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Education

Drexel University College of Medicine: MD/PhD Program

MD: Doctor of Medicine

08/2006 - 05/2012

Drexel University College of Medicine: MD/PhD Program

Molecular, Cellular, Biochemistry, and Genetics Department

PhD: Oncological Engineering

Philadelphia, PA, USA

08/2006 - 05/2010

University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA, USA Bioengineering Graduate Program 05/2004 - 06/2006

Carnegie Mellon University

Bachelor of Science: Information Systems & Biomedical Engineering

08/2000 - 05/2004

Current Research

Human Pancreatic K-Ras Regulates TIMP/MMP Directed Invasion via a MEK Mediated Pathway in 3-D

2008-2010

Gregory P. Botta^{1,4}, Mauricio Reginato, PhD¹, Jane Clifford, PhD¹, Maureen Murphy², Anil K. Rustgi, MD³, Peter Lelkes, PhD^{1,4}

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Tension Synergistically Activates K-RAS, Mediating Tumorigenic Transformation and Overexpression of MMPs in an *in vitro* Human Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Model

2008-2010

Gregory P. Botta^{1,2}, Anant Chopra², Mauricio Reginato, PhD¹, Anil K. Rustgi, MD³, Peter Lelkes, PhD^{1,2}

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N-Cadherin mediated mechanosensitivity and its role in myocyte cytoskeleton remodeling

2008-2010

Anant Chopra¹, Erdem Tabdanov^{1,3}, MD, Gregory Botta^{1,2}, J. Yasha Kresh, PhD^{1,3}, Paul Janmey³, PhD

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Novel, Real-Time Assessment of Three-Dimensional Cell Aggregation in Rotating Wall Vessel

2006-2009

Bioreactors in vitro

Gregory P. Botta¹, Prakash Manley², Steven Miller², Peter Lelkes, PhD^{1,2}

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Past Research

 γ Sp1101 Antibody is a Selective Marker for DNA Double Strand Breaks Following Treatment with Radiomimetic Anti-proliferative Drugs

Sex Differences in Skeletal Muscle Stem Cell Transplantation for Myocardial Infarct Repair

Retinoid Compound Modeling for Cancer Treatment

Jane Clifford, PhD
Drexel University College of Medicine
Department of Biochemistry

Johnny Huard, PhD University of Pittsburgh Bioengineering Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Robert Parker, PhD University of Pittsburgh Department of Chemical Engineering

Internships/Clinics/Residencies/Fellowships

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral MD/PhD Fellows (F30)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

University of Pittsburgh Artificial Heart & Transplant Program Fellow

Robert Kormos, MD University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Cardiothoracic Transplantation

Cardiovascular Stem Cell Researcher

Johnny Huard, PhD University of Pittsburgh Bioengineering Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative Fellow

Robert Parker, PhD University of Pittsburgh Department of Chemical Engineering

Publications

- 1.) Botta, G.P., Reginato, M., Rustgi, A.K., Lelkes, P.I., "Human Pancreatic K-Ras Regulates TIMP/MMP Directed Invasion via a MEK Mediated Pathway in 3-D". 2010. In Preparation.
- 2.) Botta, G.P., Chopra, A., Reginato, M., Rusgti, A.K., Lelkes, P.I., "Tension Synergistically Activates K-RAS, Mediating Tumorigenic Transformation and Overexpression of MMPs in an *in vitro* Human Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Model". 2010. In Preparation.
- 2.) Chopra, A., Tabdanov, E., Botta, G.P., Patel, H., Janmey, P., Kresh, J.Y., "N-cadherin-mediated mechanosensitivity and its role in cardiac mechanotransduction". 2010. In Review.
- 3.) Drowley, L., Okada, M., Payne, T., Botta, G.P., Oshima, H., Tobita, K., Keller, B., Huard, J., "Lack of Sex Differences in Muscle Stem Cell Transplantation for Cardiac Repair." *Cell Transplantation*. 2009.
- 4.) Botta, G.P, Manly, P, Miller, S, Lelkes, PI. "Real-time Assessment of Three-Dimensional Cell Aggregation in Rotating Wall Vessel Bioreactors *in vitro*." *Nature Protocols*. 2006.

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Current Support

2010-2014 F-30 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award: NIH/NIDDK 1F30DK088402-01

Pending Support

2010 Lustgarten Foundation Grant 2010 Hirshberg Foundation Grant

Presentations

2010 Days of Molecular Medicine: Systems Biology Approaches to Stockholm, Sweden Cancer and Metabolic Disease 2009 International Conference on Tumor Microenvironment: Paris/Versailles, France Progression, Therapy & Prevention 2009-2010 American Physician Scientist Association / Chicago, IL, USA American Society for Clinical Investigation Annual Meeting 2006-2010 Drexel University Discovery Day Philadelphia, PA, USA Philadelphia, PA, USA 2006-2010 Drexel University Research Symposium 2007-2008 Regenerate Conference Toronto, Canada 2006-2007 Regenerate Conference Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Academic Honors

2010 Massachusetts General Hospital/Karolinska Institut/Cell Press DMM Scholarship Recipient

"Human Pancreatic K-Ras Regulates TIMP/MMP Directed Invasion via a MEK Mediated Pathway in 3-D" Botta, G.P., Reginato, M., Rustgi, A.K., Lelkes, P.I.

2010 Drexel University Research Symposium, First Place: Graduate Student

"N-cadherin-mediated mechanosensitivity and its role in cardiac mechanotransduction"

Chopra, A., Tabdanov, E., Botta, G.P., Patel, H., Janmey, P., Kresh, J.Y.

2009 Drexel University College of Medicine Discovery Day, Third Place: Senior Graduate Student

"Tension Synergistically Activates K-Ras, Mediating Tumorigenic Transformation and Overexpression of MMPs in an *in vitro* Human Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Model"

Botta, G.P., Chopra, A., Reginato, M., Rustgi, A.K., Lelkes, P.I.

2008 Drexel University Research Symposium, First Place: Medical Student

"Real-Time Assessment of 3-D Cell Aggregation in Rotating Wall Vessel Bioreactors in vitro"

Botta, G.P., Manley, M., Miller, S., and Lelkes, P.I.

2008 Drexel University College of Medicine Professionalism Award

2008 Drexel University College of Medicine Pathology Honor Society

Leadership

2010-2011 American Physician Scientist Association Annual Meeting Chair

2008-2010 American Physician Scientist Association Annual Meeting Vice-Chair

2009-2010 Graduate Student Association Treasurer

2008-2010 American Physician Scientist Association Institutional Representative

2007-2008 Drexel University College of Medicine Gross Anatomy Academic Assistant

2007-2008 Drexel University College of Medicine Physiology Academic Assistant

Professional Conferences

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Professional Memberships

2008-2010	American Association for Cancer Research Associate Member
2008-2010	American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Member
2008-2010	American Pancreatic Association
2008-2010	American Physician Scientist Association
2007-2008	Cardiology Interest Group President
2006-2010	American Cancer Society
2006-2010	American Medical Students Association
2004-2008	American College of Cardiology
2004-2008	American Heart Association
2000-2010	Biomedical Engineering Society

Licensure/Board Certification

United States Medical License Exam: Step 1 June, 2008

New York, NY, USA

2003 - 2004

Work Experience

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.
Investment Trading Systems Information Analyst

Language Skills

Basic Spanish & Italian Languages

Activities & Interests

Travel, Running, Cooking, Sailing, Snow Sports, Golfing