

**The Faculty of Medicine of Harvard University**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

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| 1998 - 2004 | MD, with honors     | Medicine                                     | Dnipropetrovsk State Medical Academy (DSMA)<br>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine |
| 2004 - 2008 | Kandidat Nauk (PhD) | Human Anatomy<br>Vladimir Kozlov, Ph.D., DSc | DSMA<br>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine                                        |
| 2005 - 2006 | Master              | Project Management                           | National Academy of Public Administration<br>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine   |

**Postdoctoral Training:**

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| 08/2004 - 11/2004 | Medical Intern       | Pathology                                                         | DSMA<br>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine                                |
| 11/2007 - 01/2009 | Research Associate   | Department of Human Anatomy<br>Vladimir Kozlov, Ph.D., DSc        | DSMA<br>Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine                                |
| 02/2009 - 02/2012 | Postdoctoral Scholar | Auditory Neuroscience / Physiology<br>Gregory I. Frolenkov, Ph.D. | University of Kentucky<br>College of Medicine<br>Lexington, KY |
| 02/2012 - 12/2018 | Postdoctoral Fellow  | Auditory Neuroscience / Neurobiology<br>David P. Corey, Ph.D.     | Harvard Medical School (HMS)<br>Boston, MA                     |

**Faculty Academic Appointments:**

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| 12/2017 - Present | Assistant Professor                 | Department of<br>Otolaryngology– Head<br>and Neck Surgery<br>(OHNS) | HMS                                         |
| 09/2019 - Present | Visiting Professor (non-<br>voting) | Faculty of Medicine                                                 | Dnipro State Medical<br>University, Ukraine |

#### **Appointments at Hospitals/Affiliated Institutions:**

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| 01/2018 - Present | Assistant Scientist | OHNS | Mass Eye and Ear (MEE) |
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#### **Other Professional Positions:**

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| 2001 - 2003 | Laboratory technician | Human Anatomy<br>Department, DSMA,<br>Ukraine | part-time, 50% effort |
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#### **Committee Service:**

##### **Local**

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| 2002 - 2004 | Head of Student Scientific Society                                               | Human Anatomy Department,<br>DSMA |                                              |
| 2019        | MEE Annual Joint Research Symposium.                                             | MEE                               | Organizing committee member<br>and Moderator |
| 2020 - 2021 | Faculty Search Admissions Committee                                              | MEE, HMS                          |                                              |
| 2020 - 2026 | Academic Advisor, Program in Speech and<br>Hearing Bioscience and Technology     | MEE, HMS                          |                                              |
| 2021        | MEE Technology Seminar series.                                                   | MEE                               | Organizing committee member                  |
| 2022 - 2023 | EPL symposium: Inner Ear Biology                                                 | MEE                               | Organizing committee member<br>and Moderator |
| 2022 - 2025 | Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee                                      | MEE                               | Standing Committee Member                    |
| 2022 - 2026 | Admissions Committee, Program in Speech<br>and Hearing Bioscience and Technology | HMS                               |                                              |
| 2024 - 2025 | Visiting Research Internship Program<br>Selection Committee                      | Harvard University                |                                              |

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| 2025 - Present | Peake Prize selection committee | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
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### Professional Societies

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| 2004 - 2012    | Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists; Ukraine |                               |
| 2010 - Present | Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO)               |                               |
|                | 2010 - 2018                                                    | Post Doc Member               |
|                | 2018 - Present                                                 | Regular Member                |
|                | 2019 - Present                                                 | SpARO mentor                  |
|                | 2021                                                           | ARO webinar session moderator |
|                | 2022                                                           | ARO podium session moderator  |
|                | 2022 - Present                                                 | ARO Membership Committee      |
|                | 2023 - Present                                                 | ARO Program Committee         |
| 2013 - 2019    | The Physiological Society                                      |                               |
|                |                                                                | Full Member                   |
| 2015 - 2016    | Society of General Physiologists                               |                               |
| 2020 - 2022    | American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy                        |                               |
| 2022 - 2023    | Biophysical Society                                            |                               |

### Grant Review Activities:

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| 2020 | Translational Grant Review Committee                  | Action on Hearing Loss Foundation. London, UK        |
|      |                                                       | Ad-hoc reviewer                                      |
| 2023 | Emerging Research Grants Review Committee             | Hearing Health Foundation. New York City, USA        |
|      |                                                       | Ad-hoc reviewer                                      |
| 2023 | Translational Grant Review Committee                  | Royal National Institute for Deaf People. London, UK |
|      |                                                       | Ad-hoc reviewer                                      |
| 2024 | Emerging Research Grants Review Committee             | Hearing Health Foundation. New York City, USA        |
|      |                                                       | Ad-hoc reviewer                                      |
| 2024 | Programmes Transversaux de Recherche Review Committee | Institut Pasteur. Paris, France.                     |
|      |                                                       | Ad-hoc reviewer                                      |

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| 2024 | Scientific Committee                      | La Fondation Pour l'Audition.<br>Paris, France<br>Ad-hoc reviewer |
| 2025 | Condensed matter physics review panel     | French National Research<br>Agency                                |
| 2025 | Emerging Research Grants Review Committee | Action on Hearing Loss<br>Foundation. London, UK                  |
| 2025 | Emerging Research Grants Review Committee | Hearing Health Foundation.<br>New York City, USA                  |

## Editorial Activities:

- **Ad hoc Reviewer**

*Cell Reports*  
*Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*  
*Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology*  
*Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience*  
*Hearing Research*  
*Heliyon*  
*Human Molecular Genetics*  
*Journal of Neuroscience*  
*Journal of Otology*  
*Journal of Physiology*  
*Journal of Visualized Experiments*  
*Molecular Therapy*  
*Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience*  
*Nature Communications*  
*Neuron*  
*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*  
*Scientific Reports*  
*Yale Journal of Medicine and Biology*  
*eNeuro*

- **Other Editorial Roles**

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| 2011 - 2015    | Editorial Board Member                | Sudovo-MedychnaExpertiza.<br>[Ukraine] |
| 2011 - Present | Editorial Board Member                | Morphologiã, [Ukraine]                 |
| 2022 - Present | Review Editor, Editorial Board Member | Frontiers in Cellular<br>Neuroscience  |

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| 2023 - Present | Review Editor, Editorial Board Member | Medicni Perspektivi [Ukraine]            |
| 2025 - Present | Review Editor, Editorial Board Member | Scientific Data, Nature Publishing Group |

### **Honors and Prizes:**

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| 1999           | Second Prize, Human Anatomy Olympiad       | Human Anatomy Department, DSMA                            |
| 2000           | Second best presentation                   | Physiology Department, DSMA                               |
| 2001           | Best presentation                          | Surgery Department, DSMA                                  |
| 2001 - 2004    | State Council's Scholarship Award          | Dnipropetrovsk State Government                           |
| 2012 - Present | Travel award                               | Association for Research in Otolaryngology                |
| 2017           | Jochen Schacht Invited Lecture Award       | Kresge Hearing Research Institute, University of Michigan |
| 2022           | Excellence in Innovation                   | Mass General Brigham (MGB), Boston, MA                    |
| 2024           | Young Researcher Faculty of the Year Award | OHNS, MEE                                                 |

### **Report of Funded and Unfunded Projects**

#### **Past**

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| 2005 - 2006 | Mayor's Scholarship Award<br>Dnipropetrovsk City Hall<br>Role: Applicant (PI), PhD student (\$4,800)<br>Aim: To support the research program of my PhD project, fund reagents and my stipend.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2018 - 2019 | "Development of AAV-mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F, a Combined Deafness and Blindness"<br>HMS Quadrangle Fund for Advancing and Seeding Translational Research (Q-FASTR) HMS Foundation grant<br>Role: Co-PI (David Corey (PI), Harvard Medical School) (\$109,950)<br>Aim: To design and test shortened mini-PCDH15 molecules capable of rescuing the sensory function in the mouse inner ear. |
| 2018 - 2021 | "Gene Therapy for Deafness and Blindness in Usher Syndrome 1F"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

Bertarelli Collaborative Research Award from the Bertarelli Program in Translational Neuroscience and Neuroengineering at HMS. HMS Foundation grant

Role: Co-PI (David Corey (PI), Harvard Medical School and Botond Roska (Co-PI), Institute of Molecular and Clinical Ophthalmology, Basel, Switzerland) (\$150,000)

Aim: To use three different strategies to develop methods to treat this devastating sensory disorder. We will collect pilot data testing the mini-gene, dual AAV and gene editing approaches to treat Usher Syndrome 1F.

2018 - 2024

“Molecular Basis of Hair Cell Stereocilia Bundle Morphology”

NIH, NIDCD R01 DC017166

Role: Principal Investigator (\$1,707,083)

Aim: To understand the function of Polycystic Kidney and Hepatic Disease 1-Like 1 (PKHD1L1) in the mouse inner, as PKHD1L1-deficient mice develop hearing loss.

2019 - 2021

“Molecular basis of hair cell stereocilia bundle morphology”

NIH, NIDCD Diversity supplement 3R01 DC017166-01S1

Role: Principal Investigator (\$131,082)

Aim: This diversity supplement is to support Dr. David Rosenberg and provide him with an adequate training environment to work on Aims 1 and 2 of the main proposal.

2021 - 2023

“Development of Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F”

Blavatnik Therapeutics Challenge Awards (BTCA) HMS Foundation grant

Role: Co-PI (David Corey (PI), HMS) (\$321,996)

Test best-performing mini-PCDH15 to rescue the visual deficit in Pcdh15-deficient mice and zebrafish.

2021 - 2023

“Cross-Modality Imaging Data Annotations for Deep-Learning-Based Analysis Solutions in the Auditory Field”

NIH Office Of the Director Administrative Supplement to Support Collaborations to Improve the AI/ML-Readiness of NIH-Supported Data R01 DC017166-04S1

Role: Principal Investigator (\$189,061)

Aim: To annotate the wealth of imaging data produced in the main proposal to be readily used for the training of machine learning models.

2021 - 2024

“Molecular Basis of Hair Cell Stereocilia Bundle Morphology”

NIH, NIDCD Diversity supplement R01 DC017166-04S2

Role: Principal Investigator (\$57,446)

Aim: This diversity supplement is to support Joseph Brower, an undergraduate student in the laboratory, and provide him with an adequate training environment to work on Aim 3 of the main proposal.

2022 - 2025

"Development of AAV-mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F"

Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) Translational Grant Mechanism

Role: Principal Investigator (with David Corey (Co-PI) and Marcos Sotomayor (Co-PI)) (\$180,000)

Aim: To develop and test human mini-PCDH15 constructs in human inner ear organoids.

Note: This project was recommended for funding, and an award letter was issued

to MEE. However, the funding was ultimately declined by the MGB Contracting team.

2023 - 2026 "Targeting mitochondrial calcium uptake to protect against noise-induced hearing loss"  
Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) Discovery Project Grant Mechanism  
Role: Co-PI (Dr. Ruben Stepanyan (PI), Case Western Reserve University (CWRU)) (\$50,724)  
Aim: To investigate how changes in mitochondrial function affect the susceptibility of the auditory system to acquired hearing loss.  
Note: This project was recommended for funding, and an award letter was issued to MEE and CWRU. However, the funding was ultimately declined by the MGB Contracting team.

## **Current**

2021 - 2024 "Structural evaluation of inner ear hair-cell proteins and rational protein engineering to develop therapies for deafness and blindness"  
Department of Energy Advanced Photon Source synchrotron beamtime access  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Aim: To understand the function of mini-PCDH15s and PKHD1L1 we will solve the structures of their artificially connected extracellular domains.

2022 - 2027 "Development of Gene Therapy for Hereditary Deafness using Rational Protein Engineering."  
NIH, NIDCD R01 DC020190  
Role: Principal Investigator (MPIs: David Corey, Harvard Medical School and Marcos Sotomayor, Ohio State University.) (\$1,135,813)  
Aim: Test best-performing mini-PCDH15 to rescue the hearing and balance deficit in Pcdh15-deficient mice.

2023 - 2024 NCE "Evaluation of human mini-PCDH15s in Human Inner Ear Organoids to treat Ush1F"  
MGB Gene and Cell Therapy Institute  
Role: Principal Investigator (\$208,333)  
Aim: We will test human mini-PCDH15 in human inner ear organoid hair cell-like cells for proper localization and functional rescue.

2023 - 2024 "Structural evaluation of inner ear hair-cell proteins and rational protein engineering to develop therapies for deafness and blindness"  
Department of Energy Brookhaven National Laboratory synchrotron beamtime access  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Aim: To understand the function of mini-PCDH15s and PKHD1L1 we will solve the structures of their artificially connected extracellular domains.

2024 "Evaluation of human mini-PCDH15s in Sensory Cells"  
MGB Gene and Cell Therapy Institute  
Role: Principal Investigator (\$42,000)  
Aim: Additional salary support for lab personnel involved in this study.

2024 - 2025 "Adoption of dAPEX2 reporter mice for 3D reconstruction of cholinergic synapses in the auditory midbrain"

NEOMED Pilot seed funds

Role: Collaborator (Brett R. Schofield, PhD and Ruben Stepanyan, PhD)  
(\$11,064)

Aim: To obtain pilot data through serial 3D electron microscopy and machine-learning-based synapse data analysis, supporting an NIH-level funding application

2024 - 2026

“Targeting mitochondrial calcium uptake to protect against noise-induced hearing loss”

US Department of Defense Hearing Restoration Research Program; Focused Research Award RH230041

Role: Principal Investigator (\$129,960)

Aim: Perform an in silico, in vitro and in vivo screen of FDA-approved drugs for molecules that can block mitochondrial calcium uniporter (systemic delivery) in order to protect mice from noise-induced hearing loss.

2024 - 2029

"Calcium Regulation in Cochlear Cells"

NIH, NIDCD R01 R01DC021795

Role: Principal Investigator (MPI) (Ruben Stepanyan (contact PI), Case Western University.) (\$586,579)

Aim: To evaluate the role of mitochondrial Ca overload on hearing function across various cochlear cell types

2025 - 2027

"In-silico screen and in-vivo evaluation of FDA-approved drugs to treat noise-induced hearing loss"

NIH, NIDCD R21 DC022085

Role: Principal Investigator (Ruben Stepanyan, Case Western University) (\$149,970)

Aim: Perform an in silico, in vitro and in vivo screen of FDA-approved drugs for molecules that can block mitochondrial calcium uniporter (transtympanic delivery) in order to protect mice from noise-induced hearing loss.

### **Projects Submitted for Funding**

Submitted

"Development of mini-USH2A gene therapy to rescue hearing loss in Usher syndrome type 2A"

NIH, NIA R21

Role: Collaborator (subcontract) with Dr. Anil Chekuri (PI), Mass Eye and Ear (\$87,558)

Evaluate the efficacy of a selected USH2A minigene in rescuing auditory function for Usher syndrome type 2 (USH2) using the Ush2a-ko mouse model.

Submitted

"Machine Learning-Based Analysis of 3D Neural Tissue Microscopy Datasets"

NIH, NIDCD R01

Role: Co-PI (MPI) with Dr. Uri Manor (PI), University of California, San Diego. (\$1,240,000)

Create user-friendly software to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of data analysis, democratizing access to powerful analysis tools for the broader scientific community. Review: September 2024.

### **Training Grants and Mentored Trainee Grants**

2020 - Present

“Training for Speech and Hearing Sciences”

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|             | <p>5T32DC000038-29 Training grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: This proposal supports an interdisciplinary doctoral program begun in 1992 that prepares scientists for innovative research careers in the Speech and Hearing Sciences.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2022        | <p>“Identification of TMC1 ion channel modulators as a therapeutic alternative to treat deafness”, by Pedro De-la-Torre</p> <p>Subcontract with Concepcion University (Universidad de Concepción, Chile)</p> <p>Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>This is a collaborative project between MEE and leading institutions in Latin America, Concepcion University (Chile) and University of Talca (Chile), to perform an in silico screen of small molecules to identify novel blockers of TMC1.</p> |
| 2022        | <p>“Crystallization of Extracellular Cadherin Repeats of Synthetic PCDH15 Proteins”, by Joseph Brower.</p> <p>Harvard Program for Research in Science and Engineering (PRISE) Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: Funding support for Joseph Brower to perform his research in my lab</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2023        | <p>“Rational protein engineering of gamma-Crystallin variants for therapeutic use”, by April Keyes.</p> <p>Harvard Program for Research in Science and Engineering (PRISE) Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: Funding support for April Keyes to perform her research in my lab</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2023        | <p>“Characterization of PKHD1L1 IPT Domains 1-3 and Their Hearing Loss Causing Mutations” by Joseph Brower.</p> <p>Mary Gordon Roberts Mind Brain Behavior Interfaculty Initiative Summer Fellowship Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: Funding support for Joseph Brower to perform his research in my lab</p>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2023        | <p>“Structural characterization of PKHD1L1 fragment” by Joseph Brower.</p> <p>The Herchel Smith-Harvard Undergraduate Research Program Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: Funding support for Joseph Brower to perform his research in my lab</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2024        | <p>“Rational protein engineering of gamma-Crystallin variants for therapeutic use”, by April Keyes.</p> <p>Harvard College Research Program (HCRP) Foundation grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: Funding support for April Keyes to perform her research work in my lab for the summer of 2024</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2024 - 2026 | <p>"Effects of the TECTB-C225Y Variant in the Inner Ear", by Evan Hale</p> <p>NIH, NIDCD F31DC021855 F31 Fellowship grant</p> <p>Role: Mentor</p> <p>Aim: To assess the phenotype of the Tectb-C225Y mouse model, determine if it</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

recapitulates the phenotype observed in patients, and to investigate the effect of this point mutation on hearing.

2024 - 2027 "Investigating the role of tip link biophysics on MET function", by Frank Yeh  
NIH, NIDCD F32DC022491 F32 Fellowship grant  
Role: Mentor  
Aim: This project seeks to exploit this novel protein manipulation technique to study the biophysical properties of tip links and the influence of these properties on the MET channel function.

### **Unfunded Current Projects**

2017 - Present The role FREM2, linked to Frazer syndrome in humans, in mouse development.  
Role: Principal Investigator  
To investigate the role of FREM2, implicated in Fraser syndrome, using the Frem2-knockout (Frem2-ko) mouse model.

2019 - Present Characterization of promoter activity in the inner ear hair cells for a set of short promoters.  
Role: Principal Investigator  
The goal of this project is to select and quantitatively characterize short, ubiquitous and cell-specific promoters for inner ear gene therapy.

2020 - Present Development of machine-learning-based data analysis pipelines for light and electron microscopy datasets.  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Develop novel machine-learning-based tools to analyze serial imaging data.

2020 - Present Assessment of Vestibular Hair Cell Survival in Usher Syndrome Type 1 Patients  
Role: Principal Investigator  
To quantify vestibular hair cell survival in temporal bones of Usher syndrome type 1 patients from MEE temporal bone bank registry.

2021 - Present In-situ Cryo-EM tomography of hair cell stereocilia bundles.  
Role: Principal Investigator  
To perform high resolution Cryo-EM imaging of the hair cell mechanotransduction complex

2021 - Present Development of endotoxin-induced neuroinflammation therapy using rational protein engineering of gamma-Crystallin variants.  
Role: Collaborator  
To design and evaluate high-affinity mutants of gamma-Crystallin for treatment of neuroinflammation in the retina

2022 - Present Characterization of the hearing phenotype in a mouse model of human TECTB variant.  
Role: Principal Investigator  
To characterize the hearing loss phenotype in the mouse model carrying a TECTB variant, which segregates with hearing loss in patients.

### **Report of Local Teaching and Training**

#### **Teaching of Students in Courses:**

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| 11/2007 - 01/2009 | Human Anatomy course<br>Medical students                     | Dnipropetrovsk State Medical Academy. Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine<br>part-time, ~50% effort |
| 2020 - 2022       | MED-SCI 300QC Responsible Conduct of Science<br>PhD students | Harvard University, Boston, MA<br>10 hours/year                                                                  |
| 2021 - Present    | SHBT 201, Biology of the Inner Ear<br>PhD students           | Harvard University, Boston, MA<br>4 hours/year                                                                   |

### **Research Supervisory and Training Responsibilities:**

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| 2017 - Present | Lab research mentoring<br>Students and postdoctoral fellows | MEE<br>4 fellows, 4 hrs/week = 200 hrs/year.<br>2 students, 2hrs/week = 100 hrs/year. |
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### **Formally Mentored Harvard Students (Medical, Dental, Graduate, and Undergraduate):**

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| 2019 - 2024    | Christopher Buswinka. Harvard Program in Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology; Mentoring role: PhD advisor<br>Thesis "Applications of Computer Vision on the Biology of the Inner Ear".<br>Accomplishments: three publications (2 peer-reviewed, one preprint).                                                                                                      |  |
| 2020 - 2022    | Charles Tyler Morris. Harvard University; Mentoring role: Undergraduate thesis advisor<br>Thesis "Structural Determinants of a Mutant-Containing Region in PKHD1L1, a Stereocilia Surface Coat Protein Required for Proper Hearing Function".<br>Accomplishments: experimental work, one manuscript publication. Current position: Account Manager, Thermo Fisher Scientific |  |
| 2020 - 2023    | Joseph Brower. Harvard University; Mentoring role: Undergraduate thesis advisor<br>Thesis: "Structural Characterization and Investigation of Mini-Protocadherin-15 Proteins for Usher Syndrome Type 1F Gene Therapy". Accomplishments: experimental work, two manuscript publications.                                                                                       |  |
| 2021 - 2022    | Ella Wesson, Harvard University. Mentoring role: Supervisor<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student. Mentoring role: Supervisor.<br>Accomplishments: lab research work, one manuscript publication.                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 2021 - Present | Evan B. Hale. Harvard Program in Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology; Mentoring role: PhD advisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 2022 - Present | April Keyes. Harvard University; Mentoring role: Undergraduate thesis advisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 2023           | Jenny Jin. Harvard School of Public Health. Master's thesis committee member.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 2023 - 2024    | Matthew Mun. Harvard Program in Speech and Hearing Bioscience and Technology; Mentoring role: Preliminary Qualifying Exam Committee Chair<br>Helped to navigate the PQE exam preparation process, chaired the examination committee and prepared the final report.                                                                                                           |  |
| 2024 - Present | Pranathi Ganti. Harvard University; Mentoring role: Supervisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 2024 - Present | Neil Sash. Harvard University; Mentoring role: Supervisor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |

### Other Mentored Trainees and Faculty:

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| 2016 - 2017    | Hoor Al Jandal / Research Associate, Church Lab; Wyss Institute, HMS.<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student. Northeastern University; Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: two manuscript publications.                                                        |
| 2018           | Dhun Chauhan / Medical school<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student (Co-op). Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: training in laboratory research, experimental work.                                                                                       |
| 2018 - 2019    | Daniel Hathaway / Graduate student, HMS<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student (Co-op). Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: three manuscript publications.                                                                                                  |
| 2018 - 2020    | Chunjie Tian, MD, PhD / Assistant Professor, Medical School, China<br>Career stage: Postdoctoral Fellow. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: four manuscript publications.                                                                                     |
| 2018 - 2022    | Olga Strelkova, PhD / Postdoctoral fellow, University of Massachusetts<br>Career stage: Postdoctoral Fellow. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: five manuscript publications.                                                                                 |
| 2019 - 2021    | David Rosenberg, MBBS. / Research Associate, University of California San Diego<br>Career stage: Postdoctoral fellow. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: training in laboratory research, experimental work, two manuscript publications, one in preparation. |
| 2019 - 2021    | Xinyuan (Grace) Zhang, BS / Medical Student, University of Queensland<br>Career stage: Research Assistant. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: two manuscript publications.                                                                                    |
| 2019 - 2024    | Pedro De La Torre, PhD / Teaching Faculty Member, University of Baranquilla, Colombia<br>Career stage: Postdoctoral fellow, Research Scientist. Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: five manuscript publications.                                           |
| 2020 - 2021    | Jonathan Mo / Medical School Student, UC Davis<br>Career stage: Undergraduate Student, matched through the ARO spARO Mentorship program. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: accepted to medical school.                                                       |
| 2021 - 2022    | Federica M. Raciti<br>Career stage: PhD Student, University of Florida, matched through the ARO spARO Mentorship program. Mentoring role: Advisor.                                                                                                                   |
| 2021 - 2022    | Rachel Gamburg / Analyst, Axtria<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student (summer). Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: job in industry.                                                                                                                      |
| 2021 - 2023    | Emily Nguyen / Undergraduate student, Bunker Hill Community College<br>Career stage: High School Student. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: one manuscript publication.                                                                                      |
| 2021 - Present | Richard Osgood, PhD<br>Career stage: Postdoctoral Fellow. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: four manuscript publications, one in preparation.                                                                                                                |

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| 2022 - 2023    | Sarah Visconti<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student (Co-op). Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: experimental work.                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2022 - 2023    | Hidetomi Nitta / Research Assistant, Tufts University.<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student, Northeastern University. (Co-op).<br>Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: two manuscript publications.                                                                          |
| 2022 - 2023    | Karina Martinez / Research Assistant, HMS Department of Cell Biology<br>Career stage: Master student, Universidad Del Atlántico (Colombia). Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: one manuscript publication.                                                                   |
| 2022 - 2023    | Auntara Nandi / PhD Student, Molecular and Cellular Biology at Stony Brook University<br>Career stage: Masters student, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani University (India). Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: experimental work, accepted to a PhD Program. |
| 2022 - 2023    | Mona Jawad / PhD Student, Washington University St. Louis<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.<br>Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: manuscript in preparation.                                                               |
| 2022 - Present | Sophia Wu / Undergraduate student, Wellesley College.<br>High School Student. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: manuscript in preparation.                                                                                                                                  |
| 2022 - Present | Rubina Simikyan / Research Assistant<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student, Research Assistant. Mentoring role: Advisor. Accomplishments: three manuscript publications, one manuscript in preparation.                                                                            |
| 2022 - Present | Aaron Paul / Medical Student, Albany Medical College<br>Career stage: Undergraduate student, Medical Student. Mentoring role: Advisor.                                                                                                                                              |
| 2023 - 2025    | MyungHoon Yoo / Associate Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology-HNS, Kyungpook National University Hospital (Korea)<br>Career stage: Visiting Associate Professor; Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: manuscript in preparation.                                   |
| 2024           | Ethan Lawrence / Medical Student, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science College of Medicine; Harvard Visiting Research Internship Scholar<br>Career stage: Medical student (summer internship). Mentoring role: Advisor.<br>Accomplishments: research work in the lab. |

#### **Local Invited Presentations:**

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| 04/2021 | “Making shorter tip-links to treat Usher Syndrome Type 1F using a mini-gene therapy approach”. / Invited talk<br>MEE Joint Research Symposium, Eaton-Peabody Laboratories, MEE, Boston, MA |
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| 01/2024 | Fireside chat: "Current Trends and Future Directions in Regenerative Medicine in Hearing" / Invited panel member of a discussion group<br>Eaton-Peabody Laboratories, MEE, Boston, MA |
| 05/2024 | "Harnessing AI for Enhanced Analysis of Cochlear Imaging Data" / Invited talk<br>MEE Research Day, Boston, MA                                                                         |
| 12/2024 | "Development of AAV-based gene therapies for Ush1F" / Invited talk<br>"Sensory Rehabilitation and Restoration" symposium, MEE, Boston, MA                                             |
| 09/2025 | "Harnessing AI for Enhanced Analysis of Light and Electron Microscopy Imaging Data" / Invited talk<br>Schepens Eye Research Institute, Department of Ophthalmology, Boston, MA        |

### **Report of Regional, National and International Invited Teaching and Presentations**

- ☒ *No presentations below were sponsored by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties/outside entities*
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#### **Regional**

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| 09/2013 | "Dynamic molecular composition of regenerating tip links in mammalian cochlear hair cells" / Invited talk<br>MEE, Eaton Peabody Laboratory, Boston, MA                   |
| 01/2017 | "Mechanotransduction in hair cells and primary cilia: Integrating electrophysiology and advanced microscopy" / Invited talk<br>MEE, Eaton Peabody Laboratory, Boston, MA |

#### **National**

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| 02/2012 | "Dynamic molecular composition of regenerating tip links in mammalian cochlear hair cells" / Selected podium presentation<br>ARO Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA                                                                                |
| 02/2014 | "Genetically encoded calcium indicators enable MET channel localization in cochlear hair cells" / Invited Symposium Presentation<br>ARO Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA                                                                         |
| 04/2016 | "Kinocilia and other primary cilia are not calcium-responsive mechanosensors" / Invited Symposium Presentation<br>Experimental Biology Conference Meeting, San Diego, CA                                                                      |
| 03/2017 | "Mechanotransduction in hair cells and primary cilia: Integrating electrophysiology and advanced microscopy" / Invited Lecture, Jochen Schacht Annual Lectureship<br>Kresge Hearing Research Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 05/2019 | "PKHD1L1, a novel coat protein of hair-cell stereocilia, is required for high-frequency hearing in mouse". / Invited talk<br>Case Western Reserve University, Department of OHNS, Cleveland, OH                                               |

- 08/2019 Hair cell mechanotransduction laboratory course. / Invited laboratory course presentation  
The Biology of the Inner Ear Course, University of Chicago, Marine Biological Laboratory., Woods Hole, MA
- 09/2021 “A Machine Learning-Based Cochlear Hair Cell Analysis Toolbox” / Invited talk  
Department of Defense. Pharmaceutical Interventions for Hearing Loss (PIHL) working group (Ototoxicity), Hearing Center of Excellence., Baltimore, MD
- 01/2022 "Making shorter tip-links to treat Usher Syndrome Type 1F using a mini-gene therapy approach" / Selected podium presentation  
Ultimate Colorado Midwinter Meeting, Vail, CO
- 08/2022 Hair cell mechanotransduction laboratory course. / Invited laboratory course presentation  
The Biology of the Inner Ear Course, University of Chicago, Marine Biological Laboratory., Woods Hole, MA
- 01/2023 "The Hair Cell Analysis Toolbox: A machine learning-based whole cochlea analysis pipeline" / Selected podium presentation  
Ultimate Colorado Midwinter Meeting, Vail, CO
- 04/2023 "Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F" / Invited talk  
Case Western Reserve University, Department of OHNS, Cleveland, OH
- 01/2024 “AAV-based mini-gene therapy of Usher syndrome type 1F using structure-guided development of shorter tip links” / Invited talk  
Pharmacology Department, University of Florida, Jacksonville, FL
- 06/2024 "Use of machine learning and data science in the hearing field" / Invited talk, Keynote speaker  
Mechanics of Hearing Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 07/2025 "Edge Techniques and Models Applications in Hearing Research -Machine Learning Toolboxes for Hearing Research" / Invited talk  
Association for Research in Otolaryngology, Online event
- 11/2025 "The TECTB-C225Y Variant Causing Autosomal Dominant Deafness in a Nicaraguan Family Enhances Sensitivity to Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Mice" / Invited talk, Keynote speaker  
International Conference of the Genetic Society of Korea
- 11/2025 "Harnessing AI for Enhanced Analysis of Light and Electron Microscopy Imaging Data" / Invited talk  
Korea Brain Research Institute
- 03/2026 "Harnessing AI for Enhanced Analysis of Light and Electron Microscopy Imaging Data" / Invited talk  
Bellucci Translational Hearing Center, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

## **International**

- 09/2019 “PKHD1L1, a novel coat protein of hair-cell stereocilia, is required for normal hearing in mouse” / Invited talk  
5th Chinese Hearing Research Conference, Beijing, China

- 10/2019 “PKHD1L1, a novel stereocilia coat protein of hair-cell stereocilia, is required for normal hearing in mouse” / Invited talk, Keynote speaker  
3rd International conference meeting “Theory and Practice of Current Morphology”, Dnipropetrovsk State Medical Academy, Ukraine
- 11/2020 "Dynamic molecular composition of regenerating tip links in mammalian cochlear hair cells" / Invited talk  
“Ear Summit Colombia”, Bogota, Colombia
- 06/2022 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
2nd Inner Ear Disorders Therapeutics Summit, Boston, MA.
- 11/2022 “Structure-guided development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for of Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
VII International Congress on Integral Health, Universidad del Magdalena., Magdalena, Colombia
- 03/2023 “AAV-based mini-gene therapy of Usher syndrome type 1F using structure-guided development of shorter tip links”. / Invited talk  
Department of Bioengineering, Imperial College London, London, UK
- 03/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
Wolfson Centre for Age-Related Diseases, Kings College London, London, UK
- 03/2023 “Engineering of Shorter Tip Links to Treat Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
Hearing Institute. University College London, London, UK
- 05/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
Copenhagen Hearing and Balance Center and Hearing Systems Section,  
Department of Health Technology, Technical University of Denmark,  
Copenhagen, Denmark
- 05/2023 “The role of basic science in development of cutting-edge gene therapies”. / Invited talk  
Dendritic, a non-profit research organization founded by undergraduate and medical students from low-income families and minority groups attending various schools in the US and Canada, Ontario, Canada
- 05/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
- 06/2023 “Structural Characterization of Engineered Mini-PCDH15 Proteins for Usher Syndrome Type 1F Gene Therapy” / Invited talk  
Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin, Germany
- 08/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
The Institute for Neurosciences of Montpellier, Montpellier, France
- 11/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk

ENT department, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan

- 11/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk, Keynote speaker  
Department of Molecular Genetics, Kitasato University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan
- 11/2023 “Development of AAV-Mediated Mini-Gene Therapy for Usher Syndrome Type 1F” / Invited talk  
Department of Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan
- 09/2024 "Harnessing AI for Enhanced Analysis of Cochlear Imaging Data" / Invited talk  
University Medical Center Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany
- 11/2025 "The TECTB-C225Y Variant Causing Autosomal Dominant Deafness in a Nicaraguan Family Enhances Sensitivity to Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Mice" / Invited talk, Keynote speaker  
Genetics Society of Korea, Suwon, Korea

### **Report of Technological and Other Scientific Innovations**

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| AAV vectors encoding mini-PCDH15 and uses thereof (2020) | Corey DP, <b>Indzhukulian AA</b> , Sotomayor M, Ivanchenko MV, Peters CWD (2020) <i>AAV vectors encoding mini-PCDH15 and uses thereof</i> (US Patent No. 2020/029968). U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.<br><br>We developed miniaturized minigenes encoding mini-PCDH15 such that they could fit into a single AAV, while preserving their ability to mediate the hearing, balance and vision function in Pcdh15-deficient mice. These mini-PCDH15s can be used to treat deafness, blindness and balance deficit caused by Usher syndrome type 1F. |
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### **Report of Education of Patients and Service to the Community**

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### **Activities**

- 2017 Countryside Elementary School, as part of a state-wide program “Understanding Our Differences” / Invited talk

### **Report of Scholarship**

\* denotes equal authorship contribution

\*\* denotes mentored trainee.

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