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POSITION TITLE: Postdoctoral Research Assistant

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.	MS	12/2007	Molecular Biology
University of Buenos Aires, School of Exact Sciences, Argentina	PhD	04/2014	Biological Chemistry
University of Buenos Aires, School of Exact Sciences, Argentina	NA	12/2019	Biological Chemistry
The Scripps Research Institute / University of Florida Scripps Biomedical Research. Florida, USA.	NA	Present	Structural Biology

A. Personal Statement

I was trained as a molecular biologist in the six years intensive biology program at the University of Buenos Aires which is usually consider a complete M.S. in USA colleges. I worked during that time in a plant genetics lab and an immunology lab. After graduation, I joined the PhD program at the Biological Chemistry department in the School of Exact Sciences under the supervision of Dr. Valeria Levi and Dr. Luis González Flecha where I performed research in membrane proteins, mostly on the human plasma membrane calcium pump, on the effect of phospholipids in its biological activity. Related to that I also performed some research on fluorescence probes for membrane structure using a combination of classical enzymology with cutting edge confocal microscopy and single molecule-based correlation techniques like Fluorescence Correlation Spectroscopy. For my postdoctoral work and National Science Council (CONICET) starting position in Argentina, I switched to work in histidine kinases proteins under the supervision of Diana Wetzler at the School of Exact Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires, in particular redox kinase proteins from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and their mechanisms of allosteric regulation. I moved to Florida in January 2020 for a postdoctoral research assistant position with Dr. Raktim Roy to work in the structural biology of Non Ribosomal Peptide Synthesis. Dr. Roy's expertise in the field of crystallography and cryo EM it is an excellent complement to learn the experimental details of these techniques that I had no access to in my home country. I apply the knowledge gathered in years of molecular cloning and recombinant protein production and characterization towards gathering a more complete understanding of these complex biosynthetic machineries.

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 – Present: Postdoctoral Research Assistant at Roy Lab, Department of Integrative and Structural Computational Biology, UF Scripps Biomedical Research (previously The Scripps Research Institute Florida), Florida, USA.
- 2017-2019: Assistant Researcher at National Council of Science (CONICET) at IQUIBICEN, Institute of Biological Chemistry of the School of Exact Sciences, University of Buenos Aires.
- 2014-2016: Postdoctoral position at IQUIBICEN, Institute of Biological Chemistry of the School of Exact Sciences, University of Buenos Aires under the supervision of Dr. Diana Wetzler.
- 2008-2014: Graduate student at the University of Buenos Aires under the supervision of Dr. Valeria Levi and Dr. Luis González Flecha.
- 2005-2006: Undergraduate research position at Leloir Institute, Buenos Aires, under the supervision of Rosa Wainstok and José Mordoh.
- 2004-2005: Undergraduate research position at University of Buenos Aires under the supervision of Dr. Alexandra Gottlieb.

Teaching positions:

- 2014-2019 Teaching Assistant at Biological Chemistry department, School of Exact Sciences, University of Buenos Aires
- 2012-2014 Teaching Assistant at Inorganic, Analytical and Physical Chemistry department, School of Exact Sciences University of Buenos Aires
- 2010-2012 Teaching Assistant at Biophysics Department, School of Dentistry, University of Buenos Aires

AWARDS and HONORS

- 2014 Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Argentinian Council of Sciences (CONICET) (2014-2016)
- 2012 Doctoral Fellowship from the Argentinian Council of Sciences (2012-2014)
- 2011 Biophysical Society International Travel Award
- 2008 Doctoral Fellowship from the Argentinian Office for Science and Technology Promotion (2008-2011)

C. Contributions to Science

Publications

Most of my published work has been on cloning and the development of recombinant protein production protocols and the setting up of protocols for measuring biochemical / biophysical properties of protein systems: being colorimetric, radioactive, fluorescence-based assays or biophysical characterization through chromatography, circular dichroism or fluorescence microscopy.

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9) E Urdániz, M Martín, F Payaslián, LA Defelipe, **MM Dodes Traian**, M Martínez, PM Alzari, G Cabrera, MA Martí, M Piuri. GP29 LYSA OF MYCOBACTERIOPHAGE TM4 CAN HYDROLYZE PEPTIDOGLYCAN THROUGH AN N-ACETYL-MURAMOYL-L-ALANINE AMIDASE ACTIVITY – *BBA Proteins and Proteomics* 1870(2)1-12, DOI: 10.1016/j.bbapap.2021.140745

8) A Varese, E Dantas, A Paletta, W Fitzgerald, F Di Diego García, G Cabrerizo, F Erra Diaz, LA Defelipe, H Pallares, **M Dodes Traian**, A Gamarnik, J Geffner, F. Remes Lenicov, L Margolis, A Ceballos

EXTRACELLULAR ACIDOSIS ENHANCES ZIKA VIRUS INFECTION BOTH IN HUMAN CELLS AND EX-VIVO TISSUE CULTURES FROM FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE TRACT - *Emerging Microbes & Infections*, 10:1, 1169-1179, DOI: 10.1080/22221751.2021.1932606 (IF 2020: 2.4).

7) MS Ciarlantini, A Barquero, J Bayo, D Wetzler, **MM Dodes Traian**, HA Bucci, EJ Fiore, L Gandolfi Donadío, L Defelipe, A Turjanski, JA Ramírez, G Mazzolini, MJ Comin - DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPROVED GUANIDINE-BASED RAC1 INHIBITOR WITH IN VIVO ACTIVITY AGAINST NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER – *ChemMedChem* 2020 16:6 1011-1021 online on March 2021
doi.org/10.1002/cmdc.202000763 (IF 2019: 3.214)

6) Villarreal A, Rosciszewski G, Murta V, Cadena V, Usach V, **Dodes-Traian MM**, Setton-Avruj P, Barbeito LH and Ramos AJ. ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF ISCHEMIA-DERIVED ASTROCYTES (IDAS) WITH ABILITY TO TRANSACTIVATE QUIESCENT ASTROCYTES - *Front. Cell. Neurosci.* 10:139 – 2016 (IF 2014: 4.609)

5) MF Sanchez, **MM Dodes Traian**, V Levi, Dolores C Carrer
ONE PHOTON LITHOGRAPHY FOR HIGH QUALITY LIPID BILAYER MICROPATTERNS – *Langmuir*, 31 (43), 11943–11950 – 2015 (IF 2014: 4.457)

4) MF Pignataro, **MM Dodes Traian**, FL González Flecha, M Sica, I Mangialavori, JPFC Rossi
MODULATION OF PLASMA MEMBRANE Ca^{2+} ATPASE BY NEUTRAL PHOSPHOLIPIDS – *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 290,6179-6190. – 2015 (IF 2014: 4.573)

3) S Campisano, S Mac Keon, S Gazzaniga, MS Ruiz, **MM Dodes Traian**, J Mordoh, R Wainstok
ANTI-MELANOMA VACCINAL CAPACITY OF CD11c-POSITIVE AND –NEGATIVE CELL POPULATIONS PRESENT IN GM-CSF CULTURES DERIVED FROM MURINE BONE MARROW PRECURSORS. – *Vaccine*, 31:2 354-361 – 2013 (IF 2012: 3.766)

2) **MM Dodes Traian**, DI Cattoni, V Levi, FL González Flecha
A TWO-STAGE MODEL FOR LIPID MODULATION OF THE ACTIVITY OF INTEGRAL MEMBRANE PROTEINS. – *PLoS ONE* 7(6): e39255 – 2012 (IF 2010: 4.411)

1) **MM Dodes Traian**, FL González Flecha, V Levi
IMAGING LIPID LATERAL ORGANIZATION IN MEMBRANES WITH C-LAURDAN IN A CONFOCAL MICROSCOPE - *The Journal of Lipid Research*, 53, 609-616 – 2012 (IF 2010: 6.115)

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NAME: Brittany Wheatley (Secondary User)

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POSITION TITLE: PhD Candidate, Graduate Student

EDUCATION/TRAINING (*Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.*)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Maryland, College Park MD 20742	B.S.	August 2016	Neurobiology and Physiology, Biology (Minors: Physics, Astronomy)
Scripps Research Institute, Jupiter FL 33458 <i>PhD Candidate (August 2019-present)</i>			Structural Biology

A. Personal Statement

My previous experience in high-resolution light microscopy techniques (TIRF, iSIM), negative-stain EM (Tecnai TEM at MPFI) and cryo-EM (CryoARM300-GatanK3 at Scripps Florida) have made me familiar in working with different instruments and prepared me to make the most of new experiences in different types of microscopy. As a rising third year graduate student at Scripps Research, I have honed my skills in crystallography and recently begun training to begin implementing cryo-EM in my thesis research on non-ribosomal peptide synthetases (NRPS).

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and HonorsPositions

Department of Integrative Structural and Computational Biology, Scripps Research, Jupiter, FL

Graduate Student (PhD), 2019-present

Teaching Assistant (Molecular Biology), 2019-2020

Graduate Student Council (President), 2020-present

Institute for Physical Science and Technology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Post baccalaureate Research Assistant, Lab Manager 2016-2019

Supervisor: Arpita Upadhyaya, Dr./PhD.

Vitreous State Laboratories, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Summer Intern, Laboratory of Single-Molecule Biophysics, 2016

Supervisor: Abhijit Sarkar, Dr./PhD.

Honors

Skaggs Graduate Fellowship, 2019-present

CTW Foundation Fellowship for cryo-EM, 2021-present

C. Contributions to Science

Rey-Suarez, I., **Wheatley, B.A.**, Koo, P., Bhanja, A., Shu, Z., Mochrie, S., Song, W., Shroff, H., & Upadhyaya, A. (2020). WASP family proteins regulate the mobility of the B cell receptor during signaling activation. *Nature Communications*, 11(1), 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-14335-8>

Wagh, K., **Wheatley, B. A.**, Traver, M. K., Hussain, I., Schaefer, B. C., & Upadhyaya, A. (2020). Bcl10 regulates actin dynamics at the T cell immune synapse. *Cellular Immunology*, 104161. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cellimm.2020.104161>

Rey I., Garcia D.A., **Wheatley B.A.**, Song W., Upadhyaya A. (2018) Biophysical Techniques to Study B Cell Activation: Single-Molecule Imaging and Force Measurements. In: Liu C. (eds) *B Cell Receptor Signaling. Methods in Molecular Biology*, vol 1707. Humana Press, New York, NY

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NAME: Roy, Raktim (PI)

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POSITION TITLE: Research Assistant Professor | Principal Investigator

EDUCATION/TRAINING (*Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.*)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
Presidency College, Kolkata, India	BS	07/2010	Chemistry
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India	MS	08/2013	Biology
Yale University, New Haven, USA	MS	05/2015	Structural Biology
Yale University, New Haven, USA (Prof. T. Steitz)	PHD	05/2019	Structural Biology
Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA (Dr. Leighton Coates)	NA	09/2019	Structural Biology
Scripps-Fellow (PI) The Scripps Research Institute, Florida, USA	NA	2019-2022	Structural Biology
Research Assistant Professor (PI) UF Scripps Biomedical Research, Florida, USA	NA	Present	Structural Biology

A. PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am the Principal Investigator of this project. I qualify as NIH New/Early-Stage Investigator.

I was trained as chemistry major during my baccalaureate degree at the Presidency College of Kolkata, Calcutta University, India. Following my undergraduate degree, I moved to Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, India; the premier research institute of India, which fosters research in basic science. I was one of the eight students selected from a pool of thousands for a master's degree program through research. My scientific career has been focused on studying protein structure and function for the past ten years with a heavy focus on structural characterizations of peptide-synthesizing machineries. As a graduate student at Yale University, I worked with Nobel-laureate Prof. Thomas Steitz and was involved in the ground-breaking work on anti-microbial peptides and elucidation of their mechanism of action. Prof. Steitz's untimely death in 2018 led to a cascade of project freezes with two of the publications still stuck in pipeline from my graduate work. After graduating from Yale University, I joined the Neutron Sciences Division in Oak Ridge National laboratory (ORNL) to work with Dr. Leighton Coates. Within 2 months of my position at ORNL, I solved a structure of the complex of Na-K ion channel bound to its ligands which was published in *luCR-J*. I was able to explain the nature of structural plasticity in the selectivity filter which created a foundation for my innovation and independent work on understanding allosteric regulation in Non-Ribosomal Peptide Synthetases (NRPS). I was offered to join Scripps-Florida, as an Independent PI, 3 months after my graduation from Yale while I was a Fellow at ORNL. I accepted the independent Scripps Fellow position as a junior faculty and started with my independent Laboratory in Sept 2019. In the last 2 years at Scripps, I have built my research team with a talented female graduate student, 1 outstanding post-doctoral associate with years of expertise in enzymology and several visiting interns from ORNL, Yale and other premier institutes. My current research is focused on understanding the catalytic and allosteric mechanisms regulating the NRPS enzymes with the vision of building structure-dependent novel enzymatic scaffold. My team is intricately involved in solving structures through conventional X-ray crystallography as well as Cryo-Electron Microscopy while performing parallel characterizations through other biophysical and biochemical techniques. Even during the course of a global

pandemic, I have maintained a constant productivity of publications every year which are cited in a list below in section C under 'Contributions to Science'.

Ongoing Research Support

Scripps Fellow Start-Up (Dr. Raktim Roy)

09/16/2019 – present

Title: *Structural and Mechanistic studies on the macromolecular complexes of Non-Ribosomal Peptide Synthetases.*

The goal of this program is to determine and characterise the catalytic as well as regulatory mechanisms associated with high-fidelity enzymatic functions of Non-Ribosomal Peptide Synthetases and other assembly-line enzyme complexes.

Role: PD/PI

Completed Research Support

None

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

POSITION and EMPLOYMENT

Present	Research Assistant Professor and PI, Department of Integrative Structural and Computational Biology, UF Scripps Biomedical Research, Florida, USA
2019-2022	Scripps Fellow and PI, Department of Integrative Structural and Computational Biology, Scripps Florida, USA
2019	Short-Term Research Fellow with Dr. Leighton Coates, Neutron Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA
2013-2019	Graduate Researcher with Prof. Thomas A. Steitz, Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University, USA
2010-2013	Master's Researcher with Dr. Shobhona Sharma, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India
2007-2010	Undergraduate Researcher at Presidency College, Calcutta University, India

AWARDS and HONORS

2019-2022	Scripps Fellow, Department of Integrative Structural and Computational Biology, Scripps Florida, USA
2017	Chapter Officer of Yale University of EAM Honor Society
2017	Poster Winner: EAM Honor Society IVY STAR Competition Epsilon Alpha Mu Honor Society, Columbia University
2016	Outstanding Travel Bursary Australian Microscopy and Microanalysis Society, Melbourne, Australia
2016	Sigma-Aldrich Alfred R. Bader Student Innovation Award, USA – Biochemistry and Biophysics Category, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

PRESENTATIONS and INVITED SEMINARS

2019	Invited Seminar titled, "Translation Inhibition in Bacteria through Antimicrobial Peptides and Hibernation Factors" at the 77th Annual Pittsburgh Diffraction Conference , ORNL, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
2019	Invited Seminar titled, "Structural Studies on the Regulation of Bacterial Translation" at The University of Alabama in Huntsville
2017	Poster Presentation: 67th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting "Young Scientist" Participant, Lindau, Germany
2016	Poster Presentation: Mechanism of Inhibition of Protein Synthesis by Proline-Rich Antimicrobial Peptides. Ribosome Structure and Function , Strasbourg, France
2016	Speaker: Ribosome inactivating polypeptides and the conserved mechanism of inhibition, 24th Annual Conference on Microscopy and Microanalysis , Melbourne, Australia
2012	Poster Presentation: Single Molecule Studies on Malarial Circumsporozoite protein. GRC on Single Molecule Approaches to Biology , Mt. Snow, Vermont, USA

Professional Membership

2019- Biophysical Society – www.biophysics.org
2019- International Union of Crystallography – www.iucr.org – IUCr ID: IUCr31057
2019- American Crystallographic Association – www.acas.memberclicks.net

C. Contributions to Science

1. **Training: Structural Biology and Biophysics.** My training as a graduate student was in the field of structural biology with Nobel Laureate Dr. Thomas A. Steitz at Yale University. I worked on several high-profile projects using crystallography to probe the canonical translation machinery; the ribosome. While in my second year as a graduate student I solved several structures of several antimicrobial peptides in complex with the bacterial ribosome, explaining a novel mode of translation inhibition.
 - a. **Roy RN***, Lomakin IB*, Gagnon MG*, Steitz TA (2015). The mechanism of inhibition of protein synthesis by the proline-rich peptide oncocin. **Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol.** **22**: 466–469.
 - b. Gagnon MG*, **Roy RN***, Lomakin IB, Florin T, Mankin AS, Steitz TA (2016). Structures of proline-rich peptides bound to the ribosome reveal a common mechanism of protein synthesis inhibition. **Nucleic Acids Res.****44**: 2439–2450.
2. **Training and Fellow Position at Oak Ridge National Laboratory:** After the sudden death of Prof. Steitz, I was hired as a Short-term Fellow at Oak Ridge National Laboratory where I worked with Dr. Leighton Coates for studying the selectivity filter in non-specific Na-K ion channels. I became interested in understanding the origin of substrate selectivity and solved a set of structures within my two months of tenure while I interviewed at Scripps Research Institute for Independent Fellow position. During this time, I also worked on a separate independent project, which identifies a novel fail-safe mechanism for the autocatalysis of Pistol ribozymes through in-silico molecular dynamics studies.
 - a. **Roy RN***, Hendricks K, Kopec W, Abdolvand S, Weiss KL, de Groot BL, Lange A, Sun H, and Coates L. **(2021)**. Structural Plasticity of the Selectivity Filter in Nonselective Ion Channel. **IUCr-J**.
 - b. Joseph NN*, **Roy RN*** and Steitz TA. **(2020)**. Molecular Dynamics Analysis of Mg²⁺-dependent Cleavage of Pistol Ribozyme Reveals Fail-safe Secondary Ion for Catalysis. **Journal of Computational Chemistry**. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcc.26179>
3. **Independent Laboratory and Collaborative Works:** I have continued to mentor two students during this transitional period (Jake Sumner from Oak Ridge National Lab and Newlyn Joseph from UConn School of Medicine), and we have two manuscripts in the pipeline regarding substrate selectivity and NRPS regulations. I have also solved several Cryo-EM structures for factors explaining the mode of ribosome anchoring in stress dependent hibernating 70S. This manuscript is currently under preparation in collaboration with Dr. Bin Liu from the Hormel Institute in Minnesota. I have also been working on collaborative projects on molecular dynamics simulations and molecular docking.
 - a. Joseph NN and Roy RN (Manuscript under revision) *pdbservice: A Node.js API for the RSCB Protein Data Bank (PDB)*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.03801>.
 - b. **Roy RN***, and Liu B **(Manuscript in preparation)**. Cryo EM studies on YqjD bound to the 70S ribosome shows a novel paradigm of ribosome sequestration.
 - c. Dobeon Hwang, Napon Nilchan, HaJeung Park, Raktim N. Roy, Terrence R. Burke, Jr., and Christoph Rader **(2022)**. Sculpting a uniquely reactive cysteine residue for site-specific antibody conjugation. **Bioconjugate Chemistry**.

- d. Thibaut Laboute, Stefano Zucca, Matthew Holcomb, Dipak N. Patil, Brittany A. Wheatley, Raktim N. Roy, Stefano Forli, Kirill A. Martemyanov (**Submitted to Science - 2022**).
Identification of mGlyR, a metabotropic glycine receptor.

Complete List of Published Work in My Bibliography:

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Roy.Raktim.N&sort=pubdate&size=20>