2014 Title: Single-tube sample preparation workflows for Ultra-sensitive Proteomics
Oral	Nordic Proteomics Meeting 2014 Title: Single-tube sample preparation workflows for Ultra-sensitive Proteomics
Poster	Proteostasis Discussion 2013 Title: Studying the dynamics of proteome homeostasis using Hyperplexed mass spectrometry
Poster	HUPO 2011 Title: Analysis of the Human Embryonic Stem Cell Depositome
Poster	ISSCR 2011 Title: Proteomic Analysis of the Human Embryonic Stem Cell Depositome
Poster	HUPO 2010 Title: Matrigel: A complex mixture required for optimal growth of cell culture
Poster	HUPO 2010 Title: Analysis and quantitation of a glycogen synthase kinase-3 knockout embryonic stem cell line to a depth of 3500 proteins
Poster	ASMS 2009 Title: Analysis and quantitation of a glycogen synthase kinase-3 knockout embryonic stem cell line to a depth of 3500 proteins
Oral	ASMS 2008 Title: Prevention of amino acid conversion in SILAC experiments with embryonic stem cells

Patents

2014	Title: Proteomic sample preparation using paramagnetic beads Inventors: Hughes, C.S.*, Krijgsveld, J., Steinmetz, L. Publication number: WO2015118152A1, US20170074869A1, CA2938907A1, EP3102612A1 Filing date: 2015-02-09 * - denotes majority inventor
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Recent Publications

- 2021 Zhang, H., **Hughes, C.S.** *et al*, Proteomic screens for suppressors of anoikis identify IL1RAP as a promising surface target in Ewing sarcoma *Cancer Discovery*. PMID: 34021002
- 2019 **Hughes, C.S.**, Sorensen, P.H., Morin, G.B. A Standardized and Reproducible Proteomics Protocol for Bottom-up Quantitative Analysis of Protein Samples using SP3 and Mass Spectrometry *Methods in Mol. Biol.* PMID: 30852816
- 2019 **Hughes, C.S.**, Moggridge, S., Mueller, T., Sorensen, P.H., Morin, G.B., Krijgsveld, J. Single-pot, Solid-phase-enhanced Sample Preparation for Proteomics Experiments *Nature Protocols*. PMID: 30464214
- 2019 Kovalchik, K.A., Colborne, S., Spencer, S., Sorensen, P.H., Chen, D.D.Y., Morin, G.B., **Hughes, C.S.**[◇], RawTools: Rapid and Dynamic Interrogation of Orbitrap Data Files for Mass Spectrometer System Management *J. Prot. Res.* PMID: 30462513
- 2018 Moggridge, S., Sorensen, P.H., Morin, G.B., **Hughes, C.S.**[◇] Extending the Compatibility of the SP3 Paramagnetic Processing Approach for Proteomics *J. Prot. Res.* PMID: 29565595
- 2018 **Hughes, C.S.**, Morin, G. Using Public Data for Comparative Proteome Analysis in Precision Medicine Studies *Proteomics*. PMID: 28887829
- 2017 **Hughes, C.S.**, Spicer, V., Krokhin, O.V., Morin, G.B., Investigating Acquisition Performance on the Orbitrap Fusion When Using Tandem MS/MS/MS Scanning with Isobaric Tags *J. Prot. Res.* PMID: 28418257
- 2017 **Hughes, C.S.**, Zhu, C., Spicer, V., Krokhin, O.V., Morin, G. Evaluating the Characteristics of Reporter Ion Signal Acquired in the Orbitrap Analyzer for Isobaric Mass Tag Proteome Quantification Experiments *J. Prot. Res.* PMID: 28418254
- 2016 **Hughes, C.S.**, McConechy, M., Cochrane, D., Nazeran, T., Karnezis, A., Huntsman, D., Morin, G. Biomarker Discovery from High Resolution Proteomic Analysis of Fixed Ovarian Tumor Tissue Samples. *Scientific Reports*. PMID: 27713570
- 2014 **Hughes, C.S.**, Foehr, S., Garfield, D., Furlong, E.E., Steinmetz, L.M., Krijgsveld, J. Ultrasensitive proteome analysis using paramagnetic bead technology. *Molecular Systems Biology*. PMID: 25358341
- 2012 **Hughes, C.S.** and Krijgsveld, J. Developments in quantitative mass spectrometry for the analysis of proteome dynamics. *Trends in Biotechnology*. PMID: 23107010
- 2012 **Hughes, C.S.** *et al*. Mass spectrometry-based proteomic analysis of the matrix microenvironment in pluripotent stem cell culture. *Mol. Cell. Prot.* PMID: 23023296

◇ - denotes senior authorship.

References

Additional references available upon request.

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