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EMPLOYMENT

Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School Research Fellow, F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center / Department of Neurology	Aug 2023 – present
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Fellow, McGovern Institute for Brain Research	Aug 2019 – Jul 2023
Seoul National University Postdoctoral Associate, Medical Research Center	Mar 2019 – Jul 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Seoul National University School of Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences & Department of Physiology, College of Medicine (joint affiliation) Thesis: " <i>Short-term synaptic plasticity and persistent activity in the prefrontal cortex</i> " (2016 – 2019: Military service, Republic of Korea Army)	Mar 2013 – Feb 2019
B.S., Seoul National University School of Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences	Mar 2009 – Feb 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- Yoon J***, Ferguson B*, et al. (2025). Thalamocortical synaptic hyperconnectivity in the human neocortex with ASD. (*in preparation*) (* **co-corresponding author**)
- Yoon J** (2025). Acute human brain slice preparation for patch clamp electrophysiology. *protocols.io*. DOI: 10.17504/protocols.io.ewov124qogr2/v1
- Lee BJ, Lee SE, Han YE, Kim YD, **Yoon J**, Chang S, Lee S, Lee SH, Ho WK. (2025). A specific association of presynaptic K⁺ channels with Ca²⁺ channels underlies K⁺ channel-mediated regulation of glutamate release. (*under review*)
- Cho E, Kwon J, Lee G, Shin J, Lee H, Lee SH, Chung CK*, **Yoon J***, Ho WK*. (2024). Net synaptic drive of fast-spiking interneurons is inverted towards inhibition in human FCD I epilepsy. *Nature Communications*. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-024-51065-7 (* **co-corresponding author**)
- Yoon J**. (2024). Geometrical determinant of nonlinear synaptic integration in human cortical neurons. *arXiv preprint*. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2408.05633
- Yoon JY**, Lee HR, Ho WK, Lee SH. (2020). Disparities in short-term depression among prefrontal cortex synapses sustain persistent activity in a balanced network. *Cerebral Cortex*. DOI: 10.1093/cercor/bhz076
- Yoon JY**, Choi S. (2017). Evidence for presynaptically silent synapses in the immature hippocampus. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications*. DOI: 10.1016/j.bbrc.2016.12.044

AWARDS AND HONORS

Postdoctoral Travel/Research Award, Mind-Brain-Behavior Interfaculty Initiative, Harvard University (1.99 k USD)	2024
Best Presenter Award, F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center, Boston Children's Hospital (BCH)	2024
Molecular Therapeutics Impact Report 2020 – 2022 (featured), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	2022

Y. Eva Tan Postdoctoral Fellowship, K. Lisa Yang and Hock E. Tan Center for Molecular Therapeutics in Neuroscience, MIT (130.00 k USD)	2021 – 2023
Merit-based Scholarships, Seoul National University (SNU)	2014 – 2014
BK21 / BK21+ Fellow, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)	2013 – 2017
Lecture and Research Scholarship, SNU	2013 – 2013
Superior Academic Performance Scholarships, SNU	2009 – 2011

INVITED TALKS

<i>Korean Society for Brain and Neural Science (KSBNS)</i>	Aug 2025
"Electrophysiological hallmarks of epilepsy and autism in the human neocortex"	Incheon, Korea
<i>F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center, BCH</i>	May 2025
"Thalamocortical synaptic hyperconnectivity in the human neocortex with ASD"	Boston, MA, USA
<i>New England Bioscience Society</i>	Sep 2024
"Net synaptic drive of fast-spiking interneurons is inverted towards inhibition in human FCD I epilepsy"	Boston, MA, USA
<i>F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center, BCH</i>	May 2024
"Synaptic drive of neocortical fast-spiking interneurons supporting attention"	Boston, MA, USA
<i>Department of Physiology, College of Medicine, SNU</i>	Dec 2023
"Synaptic integration in human dendrites"	Seoul, Korea
<i>Yang-Tan Center for Molecular Therapeutics in Neuroscience, McGovern Institute for Brain Research (MIBR), MIT</i>	Jul 2021
"Subcellular connectivity and synaptic integration in cortical pyramidal neurons"	Cambridge, MA, USA
<i>Department of Physiology, College of Medicine, SNU</i>	Aug 2018
"Short-term synaptic plasticity and persistent activity in the prefrontal cortex"	Seoul, Korea

MEETING ABSTRACTS

<i>Harvard Mind-Brain-Behavior Research Showcase</i>	Apr 2025
Yoon J* , Ferguson B*. "Functional hyperconnectivity of thalamocortical synapses in human ASD" (* co-corresponding author)	Cambridge, MA, USA
<i>F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center Retreat</i>	Mar 2025
Yoon J* , Ferguson B*. "Functional hyperconnectivity of thalamocortical synapses in human ASD" (* co-corresponding author)	Boston, MA, USA
<i>F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center Retreat</i>	Mar 2025
He M, Chung L, Hathaway D, Yoon J , Yan T, Yu S, Chalif J, Ferguson B, Osterweil E, He Z. "Establishing human cortical neuron-based assays to study axon regeneration"	Boston, MA, USA
<i>Gordon Research Conference (GRC)</i>	Aug 2024
Cho E, Kwon J, Lee G, Shin J, Lee H, Lee SH, Chung CK*, Yoon J* , Ho WK*. "Net synaptic drive of fast-spiking interneurons is inverted towards inhibition in human FCD I epilepsy" (* co-corresponding author)	Waterville Valley, NH, USA
<i>Neuro2019</i>	Jul 2019
Yoon JY , Lee HR, Ho WK, Lee SH. "Disparities in short-term depression among prefrontal cortex synapses sustain persistent activity in a balanced network"	Niigata, Japan
<i>KSBNS</i>	Oct 2016
Yang CH, Yoon JY , Ho WK, Lee SH. "Presynaptic mitochondrial calcium release during high-frequency train pulse enhances short-term facilitation"	Goyang, Korea

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

ex vivo electrophysiology (patch clamp) in acute human brain slices:

- Whole-cell (somatic, dendritic, paired) or excised (outside-out, nucleated, inside-out) patch clamp in human neocortex (temporal, frontal, occipital, parietal, insular; L2/3, L5, L6; PN, FSIN, nFSIN)
- Human brain slice preparation, from > 70 adult and pediatric patients diagnosed with tumor or epilepsy; healthy and patched at soma and distal apical dendrite up to 132 h post-resection (Yoon, 2024; Cho et al., 2024; Yoon et al., 2025; https://flosfor.github.io/human_brain_slicing) (2021 - 2023: Research Non-Employee Collaborator, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH))

ex vivo electrophysiology in other applications:

- Slice electrophysiology setup at BCH (CLS 13052), MIT MIBR (46-6178), SNU medical campus (2-726), and SNU main campus (504-201) (throughout 2014 – 2023)
- Patch clamp in rodent brain slices (mouse, rat); in neocortex (L2/3, L5, L4, L6; TeA, PFC, V1, S1, RSC), hippocampus (CA1, CA3, DG), thalamus (MD), amygdala (BLA), and Calyx of Held
- Patch clamp for single-cell RNA (scRNA) sequencing from human neurons (Patch-seq)
- Patch clamp in human brain slice culture (prepared from BCH; 2024)
- Patch clamp in human cortical organoids (prepared from Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; 2022)
- Computational modeling of cellular and network biophysics, with optogenetic or electric stimulation under physiological or therapeutic scenarios (Yoon et al., 2020; Yoon et al., 2025)

2-photon excitation microscopy (2PEF):

- MIT MIBR 2-photon core facility (46-6178) setup and management, including user training (6 postdocs from MIT & Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard trained during 2019 – 2023)
- 2-photon glutamate uncaging (2PGU), setup and application (Yoon, 2024)
- 8x pulse splitter setup and application, for enhanced 2PEF (https://flosfor.github.io/pulse_splitter.pdf - provided to University of Ottawa in 2022)
- Intracellular calcium imaging and structural imaging for morphological analysis (Yoon, 2024)
- Subcellular channelrhodopsin-assisted circuit mapping (sCRACM)

Data analysis and processing:

- MATLAB-based GUI development for electrophysiology and 2-photon imaging data analysis (<https://github.com/flosfor/pvbs>)

Others:

- *ad hoc* reviewer for *Nature Communications*, *Neuron*, *Cell Reports*, *Frontiers in Synaptic Neuroscience*
- Technical assistance for *in vivo* patch clamp / Neuropixels setup (MIT MIBR, 46-6171)
- Plasmid DNA purification, viral vector packaging, immunohistochemistry, stereotaxic surgery

ENDORSED PROJECTS

"Functional hyperconnectivity of thalamocortical synapses in human ASD".	2025 – present
Rosamund Stone Zander Translational Neuroscience Center (RSZ TNC), BCH	
"Human cortical hierarchy characterized by synaptic drive scaling rules of fast-spiking interneurons". RSZ TNC, BCH	2024 – 2025
"Neural Mechanisms of Emotional Consciousness". NRF (PI: Sukwoo Choi; ~1.33 M USD)	2016 – 2019
"Mechanisms of Conscious Fear Memory Formation from Inference-Based Learning".	2016 – 2017
College of Natural Sciences, SNU (with Gyuryang Heo; ~6.75 k USD)	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Data Analysis in Neuroscience Workshop, Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience, SNU	2018 – 2018
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Teaching Assistant, Biological Sciences Research Lab 1 & 2, School of Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences, SNU	2014 – 2014
Teaching Assistant, Biology Lab 1 & 2, School of Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences, SNU	2013 – 2014

LANGUAGES

English (bilingual), Korean (bilingual), Italian (proficient, C2), French (intermediate), MATLAB (proficient)

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Neuroscience, Korean Physiological Society, Japan Neuroscience Society,
US Chess Federation (chess.com blitz rating \leq 2131)