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EDUCATION

PH.D., Biomedical Sciences: Cancer Biology, Gerstner Sloan Kettering 2014-present
Committee: [John D. Chodera](#) (thesis advisor, MSKCC), [Sarat Chandralapaty](#) (MSKCC), [Daniel A. Heller](#) (MSKCC)
[Robert Abel](#) (Schrödinger, Inc)
B.A., Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Cornell University, cum laude 2010-14

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Gerstner Sloan Kettering, Ph.D. research with [John D. Chodera](#) 2015-present
Selective kinase inhibitor design, computational modeling of hyperactivating mutations in mTOR, laboratory automation, kinase inhibitor resistance, allosteric regulation of Aurora Kinase A
Schrödinger, Inc, Summer Internship in the Desmond Dev Group Summer 2017
Worked with Lingle Wang to use FEP+ to predict kinase inhibitor selectivity
Cornell University, Undergraduate research with [Holger Sondermann](#) 2011-14
Developing high-throughput screen for atlastin-1 drug design, identification and characterization of atlastin-1 binding partners.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Gerstner Sloan Kettering Student Council, Co-Chair 2015-2017
Experimental Therapeutics Symposium at Gerstner Sloan Kettering, Organizer 2016
Biology Scholars Program, Cornell University, Study Group Leader 2011-2014

AWARDS AND HONORS

B.A. awarded *cum laude* for original research from Cornell University 2014

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

Judge for Three Minute Thesis Competition at Weill Cornell and Gerstner Sloan Kettering 2017
Organizer for Experimental Therapeutics Symposium at Gerstner Sloan Kettering 2016
Recruiter for Gerstner Sloan Kettering at SACNAS 2016
Volunteer with [Rockefeller University Outreach: Lab Experiences](#), program to introduce NYC public school students to scientific research 2015-present
Recruiter for Gerstner Sloan Kettering at Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New York Academy of Sciences 2014-present
Biophysical Society 2015-2016

TALKS AND POSTERS

- Rational approach to selective inhibitor design using multitarget constraints 2016
Poster, Workshop on Free Energy Methods in Drug Design: Targeting Cancer - Boston, MA
Albanese SK, Grinaway P, Hanson S, Rodriguez L, Tan Z, Chodera JD
- Simulating mTOR hyperactivating mutations to understand functionally significant structural rearrangements 2016
Poster, 60th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting - Los Angeles, CA
Albanese SK, Xu J, Hsieh J, Chodera JD
- Simulating mTOR hyperactivating mutations to understand functionally significant structural rearrangements 2017
Poster, Protein Kinases in Drug Discovery Conference - San Diego, CA
Albanese SK, Xu J, Hanson S, Fass J, Hsieh J, Chodera JD
- Using physical modeling to direct biophysical experiments and predict the functional impact of clinical cancer mutations in kinases on drug susceptibility 2017
Talk, EMBO Workshop: Integrating genomics and biophysics to comprehend functional genetic variation - Turin, Italy
Albanese SK, Parton D, Hauser K, Negron C, Hanson S, Rodriguez-Laureano L, Isik M, Wang L, Abel R, Chodera JD
- Using physical modeling to direct biophysical experiments and predict the functional impact of clinical cancer mutations in kinases on drug susceptibility 2017
Talk, Med Into grad Symposium: Precision Medicine - Columbia University, New York, NY
Albanese SK, Parton D, Hauser K, Negron C, Hanson S, Rodriguez-Laureano L, Isik M, Wang L, Abel R, Chodera JD

PUBLICATIONS

* asterisks or † daggers denote that marked authors contributed equally

Xu J, Pham CG, **Albanese SK**, Dong Y, Oyama T, Lee CH, Rodrik-Outmezguine V, Yao Z, Han S, Chen D, Parton DL, Chodera JD, Rosen N, Cheng EH, and Hsieh JJ.

Mechanistically distinct cancer-associated mTOR activation clusters predict sensitivity to rapamycin. *Journal of Clinical Investigation* 126:3529, 2016 · DOI

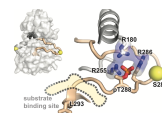
We use massively parallel distributed molecular simulations on Folding@home to probe the mechanism activating mutations of the mTOR kinase identified in clinical populations.



Ruff EF, Muretta JM, Thompson A, Lake E, Cyphers S, **Albanese SK**, Hanson SM, Behr JM, David DD, Chodera JD, Levinson NM

A dynamic mechanism for allosteric activation of Aurora kinase A by activation loop phosphorylation. *eLife* 7:e32766, 2018 · DOI

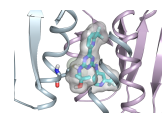
MD modeling of AURKA to investigate impact of TPX2 and phosphorylation on structure using massively parallel simulations on Folding@Home. We also modeled DEER experiments by simulation spin probe-labeled AURKA in different conformations and conditions



Intelkofer A, Shih A, Wang B, Nazir A, Rustenburg A, **Albanese SK**, Patel M, Famulare C, Arcila M, Taylor J, Tallman M, Roshal M, Petsko G, Chodera JD, Thompson C, Levine R, Stein E

Acquired clinical resistance to IDH inhibition through in trans IDH2 mutations. *In Press, Nature Medicine* ·

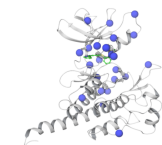
Structural modeling of the clinical mutants



Hauser K, Negron C, **Albanese SK**, Ray S, Wang L, Lupyan D, Steinbrecher T, Abel R, and Chodera JD

Accurately predicting targeted kinase inhibitor resistance to clinical Abl mutations using alchemical free-energy calculations. *In Press, Nature Communications Biology* ·

We show how alchemical free energy calculations can be used to predict whether clinical point mutations in human kinase domains confer resistance or susceptibility to targeted kinase inhibitors



Albanese SK*, Parton DL*, Rodriguez-Laureano L†, Isik M†, Hanson SM, Behr J, Gradia S, Jeans C, Seeliger M, Levinson N, Chodera JD

An open library of human kinase domain constructs for automated bacterial expression. Preprint at bioRxiv, *In press ACS Biochemistry* ·

Designed, automated, and executed thermophoretic melt experiments and biophysical binding measurements to demonstrate the proteins were folded, identified and test expressed clinically observed mutants, wrote the manuscript



Wojnarowicz P, Desai B, Chin Y, Lima e Silva R, Ohnaka M, Lee SB, Cao MG, Ouerfelli O, Xu S, Goldgur Y, Miller M, Chaudhary J, Garland W, Stoller G, **Albanese SK**, Soni R, Philip J, Healey J, Vinagolu R, Norton L, Rosen N, Hendrickson R, Iavarone A, Dannenberg A, Chodera JD, Pavletich N, Lasorella A, Campochiaro P, Benezra R.

A small-molecule pan Id antagonist, AGX51, shows strong anti-tumor and anti-neovascular activity *In revision*

We identify the binding site of a new small-molecule pan-Id antagonist prior to its confirmation by mass spectrometry crosslinking data

Minuesa G, **Albanese SK**, Chow A, Schurer A, Park S, Rotsides CZ, Taggart J, Rizzi A, Naden L, Chou T, Gourkanti S, Cappel D, Passarelli M, Fairchild L, Adura C, Glickman FJ, Schulman J, Famulare C, Patel M, Eibl JK, Ross GM, Tan DS, Leslie CS, Beuming T, Goldgur T, Chodera JD, Kharas MG

Small-molecule targeting of MUSASHI RNA-binding activity in acute myeloid leukemia. · [bioRxiv](#)

Physical modeling and free energy calculations for an RNA-competitive small molecule inhibitor of Musashi

