

Scholarly Activities:

The long-term goal of our research is to understand the molecular and genetic mechanisms that control the differentiation and regeneration of motor neurons and oligodendrocytes, and develop novel molecular strategies for stimulating the *de novo* regeneration of motor neurons and oligodendrocytes in the injured spinal cord. Research projects include: (1) Identification of the molecular pathways that regulate the early specification and differentiation of motor neurons and oligodendrocytes. (2) Transcriptional control of astrocyte development in the developing CNS. (3) Lineage-specific differentiation of iPS stem cells into motor neurons and oligodendrocytes for spinal cord injury transplantation.

Grants:

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Transcriptional control of oligodendrocyte development

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Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Role of Nkx6.1 homeodomain transcription factor in astrogliogenesis

during development and in injury

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Publications (2013-2014):

Papers:

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External Professional Activities (2013-2014):

NIH Study Section Member Neurogenesis and Cell Fate (2014 - present)