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### **OVERVIEW**

Articles in international peer-reviewed journals	90
Book chapters	4
Average impact factor	5.239
Books edited	2
Total ISI (Web of Knowledge) citations:	1,442
Total Google Scholar citations:	2,318
Organizer of international conferences	26
Invited international conferences/ seminars	> 100
Total no. of grants (as PI)	25 (13)
Total budget in grants	2.8M€
Poster communications (team members)	~300
Published peer-reviewed abstracts	~120
Patents	3
Teaching Experience	43 semesters (average: 9.3h /week)
PhD supervisions (ongoing)	16 (+3)
Post-docs supervisions (ongoing)	15 (+4)
H-Index	22   29 Res ID (E-5748-2012)   Google Scholar
i10 <sup>1</sup> -index	56

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<sup>1</sup> i10-index is the number of publications with at least 10 citations.

## **ACADEMIC/SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND**

- Jul 2006 "Habilitation" to the title of "**Professor Agregado**", Area of **Chemistry**, Sub-area of **Biochemistry**, Univ Lisboa, Portugal. Unanimously Approved. Course proposal: "*Human Molecular Biology from a Systems Biology Perspective*".
- 1993 PhD in **Biochemistry/Molecular Genetics**, Univ Lisboa, Portugal & Gulbenkian Institute of Science (Oeiras, Portugal). Supervisor: Prof Claudina Rodrigues-Pousada. Final mark: *summa cum laude*. Thesis: "*Stress Proteins: Induction and Regulation in Tetrahymena pyriformis*".
- 1986 MSc (equiv) in **Biochemistry**, Univ Lisboa, Portugal & Gulbenkian Institute of Science (Oeiras, Portugal). Supervisor: Prof Claudina Rodrigues-Pousada. Final mark: *summa cum laude*. Thesis: "*The Response of the Protozoan Tetrahymena pyriformis to a Stress Agent: Sodium Meta-Arsenite*".
- 1982 BSc in **Chemistry/Biochemistry**, Univ Lisboa Portugal. Work carried out as undergraduate research student at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, New University of Lisboa, Portugal. Final mark: 17/20. Thesis: "*Lipid Content of Liver and Blood Plasma of Hepatomized Rats*".

## **POSITIONS/TRAINING**

- Jul 2013 - Full Professor of Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology. Dept of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.
- Sept 2012- - Coordinator of the Research Centre BioFiG- Centre for Biodiversity, Functional and Integrative Genomics.
- Aug 08- Jul 10 - Visiting fellow (2-year sabbatical) at the Pepperkok group, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg (Germany) to coordinate EU project TargetScreen2.
- 2007 - Founding member of Research Centre BioFiG- Centre for Biodiversity, Functional and Integrative Genomics, University of Lisboa (Portugal) and head of Membrane Protein Disorders Unit.
- Since 2006 - Assistant Professor with "Habilitation" (Biochemistry), Fac Sciences, Univ Lisboa.
- 2006-2011 - Coordinator of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Unit, Centre of Human Genetics of the National Institute of Health, Lisboa (Portugal)
- 1993/2006 - Assistant Professor, Faculty Sciences, Univ Lisboa, Portugal (tenure: 1998).  
- Invited Researcher at the Centre Human Genetics, National Institute of Health and Head of Cystic Fibrosis Research Group since May 2005.
- 1986/1993 - Teaching Assistant, Dept. Chemistry & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.  
- Graduate student at the Gulbenkian Institute of Science, Oeiras, Portugal.
- 1983/1986 - Trainee Teaching Assistant, Dept. Chem & Biochemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisboa.  
- Graduate student at the Gulbenkian Institute of Science, Oeiras, Portugal.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Study of human disease mechanisms associated with membrane proteins. Particular focus has been on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of the autosomic genetic disease Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Most of my research has been aimed at understanding the molecular mechanisms that retain the CFTR (CF transmembrane Conductance Regulator) protein with the most frequent mutation in patients (F508del) in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). Indeed, through manipulation of these ER quality control mechanisms, which involve multiple intervenients, namely molecular chaperones, we could enable some mutant protein to escape its ER retention and thus restore (even if partially) Cl<sup>-</sup> transport at the cell membrane, with substantial benefit for CF patients.

My research has also focused on the characterization of other CFTR gene mutations, namely on the effect of CF-causing mutations at the level of: 1) affecting processing of mRNA (splicing and nonsense-mediated decay); 2) intracellular trafficking defects due to protein misfolding and

endoplasmic reticulum (ER) quality control, involving molecular chaperones; and 3) translating knowledge from the basic science into the clinical practice, namely diagnosis, prognosis and therapeutics. A major emphasis has been on the assessment of basic cellular defects in **fresh native tissues** (collected from patients), namely, nasal epithelial cells and rectal biopsies.

**Transcriptomics** and **proteomics** projects have also been underway in the lab to better understand CF pathophysiology and also, in collaboration with nanoelectronics centres, towards the development of novel chips (based on magnetic sensors) for the quick and cheap diagnosis of CF. I am also involved in pharmacological projects (elucidation of the mechanism of action of compounds) and genomic (**human artificial chromosomes**) approaches to CF therapy.

Recent work on **genome-wide functional genomics** has been carried out through EU-project TargetScreen2 (*Novel post-genomics cell-based screens for drug targeting in membrane protein disorders*) in collaboration with EMBL (Heidelberg and other partners, including 4 companies). The goal was to identify and characterize proteins involved in the traffic/function of three model proteins, namely: CFTR, the epithelial Na<sup>+</sup> channel ENaC and the G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) melanocortin 4 receptor (MC4R) and to identify novel small-molecules that correct the defects associated with these membrane proteins.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Articles in International Peer-Reviewed Journals [impact factor as per 2012]*

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2. Luz S, Cihil KM, Brautigam DL, Amaral MD, Farinha CM, Swiatecka-Urban A (2014) LMTK2 Mediated Phosphorylation Regulates CFTR Endocytosis in Human Airway Epithelial Cells. *J Biol Chem*. Apr 11. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: [24727471](#)]. IF: **4.651**.
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| 2014 | Gilead GÉNESE Programme (Ref 002/2013) " <i>Diagnosis, Prognosis and Personalized Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis</i> ". Total budget: 20.000 €, 1 year. PI  |
| 2012 | FCT/POCTI (PTDC/SAU-GMG/122299/2010) " <i>Characterization Of ER-Quality Control for the F508del-CFTR Protein: Potential Therapeutic Targets for Cystic Fibrosis</i> ". Total budget: 170.000 €, 3 years. PI  |
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