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Education:

Ph.D. 09/1997-04/2003. Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida.

M.D. 09/1982-07/1987. Department of Medicine, Third Military Medical University, Chongqing, China.

Research Experiences:

- 12/2018-1/2020: Research Associate II (PI: Dr. Eric Greidinger)
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
 - Responsible for all lab management, including organizing and maintaining data and all IACUC and Biosafety records; maintaining equipment, chemical and reagents inventories; safely disposing of waste and ordering lab supplies.
 - Assist Clinical Coordinator to evaluate patients in clinical trials.
 - Breed and Maintain Mouse colonies.
 - Study antigenic targets of autoimmunity-associated Raynaud's Phenomenon: ELISA to measure auto-antibodies in serum of human and mouse models.
 - Investigate the mechanism of endothelial cell apoptosis induced by serum of Scleroderma patients: Caspase 3/7 apoptotic Assay in HUVEC.

- 09/2017-11/2018: Research Associate II (PI: Dr. Dana Ascherman)
Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
 - Investigated the role of MyD88 in histidyl-tRNA synthetase (Jo-1) induced mouse myositis: Using Cre-Loxp system to make conditional knock out mice; Adoptive transfer GFP Splenocytes in Jo-1 immunized mice; Study T cells distribution in inflamed muscles using IHC and Flow cytometry.
 - Determined the binding of autoantigens with endogenous TLR ligands using ELISA.

- 03/2014-08/2017: Research Associate II (PI: Dr. Victor Perez)
Department of Ophthalmology,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

- Involved in processing patient blood samples and preparing serum tears and PRGF for patients.
 - Assessed the effect of Cyclophosphamide treatment on mouse corneal allograft rejection.
 - Studied the functional consequences of Mpz13 knockout in the ocular surface of mice: Making double knock out mice; Using H&E and IF to assess mouse ocular change.
- 01/2007-11/2013: Senior Research Associate (PI: Dr. Laura Bianchi)
Department of Physiology & Biophysics,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Assisted PI setting up the new lab, responsible for organizing and maintaining Biosafety records, all lab supplies and *C. elegans* strains.
 - Investigated the role of DEG/ENaC channels in glial cells played in functions of sensory neuron in *C. elegans*: Making mutant constructs; Microinjecting to make transgenic strains; Ca²⁺ imaging; Behavior testing.
 - Studied the role of DEG/ENaC channels played in neurodegeneration in *C. elegans*: Making mutant constructs; injecting RNA to express channels and Whole cell clamping to assess channel properties in *Xenopus* oocytes.
- 04/2003-01/2007: Postdoctoral Associate (PI: Dr. W. Glenn L. Kerrick).
Department of Physiology & Biophysics,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Examined cardiac muscle function of FHC linked myosin light chain mutations in transgenic mice.
 - Investigated the mechanisms involved in Ca²⁺ sensitivity changes in ssTnI expressing mouse heart muscles.
 - Involved in functional studies of the role of triadin played in striated muscle contraction in triadin knock-out mice.
- 07/1998-03/2003: Doctoral Student (PI: Dr. W. Glenn L. Kerrick).
Department of Physiology & Biophysics,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
- Investigated the regulation of striated muscle contraction: Effects of cross-bridge kinetics on Ca²⁺ binding to troponin C.
- 03/1996-08/1997: Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. W. Glenn L. Kerrick).
Department of Physiology & Biophysics,
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.
- Determined the Ca²⁺ binding constant for Ca-green-2 (a Ca²⁺ fluorescent indicator) at different pH conditions.
 - Developed the techniques for measurement of the intact muscle action potential using

voltage sensitive fluorescent indicator.

- 09/1993-09/1995: Research Associate (PI: Dr. Sunwei Li).
Department of Neurology,
Peking Union Medical College,
Chinese Academy of Medical Science, China.
- Studied the glucocorticoid receptor using radioimmunoassay (RIA) technique.

Skills:

- Molecular Biology: Plasmid preparation, ligation, transformation, Genomic DNA extraction, total RNA extraction, RT-PCR, PCR, site-directed mutagenesis.
- Immunology: ELISA, Isolation of murine immune cells, immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence staining, flow cytometry.
- Cell Biology: Cell Culture, Caspase Apoptotic Assay, Cryostat frozen sectioning, H&E staining, Ca²⁺ imaging, fluorescent microscopy, confocal microscopy.
- Electrophysiology: Whole cell voltage clamp in *Xenopus* oocytes
- Animals: Survival surgery (mouse corneal transplant), tissue collection and dissection, intrastromal injection, subconjunctival injection, Retro-Orbital injection, Tail vein injection, genotyping, breeding and maintaining the mouse colonies.

Other Work Experiences:

- 07/1991-09/1995: Neurologist, Department of Neurology,
Beijing Army Hospital, China.
- 09/1987-06/1991: Resident, Department of Neurology,
Beijing Army Hospital, China.

Honors and Awards:

- 07/2008-06/2009: NIH Postdoctoral Training Grant in Synapses, Channels, and Transduction in Neuroscience
- 07/1999-06/2001: American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship,
Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate.

10/2000: The Best Research Project Award, Medical Faculty Association, University of Miami.

Professional and Honorary Organizations:

03/2015-03/2016: The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)

10/1997-10/2006: The Biophysical Society.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- Johnson C, Fernandez JA, **Wang Y**, and Bianchi L. The Na⁺/K⁺-ATPase is needed in glia of touch receptors for responses to touch in *C. elegans*. *Submitted to Journal of Neurophysiology (in revision) 2020*
- **Wang Y**, Bianchi, L. Temperature-sensitive mosquito TRP channel rescues touch deficits caused by knock-out of a DEG/ENaC channel in *C. elegans* glia. *microPublication Biology 2020. 10.17912/micropub.biology.000209*
- Wikramanayake TC, Borda LJ, **Wang Y**, Duffort S, Reyes-Capo A, Barsam A, Urbietta M, Perez VL, Kirsner RS. Loss of MPZL3 Function Causes Seborrheic Dermatitis-like Phenotype in Mice. *Exp Dermatol. 2016 Aug 4 doi: 10.1111/exd.13150. [Epub ahead of print]*
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- Han L, **Wang Y**, Sangaletti R, D'Urso G, Lu Y, Shaham S, Bianchi L. Two novel DEG/ENaC channel subunits expressed in glia are needed for nose-touch sensitivity in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. *J Neurosci. 33(3):936-49, 2013*
- **Wang Y**, D'Urso G, Bianchi L. Knockout of glial channel ACD-1 exacerbates sensory deficits in a *C. elegans* mutant by regulating calcium levels of sensory neurons. *J Neurophysiol.*, 107(1):148-58, 2012.
- **Wang Y**, Bianchi L. Insights into the molecular determinants of proton inhibition in an acid-inactivated degenerins and mammalian epithelial Na(+) channel. *Biochemistry*, 48(42):10005-13, 2009.
- **Wang Y**, Apicella A, Lee SK, Ezcurra M, Slone D, Schafer WR, Driscoll M and Bianchi L. A glial DEG/ENaC channel functions with neuronal channel DEG-1 to mediate specific sensory functions in *C. elegans*. *EMBO J*, 27(18):2388-99, 2008.
- Zhang W, Bianchi L, Lee WH, **Wang Y**, Israel S, and Driscoll M. Inter-subunit Interactions Between Mutant DEG/ENaCs Induce Synthetic Neurotoxicity. *Cell Death & Differentiation*, 15(11):1794-803, 2008.

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- Szczesna-Cordary D, Jones M, Moore JR, Watt J, Kerrick WG, Xu Y, **Wang Y**, Wagg C, Lopaschuk GD. Myosin regulatory light chain E22K mutation results in decreased cardiac intracellular calcium and force transients. *FASEB J*. 21(14):3974-85, 2007.
- **Wang Y**, Xu Y, Kerrick WG, Wang Y, Guzman G, Diaz-Perez Z, Szczesna-Cordary D. Prolonged Ca²⁺ and force transients in myosin RLC transgenic mouse fibers expressing malignant and benign FHC mutations. *Journal of Molecular Biology* 361(2):286-99. 2006.
- Hernandez OM, Szczesna-Cordary D, Knollmann BC, Miller T, Bell M, Zhao J, Sirenko SG, Diaz Z, Guzman G, Xu Y, **Wang Y**, Kerrick WG, Potter JD. F110I and R278C troponin T mutations that cause familial hypertrophic cardiomyopathy affect muscle contraction in transgenic mice and reconstituted human cardiac fibers. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 280(44):37183-94. 2005
- **Wang Y** and Kerrick WGL. The off-rate of Ca²⁺ from TnC is regulated by force generating myosin cross-bridges in mouse skeletal muscle. *Journal of Applied Physiology* 92: 2409-2418, 2002.
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- Miller T, Szczesna D, Housmans PR, Zhao J, de Freitas F, Gomes AV, Culbreath L, McCue J, **Wang Y**, Xu Y, Kerrick WGL and Potter JD. Abnormal contractile function in transgenic mice expressing an FHC-linked troponin T (I79N) mutation. *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 276: 3743-3755, 2001.
- **Wang Y**, Xu Y, Guth K and Kerrick WGL. Troponin C regulates the rate constant for the dissociation of force generating myosin cross-bridges in cardiac muscle. *Journal of Muscle Research & Cell Motility* 20: 645-653, 1999.

Publications Presented in National Conferences:

- Harlow L, **Wang Y**, Zang Y, Gupta V, Huang J, Young K, Aubourg B, Greidinger EL. Distinct Immune Pathways in Anti-RNP-Associated Pulmonary Hypertension and Anti-RNP-Associated Raynaud's Phenomenon. *Arthritis Rheumatol*. 2018; 70 (suppl 10) (ACR/ARHP Annual Meeting Abstract)

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force generating myosin cross-bridges in striated muscle. *Biophysical Journal* 76: A155, 1999 (abstract).

- **Wang Y** and Kerrick WGL. Intracellular diastolic Ca^{2+} regulates the duration of the action potential, intracellular Ca^{2+} transient and isometric twitch in Guinea Pig papillary muscle. *Biophysical Journal* 74(2): A160, 1998 (abstract).
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