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Education

University of Ottawa

PHD CANDIDATE - CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Ottawa, ON

2016-21

- 'Transcriptional dynamics of the epithelial-mesenchymal transition'

University of Ottawa

MSC - CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR MEDICINE

Ottawa, ON

2014-16

- 'Snf2h-mediated chromatin remodelling and its regulation of the pluripotent state'

University of Ottawa

BSc (HONOURS) - PHYSIOLOGY

Ottawa, ON

2010-14

- 'Elucidating the EMT-associated factors that regulate the expansion of stem cell characteristics in the mouse ovarian surface epithelium'

Achievements and Awards

- 2020 Judith R. Raymond Scholarship in Cancer Research
- 2019 Best graduate student poster presentation, University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine Research Day
- 2019 Dr. Ronald G. Worton Researcher in Training Award (Nominated), Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
- 2019 Faculty of Medicine Award of Excellence (PhD; Nominated), University of Ottawa
- 2018-21 Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship (CIHR)
- 2014-21 Excellence Scholarship, University of Ottawa
- 2016-18 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (PhD), University of Ottawa
- 2018 David Colcleugh Leadership Award (Nominated)
- 2017 Best oral presentation, University of Ottawa Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine Research Day
- 2016 Faculty of Medicine Award of Excellence (MSc; Nominated), University of Ottawa
- 2015 Teaching Assistant Excellence Award (Nominated), University of Ottawa

Publications

- Al-Zahrani, K., Abou-Hamad, J., Pryce, BR., **Cook, DP.**, Hodgins, JJ., Labrèche, C., Robineau-Charette, P., de Souza, CT., Bell, JC., Auer, RC., Ardolino, M., Vanderhyden, BC., Sabourin, LA. (2020). Loss of the Ste20-like kinase enhances tumorigenesis through AKT/Sox9-dependent Sox10 induction in HER2-positive breast cancers". *Oncogene*, In Press
- **Cook, DP.**, Vanderhyden, BC. (2020). Context specificity of the EMT transcriptional response. Preprint in *bioRxiv* (doi:10.1101/732412). *Nature Communications*, In Press
- **Cook, DP.**, Vanderhyden, BC. (2020). Cre-mediated deletion of SMARCA5 disrupts pluripotency in mouse embryonic stem cells. Preprint in *bioRxiv* (doi:10.1101/2020.04.02.022285.)
- Hurskainen, KM., Mižíková I., **Cook, DP.**, Cyr-Depauw, C., Lesage, F., Helle, E., Renesme, L., Lithopoulous, MA., Jankov, RP., Vanderhyden, BC., Thébaud, B. (2019). Single-cell transcriptomic analysis of normal and impaired lung development in the mouse. Preprint in *bioRxiv* (doi:10.1101/868802). *Nature Communications*, In Review
- Carter, LE*, **Cook, DP.***, McCloskey, CW., Dang, T., Collins, O., Gamwell, LF. (2020). Transcriptional profile of stemness in the mouse ovarian epithelium. *Biology of Reproduction*, In Review. * **Authors contributed equally**
- Karunakaran, D., Turner, AW., Duche, A., Soubeyrand, S., Rasheed, A., Smyth, D., **Cook, DP.**, Kandiah, JW., Pan, C., Geoffrion, M., Nikpay, M., Lee, R., Boytard, JW., Pan, C., Nguyen, M., Lau, P., Laakso, M., Ramkhalawon, B., Vanderhyden, BC., Liu, P., Berger, SB., Gough, PJ., Beal, AM., Bertin, J., Harper, M., Lusi, AJ., McPherson, R., Rayner, KJ. (2020). RIPK1 directs immunometabolism in humans and can be therapeutically silenced to improve metabolic dysfunction in diet-induced obesity. *Nature Metabolism*, In Review

- McCloskey, CW., **Cook, DP.**, Kelly, BS., Azzi, F., Allen, CH., Forsyth, A., Upham, J., Rayner, KJ., Gray, DA., Boyd, RW., Murugkar, S., Lo, B., Trudel, D., Senterman, MK., Vanderhyden, BC. (2019). Metformin abrogates age-associated ovarian fibrosis in women. *Clinical Cancer Research*. doi:10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-19-0603
- Carter, LE., **Cook, DP.**, Collins O., Gamwell, LF., Dempster, HA., Wong, HW., McCloskey, CW., Garson, K., Vuong, NH., Vanderhyden, BC. (2019). COX2 is induced in the ovarian epithelium during ovulatory wound repair and promotes cell survival. *Biology of Reproduction*, doi:10.1093/biolre/iox134
- **Cook, DP.**, Vanderhyden, BC. (2019). Ovarian cancer and the evolution of subtype classifications using transcriptional profiling. *Biology of Reproduction*, 101(3):645-658
- Vuong, NH.*, **Cook, DP.***, Forrest, LA., Carter, LE., Robineau-Charette, P., Kofsky, JM., Hodgkinson, KM., Vanderhyden, BC. Single-cell RNA sequencing reveals transcriptional dynamics of estrogen-induced dysplasia in the ovarian surface epithelium. (2018) *PLOS Genetics*, 14(11):e1007788. * **Authors contributed equally**
- Al-Zahrani, K., **Cook, DP.**, Vanderhyden, BC., Sabourin, LA. (2018) Assessing the efficacy of androgen receptor and Sox10 as independent markers of the triple-negative breast cancer subtype by transcriptome profiling. *Oncotarget*, 9(70), 33348-33359
- Vlasschaert, C., **Cook, DP.**, Xia, X., Gray, D. (2017). The evolution and functional diversification of the deubiquitinating enzyme superfamily. *Genome Biol and Evol*, 9(3), 558-573

Book Chapters

- Carter, LE.*, **Cook, DP.***, Vanderhyden, BC. (2018). Phenotypic Plasticity and the Origins and Progression of Ovarian Cancer. *The Ovary* (3rd Edition; Elsevier). * **Authors contributed equally**

Presentations

uOttawa BMI Research Night Out (Ottawa, ON)

'BEYOND GENETICS: CELLULAR ADAPTATION AND COOPERATION'

November 28, 2019

Ottawa Hospital Research Institute Research Day (Ottawa, ON)

'REVEALING CONTEXT-SPECIFICITY OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION'

November 7, 2019

10x Genomics User Group Meeting (Ottawa, ON)

'COMPARING REGULATORY FEATURES OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION USING HIGHLY MULTIPLEXED scRNA-SEQ'

April 25, 2019

Centre for Research in Reproduction and Development (McGill University, Montreal, QC)

'RESOLVING TRANSCRIPTIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION USING SINGLE-CELL RNA SEQUENCING'

April 19, 2018

Stem Cell Network RNA-seq Workshop (Ottawa, ON)

'REVEALING TRANSCRIPTIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION USING SINGLE-CELL RNA SEQUENCING'

May 8, 2018

10x Genomics User Group Meeting (Ottawa, ON)

'REVEALING TRANSCRIPTIONAL DYNAMICS OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION USING SINGLE-CELL RNA SEQUENCING'

February 2, 2018

uOttawa Cellular and Molecular Medicine Research Day (Ottawa, ON)

'MOLECULAR DETERMINANTS OF THE EPITHELIAL-MESENCHYMAL TRANSITION IN OVARIAN CANCER' (AWARDED BEST ORAL PRESENTATION)

November 24, 2017

Stem Cell Network RNA-seq Workshop

'GENE EXPRESSION ONE CELL AT A TIME'

May 9, 2017

Fluidigm Seminar (Ottawa, ON)

'USING THE FLUIDIGM C1 SYSTEM FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT RNA-SEQ TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF PROLONGED ESTROGEN EXPOSURE ON THE MOUSE OVARIAN SURFACE EPITHELIUM'

February 6, 2017

Selected Poster Presentations

- **Cook, DP.**, McGinnis, CS., Patterson, DM., Gartner, ZJ., Vanderhyden, BC. (2019). Comparing transcriptional dynamics of the epithelial-mesenchymal transition using highly multiplexed scRNA-seq. *Keystone Symposia*:

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- **Cook, DP.**, YC, Wang., Ragoussis, J., Vanderhyden, BC. (2018). Transcriptional and epigenetic determinants of the epithelial-mesenchymal transition in ovarian cancer. *Single Cell Biology 2018* (Hinxton, UK)
- **Cook, DP.**, Paradis, F., Picketts, DJ., Vanderhyden, BC. (2019). Snf2h-mediated chromatin remodelling is essential for the maintenance of embryonic stem cell identity. *Keystone Symposia: Transcriptional and Epigenetic Influence on Stem Cell States* (Steamboat Springs, CO)

Teaching Experience

Workshop lecturer

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA / OTTAWA HOSPITAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

April 27, 2020

- Led a day-long workshop on scRNA-seq analysis via Zoom due to COVID-19

Workshop lecturer

STEM CELL NETWORK

October 15-16, 2019 & May 7-8, 2018

- Designed and led a day-long workshop on scRNA-seq analysis

Teaching Assistant

WITH DR. JACQUELINE CARNEGIE

2013-present

- Designed and implemented tutorial sessions for students enrolled in the first-year Anatomy and Physiology (ANP) 1105, 1106, and 1107 courses

Lab demonstrator

BIO2133 - GENETICS

January-June, 2016

- Facilitated a section of the lab component for the second-year Genetics course at the University of Ottawa
- Set up labs, provided brief lectures to introduce relevant material, and assisted students throughout the lab

Other Experience

Organizing Committee Member

HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OTTAWA, 2020)

2019-2020

- Involved in program planning and volunteer recruitment. Note: Event cancelled due to COVID-19

Cancer Outreach Coordinator

LET'S TALK SCIENCE (OTTAWA)

2016-present

- Involved with the organization of the annual Let's Talk Cancer Symposium in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, along with the development of cancer-related workshops to be disseminated to local high school classrooms
- Have worked closely with the non-profit organization Encounters with Canada to develop workshops, organize career panels, and coordinate site visits to health- and technology-related institutions in Ottawa for high school students from across Canada. Have organized events for over 3000 Canadian students from across the country.

References

- **Dr. Barbara Vanderhyden** - PhD Supervisor - bvanderhyden@ohri.ca
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