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**OBJECTIVE**

A career in research of pathogenesis/immunology of human viruses in animal models

**EDUCATION**

***University of Pennsylvania*** (1999-2005)

Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Dissertation: Gene Therapy of the Mucopolysaccharidosis VII Mouse Brain with a Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 vector.

***Brigham Young University*** (1993-94, 1996-99)

B.S. in Microbiology.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

***Assistant Professor*** (July 2008-present)

Brigham Young University, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology

We are using a humanized mouse model to study pathogenesis of human viruses, including HIV-1, Human herpesvirus 6A, and Kaposi’s Sarcoma Herpesvirus. The long-term goals are to better understand the role of viral co-infections in AIDS-associated diseases. We have also isolated a number of novel bacteriophages with lytic activity against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). We are investigating of the utility of these phages to decontaminate MRSA from surfaces, including biofilms.

***Postdoctoral Fellow*** (Jan. 2006-June 2008)

Colorado State University

Mentor: Dr. Ramesh Akkina. Development of new humanized mouse models for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Dengue virus infections and analysis of the subsequent human adaptive immune response. Development of a humanized mouse model to study antibody-dependent enhancement of dengue virus infection, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and dengue shock syndrome. Analysis of dengue virus cellular tropism in humanized mice. Establishment of a new model of HIV-1 mucosal transmission. Investigation of new anti-HIV gene therapies using lentiviral vectors.

***Ph.D. Student***

University of Pennsylvania (Sept. 1999-Dec. 2005)

Mentor: Dr. Nigel Fraser. Development of herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) as a vector for gene therapy of the brain using murine mucopolysaccharidosis type VII as a model disease. Made new recombinant viral vectors for investigation of the distribution of viral latency and transgene expression in the mouse brain as a function of various inoculation sites. Measured brain transduction at the levels of viral genome maintenance, transgene transcription, and enzyme expression. Published the first example of correction of an inherited disorder via HSV-mediated gene therapy.

## PUBLICATIONS

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•**Berges, B.K**., Akkina, S.R., Remling, L., and Akkina, R. “Humanized Rag2-/-c-/- (RAG-hu) mice can sustain long-term chronic HIV-1 infection lasting more than a year.” Virol, 2010. 397(1):100-3.

•**Berges, B.K**., Akkina, S.R., Folkvord, J.M., Connick, E., and Akkina, R. “Mucosal transmission of R5 and X4 tropic HIV-1 via vaginal and rectal routes in humanized Rag2-/-c-/- (RAG-hu) mice.” Virol 2008 Apr;373(2):342-51.

•**Berges, B.K**., Wolfe, J.H. and Fraser, N.W. “Transduction of brain by herpes simplex virus vectors.” Mol Ther 2007 Jan;15(4):20-29.

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•**Berges, B.K**., Yellayi, S., Karolewski, B.A., Miselis, R.R., Wolfe, J.H., and Fraser, N.W. “Widespread correction of lysosomal storage in the mucopolysaccharidosis type VII mouse brain with a herpes simplex type 1 vector expressing beta-glucuronidase.” Mol Ther 2006 May;13(5):859-69.

•**Berges, B.K**., Wolfe, J.H. and Fraser, N.W. “Stable levels of long-term transgene expression driven by the latency-associated transcript promoter in a herpes simplex virus type 1 vector”. Mol Ther 2005 Dec;12(6):1111-9.

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•Daniels, Christian and Berges, Bradford K. Hamsters Expected to Produce a Better Immune System than Mice. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, 2016.

•Hair, Bryan B., Rasmussen, Taalin S., Wienclaw, Trevor M., Deus, Lisa M.,

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•Haskell, Kyler J., Wienclaw, T.M., Jensen, K.C., Murdock, M.H., Hatch, J.B., White, T.D., Hair, B.B, Trent, A.T., Berges, B.K. Isolation and Characterization of Novel Lytic Phage to Treat Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2015.

•White, T.D., Jensen, K.C., Wienclaw, T.M., Hatch, J.B., Hair, B.B, Trent, A.T., and Berges, B.K. Isolation and Characterization of Novel Lytic Phage to Treat Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*. Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, 2015.

•Trevor M. Wienclaw, Kyle C. Jensen, Jacob B. Hatch, Tyler D. White, Bryan B. Hair, and Bradford K. Berges.Isolation and characterization of novel bacteriophage as a control of Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*. Autumn Immunology Conference, 2014.

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•Steven J. Hallam, German I. Cuadra, Stanton J. Nielsen, and Bradford K. Berges. Immune Development in Humanized Mice as characterized by B cell maturation and antibody production. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2014.

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•Stanton J. Nielsen, German I. Cuadra, and Bradford K. Berges. Human B Cell Development and Antibody Responses in Humanized Mice. Autumn Immunology Conference, 2012.

•German I. Cuadra, Stanton J. Nielsen, and Bradford K. Berges. Humanized mice as a model to study the development of human B cells and antibody responses. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2012.

•Bradford K. Berges, Anne Tanner, and Stephanie A. Carlson. Humanized mice as a novel model to study human herpesvirus 6 tropism and infection. American Society for Virology, 2012.

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•Bradford K. Berges, Tyler S. Slater, Michael B. Hatch, Sterling G. Adams, Paulo M. Tello, and Christopher P. Koontz. Analysis of human antibody responses to Dengue virus type 2 following experimental infection of humanized Rag2-/-gc-/- mice. American Society for Virology, 2011.

•German I. Cuadra and Bradford K. Berges. “Humanized Mice as a Model to study Human Gammaherpesvirus Transmission”. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2011.

•Stephanie A. Carlson and Bradford K. Berges. “Humanized Mice as a Model of HHV-6 Infection”. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2011.

•Tyler Slater, Sterling G. Adams, and Bradford K. Berges. “A Novel ELISA Test to Detect Human Anti-Dengue Antibodies”. American Society of Microbiology Intermountain Branch Meeting, 2011.

•Berges, B.K., Sanchez, F., Rowan, M., and Carlson, S. ”Susceptibility of humanized mice to KSHV infection for studies of AIDS-associated lymphomagenesis.” 13th International Workshop on Kaposi’s Sarcoma Associated-Herpesvirus (KSHV) and Related Agents, 2010.

•Berges, B.K., Sanchez, F. ”Development of humanized mice to study AIDS-associated lymphomagenesis by gammaherpesviruses.” International Herpesvirus Workshop, 2010.

•Berges, B.K., Sanchez, F., Rowan, M. ”Human cytokine expression profile following Dengue virus infection of humanized Rag2-/-gamma chain -/- mice.” American Society for Virology, 2009.

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•Akkina, R., Berges, B. K., Akkina, S. R., Folkvord, J. M., and Connick, E. “Vaginal and rectal mucosal transmission of R5 and X4-tropic HIV-1 in humanized Rag2-/-c-/- (RAG-hu) mice.” Keystone Symposium on Molecular and Cellular Determinants of HIV Pathogenesis, 2008.

•Berges, B. K., Akkina, S. R., Folkvord, J. M., Connick, E., and Akkina, R. “Vaginal and rectal mucosal transmission of R5 and X4-tropic HIV-1 in humanized Rag2-/-c-/- (RAG-hu) mice.” Palm Springs Symposium on HIV/AIDS, 2008.

•Akkina, R., Berges, B., Akkina, S., Folkvord, J., and Connick, E. “A new humanized mouse model for testing HIV/AIDS therapies and microbicides.” International Conference on Drug Design and Discovery, 2008.

**AWARDS**

NIH Institutional Training Grant Fellow (University of Pennsylvania).

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The American Society of Gene Therapy.

The American Society for Virology.

**FUNDING**

BYU Turkey Vaccine Study Award, October 2014: Development of phage therapy to protect poultry from *Staphylococcus aureus* infections

Role: PI

Awarded ($15,000)

BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, October 2014: Discovery and characterization of novel bacteriophage as a way to control Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus*

Role: PI

Awarded ($20,000)

Developmental Center for AIDS Research Pilot Award, November 2013: Are humanized mice a viable model to study hiv-1 evolutionary dynamics? Role: co-PI

Awarded ($50,000)

BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, October 2013: Analysis of the kinetics and recombinatorial mechanisms of HIV-1 evolution in vivo in humanized mice

Role: PI

Awarded ($20,000)

Renewal of BYU Technology Transfer Grant, December 2012. Use of humanized mice to develop novel human monoclonal antibodies against Dengue virus

Role: PI

Awarded ($26,673)

BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, October 2011. The role of the KSHV LANA protein in development of persistent infections in vivo

Role: PI

Awarded ($20,000)

HHV6 Foundation Pilot Proposal Grant, September 2011. Development of Humanized Rag2-/-c-/- Mice as a Model of HHV-6A Infection

PI: Bradford K. Berges

Awarded ($27,500)

BYU Graduate Mentoring Award, April 2011.

Role: Mentor

Awarded ($4,000)

USTAR sub-contract via Dr. Michael Kay (University of Utah) to study humanized mice as a model to analyze the efficacy of D-peptide inhibitors of HIV-1 entry ($15,000)

BYU Technology Transfer Grant, September 2010. Use of humanized mice to develop novel human monoclonal antibodies against Dengue virus

Role: PI

Awarded ($31,725)

BYU Mentoring Environment Grant, October 2009. Development of humanized mice to study Kaposi’s Sarcoma Herpesvirus infections and pathogenesis

Role: PI

Awarded ($20,000)

BYU Graduate Mentoring Award, January 2009.

Role: Mentor

Awarded ($5,000)

**RESIDENCY STATUS**

U.S. Citizen

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request