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I Expertise and Research Interests

Composition and function of the human and other microbiomes. I use and develop tools to examine 16S rRNA gene composition, gene expression of mixed population samples, and metabolomic analysis of clinical samples. I teach a graduate course on the use of compositional data analysis techniques to examine transcriptomes, microbiomes and other types of complex data sets derived from high throughput sequencing.

Protein evolution. We use and develop tools to examine how protein structure and function is maintained in response to sequences changes. We have a special interest in identifying the role that variable positions play in protein evolution. I teach an undergraduate course in protein sequence alignment and proteins sequence-structure alignment.

Computational biology and that application of techniques for compositional data analysis to the above problems. Our primary contributions so far have been the ALDEx2 tool in Bioconductor for the analysis of high throughput experiments that generate counts per sequence tag: 16S rRNA gene sequencing, transcriptomics and selex-type experiments. I have further tools under development, and have contributed new visualization methods (effect-size plots) to the field.

2 Education and Training

1988-1990 Postdoctoral Fellow. University of Wisconsin - Madison - Laboratory of Genetics. Supervisor: Dr. William Engels.

1988 Ph.D, University of Western Ontario, Department of Biochemistry. Supervisor: Dr. George Chaconas. Dissertation: *Characterization of the Integrative Precursor Protein-DNA Complex of Bacteriophage Mu*.

1983 HBSc, University of Western Ontario, Genetics

3 Employment

2002-present , Professor of Biochemistry University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Medicine now the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

1997-2002, Associate Professor of Biochemistry University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Medicine

1993-1997, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Medicine

1990-1992, Assistant Professor Medical Genetics Memorial University of Newfoundland, Faculty of Medicine

4 Faculty Development

2014, Five day theory and applied course on Compositional Data Analysis (UdG, Spain) Accredited by European Statistical Society

2007, Leadership Workshop

Offered by Continuing Education of Shulich School of Medicine and Dentistry for Medical School Accreditation Leaders

1995, Course on Teaching at the University Level Offered through the Faculty of Medicine Development Office.

1990, Faculty Orientation Day Memorial University of Newfoundland This covered teaching tips and grant writing skills for new faculty at MUN

5 Awards, Honours, Fellowships

2014, Faculty Development Award: Attended week-long course on Compositional Data Analysis (UdG, Spain)

2011-2013, Faculty Scholar

2009, University Student's Council Teaching Honor Roll

2007, University Student's Council Teaching Honor Roll

2005, Schulich School of Medicine Teaching Award

2004, WL Magee Teaching Award, Biochemistry, UWO

1993 - 1998, Salary Award, Medical Research Council of Canada (MRC) Development Grant in Molecular Biology

1984 - 1988, K. M. Hunter Fellowship, National Cancer Institute of Canada.

1983, Graduate Entrance Scholarship, UWO.

6 HQP Training Summary

Graduate Student: 10; Undergraduate Student: 30; Postdoctoral Fellow: 2;

Graduate Advisory Committee: 30; Thesis Defence: 68; Qualifying Examiner: 46.

7 Scholarly and Professional Activities Summary

7.1 Grants and Awards Panels, Editorial membership

2017-present, Chair, CIHR Project Grant Scheme (Genomics/Genetics)

2017-present, Member, CIHR College of Reviewers (First round invitee)

2017, Member, Canadian Crohns and Colitis Review panel

2016, Member, Agence Nationale de la Recherche, Preindustrial Biotechnology Demonstrator, Paris, France

2016-present, Senior Editor, Microbiome

2016, Western Science and Engineering Review Board Member

2016, CIHR Operating Grant Review Panel Chair

2015-2016, Associate Editor, Microbiome

2015, Ontario Genomics Institute: SPARC and Genome Canada review panel

2014-present, CRC College of Reviewers

2012-2015, Editorial Board member Microbiome

2010-2014, Member CIHR Genetics panel

2008-present, IODE Doctoral Scholarship committee

2006-2010, NCIC Model Organisms Panel B2

1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 MRC/CIHR BMB/Genetics/Genomics invitee item 1999, Chair OGS Biochemistry/Biophysics panel item 1997-1999, OGS Biochemistry/Biophysics panel

1997–2000, NCIC Virology and Molecular Biology Committee Panel F

1995-2001, Foundation for Gene and Cell Therapy (Jesse's Journey) Chair and Review Organizer 1995 - 2001

7.2 Board memberships

2001-2002, Member, Board of Directors for Partners in Research

1995-2001 Member, Board of Directors, The Foundation for Gene and Cell Therapy (FFGCT). I was the lead negotiator for the FFGCT in working out a partnership with the MRC to fund up to 9 post-doctoral fellows in the area of gene therapy. This partnership provided approximately \$900,000 in new money to the MRC.

1995, Member of the Home Team for Jesse's Journey (Internet and Science Advisor).

I posted and updated a World Wide Web map page so that people from around the world could follow John and Jesse's progress.

7.3 Presentations and Invitations

- 2017, Keynote, Microbial Ecology 2017, Toronto, Ontario
- 2017, Workshop, Compositional Data analysis methods, Microbial Ecology 2017, Toronto, Ontario
- 2017, Invited speaker, EMBL-EBI Industrial Program Workshop The human microbiome: challenges and opportunities for novel therapeutics, Hinxton, England
- 2017, Invited speaker Canadian Society of Microbiology, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2017, Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute Microbiome Planning Meeting speaker and discussion leader, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2017, Contributed Oral Presentation (2), Great Lakes Bioinformatics, Chicago, Illinois
- 2017, Invited speaker in the Microbiology & Immunology Department, Western University, London, CA
- 2017, Invited speaker in the Health Sciences Department, Carleton University, Ottawa, CA

- 2016, Invited speaker in the Biostatistics and Epidemiology Department, Western University, London, CA
- 2016, Invited speaker at Exploring Human Host-Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease 2016, Cambridge, UK
- 2016, Invited workshop organizer at Exploring Human Host-Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease 2016, Cambridge, UK
- 2016, Invited speaker at Symposium on Synthetic Biology, Western University, London, CA
- 2016, Invited workshop presenter, The Human Microbiome and Epidemiology, 2016 Epidemiology Congress of the Americas, Miami, USA
- 2016, Invited presentation/workshop, Infection, Inflammation and Immunity course, The Arctic University of Norway, Tromso, NO
- 2016, Oral Presentation, Great Lakes Bioinformatics / Canadian Computational Biology Conference, Toronto, CA
- 2015, Invited speaker at Exploring Human Host-Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease 2015, Cambridge, UK
- 2015, Invited paper at CoDaWork 2015, Girona, Spain
- 2015, Applying compositional data framework to microbiome datasets, Canadian Society of Microbiology workshop 2015, Saskatoon, Canada
- 2015, Invited speaker, University of Guelph Bioinformatics group
- 2014, Invited seminar, Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Calgary
- 2014, Invited participant at NIH sponsored Microbiome Quality Control Initiative: only Canadian group invited, Rockville, MD, USA
- 2013, Invited speaker at Fondation Merieux Conference on Better Foods for Better Health, Annecy, France
- 2013, Invited speaker at the Institute of Genome Sciences seminar series, University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA
- 2013, Invited expert participant at African International Conference and Workshop on the Microbiome and Probiotics, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2011, Invited speaker at the RePOOPulating the gut: therapeutic microbial preparations to eradicate recurrent C.difficile infections in Canada, Toronto
- 2011, Invited expert participant at International Society for the Application of Probiotics and Prebiotics, Berkley, CA
- 2010, Invited platform speaker at the Ontario Illumina Users Group, Toronto Ontario
- 2008, Invited speaker at University of North Carolina-Charlotte Department of Bioinformatics Seminar Series
- 2003, Invited speaker at First Canadian Workshop on Statistical Genomics, The Fields Institute, Toronto
- 2000, Department of Genetics seminar series, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.
- 1999, London and Regional Cancer Center seminar series, London Ontario
- 1997 Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics seminar series, University of Guelph

1994 Mogenson Research Forum, UWO Faculty of Medicine

1992 Department of Genetics, University of Alberta seminar series Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Sponsored Speaker

1992 Lunchtime Seminar Series, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland

1992 Department of Biochemistry seminar series, Queens University

1992 Department of Biochemistry seminar series, UWO

1991 Molecular Biology Research Discussion Group seminar series, Faculty of Medicine, MUN

1991 Department of Biochemistry seminar series, MUN

1990 Faculty of Medicine seminar series, MUN

7.4 Peer Reviewed Papers:

Academic trivia

- H-index: 34, i10 index: 75 (Google Scholar)
- Erdos number 3 (two ways)
- Aitchison number 1 (two ways)
- Academic lineage: T.H. Morgan
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- [109] Sarah Lynn Martz, Mabel Guzman-Rodriguez, Shu-Mei He, Curtis Noordhof, David John Hurlbut, Gregory Brian Gloor, Christian Carlucci, Scott Weese, Emma Allen-Vercoe, Jun Sun, Erika Chiong Claud, and Elaine Olga Petrof. A human gut ecosystem protects against c. difficile disease by targeting tcda. *Journal of Gastroenterology*, 52(4):452–465, Apr 2017.
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- [107] Grace Ettinger, Jeremy P Burton, Gregory B Gloor, and Gregor Reid. Lactobacillus rhamnosus gr-1 attenuates induction of hypertrophy in cardiomyocytes but not through secreted protein msp-1 (p75). *PLoS One*, 12(1):e0168622, 2017.
- [106] Kait Al, Ousseynou Sarr, Kristyn Dunlop, Gregory B Gloor, Gregor Reid, Jeremy Burton, and Timothy R H Regnault. Impact of birth weight and postnatal diet on the gut microbiota of young adult guinea pigs. *PeerJ*, 5:e2840, 2017.
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- [104] Joel W G Slade, Yanina Sarquis-Adamson, Gregory B Gloor, Marc-André Lachance, and Elizabeth A MacDougall-Shackleton. Population differences at mhc do not explain enhanced resistance of song sparrows to local parasites. *J Hered*, Dec 2016.
- [103] S Rahat-Rozenbloom, J Fernandes, J Cheng, G B Gloor, and T M S Wolever. The acute effects of inulin and resistant starch on postprandial serum short-chain fatty acids and second-meal glycemic response in lean and overweight humans. *Eur J Clin Nutr*, Dec 2016.

- [102] J W G Slade, M J Watson, T R Kelly, G B Gloor, M A Bernards, and E A MacDougall-Shackleton. Chemical composition of preen wax reflects major histocompatibility complex similarity in songbirds. *Proc Biol Sci*, 283(1842), Nov 2016.
- [101] Mariya I Petrova, Elke Lievens, Tine L A Verhoeven, Jean M Macklaim, Gregory Gloor, Dominique Schols, Jos Vanderleyden, Gregor Reid, and Sarah Lebeer. The lectin-like protein 1 in lactobacillus rhamnosus gr-1 mediates tissue-specific adherence to vaginal epithelium and inhibits urogenital pathogens. *Sci Rep*, 6:37437, Nov 2016.
- [100] Gregory B Gloor, Jean M Macklaim, Michael Vu, and Andrew D Fernandes. Compositional uncertainty should not be ignored in high-throughput sequencing data analysis. *Austrian Journal of Statistics*, 45:73–87, September 2016.
- [99] Gregory B Gloor and Gregor Reid. Compositional analysis: a valid approach to analyze microbiome high-throughput sequencing data. *Can J Microbiol*, 62(8):692–703, Aug 2016.
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- [71] Mariana Rosenthal, Allison E Aiello, Carol Chenoweth, Deborah Goldberg, Elaine Larson, Gregory Gloor, and Betsy Foxman. Impact of technical sources of variation on the hand microbiome dynamics of healthcare workers. *PLoS One*, 9(2):e88999, 2014.
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Russell J Dickson and Gregory B Gloor. The MIp toolset: an efficient algorithm for calculating mutual information in protein alignments. arXiv preprint arXiv:1304.4573, 2013.

7.6 Software releases

ALDEx2. ALDEx tool to examine compositional high-throughput sequence data with Welch's t-test and Wilcoxon rank test. https://github.com/ggloor/ALDEx2, and http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/ALDEx2.html last update Oct 2017

Languages and utilities: R, bash, Perl, awk, LATEX, Markdown, HTML, git, svn

8 Current and Recent Research Funding

NSERC Discovery, 2015-2020: Molecular covariation in protein families

PI: Gloor, GB

Goal is to examine how covarying positions affect the structure and function of protein families that can be used as gene editing reagents.

total: \$155000 - pays for student and supplies

NIH R21 Dec 2015-2017, NIH R33 2017-2018: Microbes that matter

PI: Elaine Petrof (Queen's U), Allen-Vercoe (Guelph), Gloor (UWO)

Developing a synthetic stool substitute for the treatment of recurrent *C. difficile* infection

direct to Gloor: \$70000 - partially pays for one student and sequencing costs

CIHR 2013-2016: Role of intestinal microbiota in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease pre and post bariatric surgery

PI: ALLARD, Johane P (U. Toronto): , Comelli Elena M; GLOOR, Gregory B; JACKSON, Timothy D; LOU, Wen-Yi W; OKRAINEC, Allan

Characterization of the stool microbiota in a cohort of patients undergoing treatment for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

total: 522169, direct to Gloor: \$25000/yr - partially paid for one student and sequencing costs

CIHR 2014-1016: Intestinal microbiome and extremes of atherosclerosis

PI: SPENCE, J. David, ALLEN-VERCOE, Emma; GLOOR, Gregory B; REID, Gregor

Characterization of the stool microbiota in a cohort of patients screened for risk of atherosclerosis

total: 211600, direct to Gloor: \$25000 - partially paid for one student and sequencing costs

CIHR 2013-1016: Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: Role of Intestinal Microbiota and n-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Supplementationtle

PI: ALLARD, Johane P, COMELLI, Elena M; GLOOR, Gregory B; LOU, Wen-Yi W

Characterization of the stool microbiota in a cohort of patients treated for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease with fish oils

total 211600, direct to Gloor: \$17000 - partially paid for one student

CIHR Team grant, 2010-2015: The Vaginal Microbiome Project Team

PI: MONEY, Deborah M, BOCKING, Alan D; HEMMINGSEN, Sean M; HILL, Janet E; REID, Gregor (Co-PIs), co-investigators: DUMONCEAUX, Timothy J; GLOOR, Gregory B; LINKS, Matthew G; O'DOHERTY, Kieran C; TANG, Patrick K; VAN SCHALKWYK, Julianne E; YUDIN, Mark H

Collection and analysis of large vaginal microbiota cohorts to identify determinants of health and disease in the Canadian population

total:1745341, direct to Gloor: 15000/year - partially paid for one student. My role was tool development

Southeastern Ontario Academic Medical Organization 2014-2015: Elucidating the factors that determine success in fecal transplant therapy for *C. difficile* infection

PI: PETROF, E, ROPELSKI, Mark, ALLEN-VERCOE, Emma, GLOOR, Gregory

Identifying mechanisms of microbial ecosystem inhibition of C. difficile

total:92000, direct to Gloor: %14000 - paid for sequencing costs

CIHR Network grant 2012-2015 Maternal-Infant Microbiome and Immunity (MIMI) Network

PI: KOLLMANN, Tobias R, GLOOR, Gregory B; REID, Gregor

Team grant to further training and planning of microbiome effects on proper health and development in Africa.

total:600000, direct to Gloor: 200000 - paid for PDF, student and conference costs

8.1 Maternal-Infant Microbiome and Immunity (MIMI) Network CIHR, 2012-2015

Investigators: KOLLMANN, Tobias R(PI) coinvestigators: GLOOR, Gregory B; REID, Gregor

Keywords: GLOBAL HEALTH; IMMUNOLOGY; MATERNAL HEALTH; MICROBIOME; PEDIATRICS

8.1.1 Total:600000, direct to Gloor: 200000

Abstract: There are ten times as many bacterial cells in our body than human cells. This community of microorganisms (called the microbiome) plays an important role in influencing human health. For example, in our gut, bacteria aid in the digestion and absorption of nutrients, keeping dangerous microbes in check and directing our defense system's response. Thus, the understanding of how the microbiome contributes to human health is of great importance. Understanding the human microbiome is a daunting task because of its complexity. First, there are very different communities of bacteria present in different parts of the body. Second, these bacterial communities arise from different initial sources and interact with the human defense system in different ways. Third, the human microbiome is affected by a variety of genetic and environmental factors. Finally, people living in different areas of the world have different bacteria living in and on them. These and other factors require that the study of the microbiome should be approached from a global health perspective. We propose the establishment of MIMI, the Maternal-Infant Microbiome and Immunity Network. This network is centered on how the microbiome and immune system interact in the mother and child, as the mother is the initial source of the child's microbiome. MIMI will formalize the collaboration of three groups with expertise in paediatrics and immunology, maternal health and probiotics, and DNA sequencing and data analysis. By bringing these groups with complementary expertise together, MIMI will amplify each group's strength, build research capacity in the field of microbiome analysis, and to transfer knowledge and thus inform maternal and child health policy. MIMI will contribute towards self-sustainability by making Network Members competitive for national and international funding.

Where, years: Title

PI: , co-apps description

direct to Gloor: \$70000 - partially pays for one student and sequencing costs

8.2 Function of maize endophytic microbiome: NSERC ENGAGE, 2014-2015

Investigators: GLOOR, GREGORY Microbial ecology, plant endophytic organisms, microbial genomics, microbial metatranscriptomics, crop yield enhancement, maize microbiome, RNA-seq, metagenomics

8.2.1 Total:25000, direct to Gloor: 25000

Abstract: A&L Biologicals has a mandate to develop and implement agricultural tests that growers can use for the production and maintenance of healthy soil, and the associated high crop yields. A&L Biologicals identified a farmer, Dean Glenny, who has established an extraordinarily productive ecosystem through non-traditional farming methods that produces an average of twice that of adjacent farms. Molecular fingerprinting was used to demonstrate that bacterial species (the microbiome) associated with the soil and internal to the corn plant (endopytic), are different between the high and normal producing fields. The work in this proposal will determine the functional differences between high and normal yield sites by examining the endophytic corn sap microbiome; the microbiome that A&L Biologicals has identified to have the greatest difference between sites. Dr. Gloor has developed approaches that use high throughput sequencing to characterize the molecular functions of entire bacterial communities and their effect on the host. He will apply those methods and identify functional differences between the high and low yield sites in both the microbial community and the corn plant. The results of the functional analysis will be done jointly by scientists from both A&L Biologicals and Dr. Gloor's research unit. The resulting analysis of both the growth-promoting pathways in corn and in the microbiome, will identify key bioindicators of organisms and functions associated with high production agro-ecosystems for future field testing. The analysis will will provide detailed information as to which organism should be selected for development of biofertilizer formulations, what functions are required for corn growth in a high yield site, and demonstrate that existing, and developing molecular methods used by A&L Biologicals can provide accurate data for use as a service tool to identify healthy soils/plant tissue.

8.3 Meta-transcriptome of high-yield corn endophytic microbiome Ontario Centre of Excellence, 2014-2015

Investigators: GLOOR, GREGORY

Keywords: Microbial ecology, plant endophytic organisms, microbial genomics, microbial metatranscriptomics, crop yield enhancement, maize microbiome, RNA-seq, metagenomics

8.3.1 Total:25000, direct to Gloor: 25000

Abstract: A&L Biologicals has a mandate to develop and implement agricultural tests that growers can use for the production and maintenance of healthy soil, and the associated high crop yields. A&L Biologicals identified a farmer, Dean Glenny, who has established an extraordinarily productive ecosystem through non-traditional farming methods that produces an average of twice that of adjacent farms. Molecular fingerprinting was used to demonstrate that bacterial species (the microbiome) associated with the soil and internal to the corn plant (endopytic), are different between the high and normal producing fields. The work in this proposal will determine the functional differences between high and normal yield sites by examining the endophytic corn sap microbiome; the microbiome that A&L Biologicals has identified to have the greatest difference between sites. Dr. Gloor has developed approaches that use high throughput sequencing to characterize the molecular functions of entire bacterial communities and their effect on the host. He will apply those methods and identify functional differences between the high and low yield sites in both the microbial community and the corn plant. The results of the functional analysis will be done jointly by scientists from both A&L Biologicals and Dr. Gloor's research unit. The resulting analysis of both the growth-promoting pathways in corn and in the microbiome, will identify key bioindicators of organisms and functions associated with high production agro-ecosystems for future field testing. The analysis will will provide detailed information as to which organism should be selected for development of biofertilizer formulations, what functions are required for corn growth in a high yield site, and demonstrate that existing, and developing molecular methods used by A&L Biologicals can provide accurate data for use as a service tool to identify healthy soils/plant tissue.

8.4 Exploiting the therapeutic effects of the fecal microbiome in bariatric care CIHR Team grant in Bariatric Care (ranked first in competition), 2014-2019

Investigators: PIs: ALLARD, Johane P; GAISANO, co-applicants:Herbert Y, BANKS, Kate; COMELLI, Elena M; GLOOR, Gregory B; HOTA, Susy S; JACKSON, Timothy D; LOU, Wen-Yi W; OKRAINEC, Allan; PHILPOTT, Dana J; POUTANEN, Susan M

Keywords: BARIATRIC SURGERY; DIET; INFLAMMATION; LIPOPOLYSACCHARIDE; MICRO-BIOTA; NON- ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE; STEATOHEPATITIS

- 8.4.1 Total:1,500,000, direct to Gloor: 80000
- 8.5 Developing molecular methods as diagnostic tools to identify biological factors contributing to crop productivity and soil health Agriculture and Agrifoods Canada, Agricultural Innovation Program, 2015-2017

Investigators: A&L Bioligicals led by Dr. George Lazarovitz (CSO), GLOOR, G academic co-applicant. *Keywords:* soil health, soil ecology, soil microbiology, soilborne disease, disease suppressive soil, ecology, diagnostics, tomato, potato, bacteria, fungi, yield

8.5.1 Total:600,000, direct to Gloor: 120000

Abstract: The population of the planet reached seven billion this year. With more mouths to feed, with declining arable land per capita and with potential crop losses caused by more unpredictable climatic conditions, global agriculture faces new challenges. Increasing costs of petroleum based products continues to force growers to look for crop production technologies that require lower inputs both in cost and energy. Sustainable agriculture and agroecology are two concepts most considered as a means to reduce inputs and maintain high yielding plant agriculture. Soil, with its complex but well understood chemical and physical properties, still requires greater understanding of biology. High yields can sometimes be attributed to healthy biology in the soil, while sub-maximal yields may sometimes be attributed to a detrimental complex of soil organisms reducing growth potential of the plant. Plant disease suppressiveness has been hailed as one of the bets methods to mange soilborne diseases which often can only be require highly toxic fumigants. can be transferred to other soils. In order to sustainably manage their soil for optimal plant productivity, farmers must start monitoring and understanding their soil's microbiology.