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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Research Fellow, Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center / Department of Neurology	Aug 2023 – present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology McGovern Institute for Brain Research	Aug 2019 – Jul 2023
Postdoctoral Associate, Seoul National University Medical Research Center	Mar 2019 – Jul 2019
Ph.D., Seoul National University Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences / Physiology, College of Medicine (<i>joint affiliation</i>) (2016 – 2019: Military service, Republic of Korea Army)	Mar 2013 – Feb 2019
B.S., Seoul National University Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences	Mar 2009 – Feb 2013

AWARDS AND HONORS

Pioneers Grant, Harvard Brain Science Initiative (HBI), Harvard University (<i>application under review</i>)	2025
Travel/Research Award, Mind-Brain-Behavior Initiative, Harvard University (1.99 k USD)	2024
Best Presenter Award, F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center, Boston Children's Hospital (BCH)	2024
Y. Eva Tan Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (130.00 k USD)	2021 – 2023
Molecular Therapeutics Impact Report 2020 – 2022, MIT (featured)	2022
BK21 / BK21+ Fellow, National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) (~21.26 k USD)	2013 – 2017
Lecture and Research Scholarship & Merit-based Scholarships, Seoul National University (SNU)	2013 – 2014
Superior Academic Performance Scholarships, SNU	2009 – 2011

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Yoon J***, Terauchi A, Castro Palacin A, Cohen A, Umemori H, Ferguson B*. (2025). Local and thalamocortical synaptic dysconnectivity in human cortex with ASD . (*under review*) (* co-corresponding author)
- Yoon J***, Ferguson B*. (2025). Selective modulation of excitation-inhibition balance by human cortical electric stimulation. (*under review*) (* co-corresponding author)
- 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*. 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
- Yoon J**. (2025a). Acute human brain slice preparation for ex vivo electrophysiology and imaging. *protocols.io*. DOI: 10.17504/protocols.io.ewov124qogr2/v1 (*embargoed until 2026-05-01*)
- Yoon J**. (2025b). 2-photon glutamate uncaging with pulse splitter for ex vivo electrophysiology. *protocols.io*. DOI: 10.17504/protocols.io.eq2lyxpjwgx9/v1 (*embargoed until 2026-05-01*)
- Lee BJ, et al. (2025). A specific association of presynaptic K⁺ channels with Ca²⁺ channels underlies K⁺ channel-mediated regulation of glutamate release. (*under review*)
- He M, et al. (2025). Human cortical neuron-based assays to study axon regeneration. (*in preparation*)

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

"Electrophysiological hallmarks of epilepsy and autism in the human neocortex". *China-Japan-Korea Neuroscience Meeting*. Incheon, Korea. (Aug 2025)

"Thalamocortical synaptic hyperconnectivity in the human neocortex with ASD". *F.M. Kirby Neurobiology Center, BCH & Harvard Medical School (HMS)*. Boston, MA, USA. (May 2025)

"Net synaptic drive of fast-spiking interneurons is inverted towards inhibition in human FCD I epilepsy". *New England Bioscience Society*. Boston, MA, USA. (Sep 2024)

"Synaptic integration in human neuronal dendrites". *College of Medicine, SNU*. Seoul, Korea. (Dec 2023)

"Subcellular connectivity and synaptic integration in cortical pyramidal neurons". *McGovern Institute for Brain Research (MIBR), MIT*. Cambridge, MA, USA. (Jul 2021)

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

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

2019 – present

- Whole-cell (somatic, dendritic, paired) or excised (outside-out, nucleated, inside-out) patch clamp in human cortex (temporal, frontal, occipital, parietal, insular; L2/3, L5, L6; PN, FSIN, nFSIN, glia)
- Human brain slice preparation from > 80 tumor and epilepsy patients; healthy and patched up to 132 h post-resection

ex vivo electrophysiology (patch clamp) in general applications:

2013 – present

- Electrophysiology setup at BCH/HMS (CLS 13052), MIT MIBR (46-6178), SNU medical (2-726), and SNU (504-201)
- Patch clamp in rodent brain slices (mouse, rat), human brain slice culture, and human cortical organoids
- Single-cell RNA (scRNA) sequencing with patch clamp (Patch-seq)
- Computational modeling of cellular and network biophysics, with optogenetic or electric stimulation

2-photon excitation microscopy (2PEF):

2013 – present

- 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), with 8x pulse splitter for enhanced 2PEF; setup and application
- Intracellular calcium imaging, structural imaging, subcellular channelrhodopsin-assisted circuit mapping (sCRACM)

Data analysis and processing:

2013 – present

- Software development for electrophysiology and 2-photon imaging data analysis (<https://github.com/flosfor/pvbs>)
- Contribution to abfload: MATLAB function for processing .abf file format (<https://github.com/fcollman/abfload>)

Teaching experience:

2013 – present

- Teaching Assistant, Data Analysis in Neuroscience / Biology Lab 1 & 2 / Biological Sciences Research Lab 1 & 2, SNU
- Laboratory personnel training (SNU, MIT, BCH, HMS)

Other research and laboratory experience:

2013 – present

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

LANGUAGES

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

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Neuroscience (SfN), Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS), Italian Society for Neuroscience (SINS), Korean Physiological Society, Korean Society for Brain and Neural Sciences (KSBNS), Japan Neuroscience Society, US Chess Federation (USCF; chess.com rating ≤ 2131)

REFERENCES

Suk-Ho Lee, MD PhD (SNU), Won-Kyung Ho, MD PhD (SNU), Sukwoo Choi, PhD (SNU), Brielle Ferguson, PhD (HMS), Chinfei Chen, MD PhD (HMS), Gloria Choi, PhD (MIT)