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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) Elucidation of the molecular pathways that regulate the early specification and differentiation of glia in the developing CNS. (2) Transcriptional and posttranscriptional regulation of homeodomain factors that control the early development of motor neurons and oligodendrocyte cells. (3) Isolation and characterization of the surface receptors involved in CNS myelination. (4) Lineage-specific differentiation of embryonic stem cells into motor neurons and oligodendrocytes for spinal cord transplantation.

## **Grants:**

NIH (1R01-NS37717-09)P. I."Molecular and genetic control of oligodendrocyte development"35% efforts06/01/09 - 05/30/14Total \$1, 626, 157

 National Multiple Sclerosis Society (RG3275) P. I.
 15% efforts

 Developmental regulation of axonal myelination by Necl molecules
 07/2009-06/2012

 Total: \$474,019

Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust (#3-12)P.I.10% effortRole of protein phosphatase D in axonal myelination.01/09 –01/2012Total \$299,000

## **Publications:**

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Sujata, **Qiu M**, Hetman M and Whittemore S. (2011). Attenuating the ER stress response improves functional recovery after spinal cord injury. Glia 59(10):1489-502

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Zheng K, Li H, Huang H, and **Qiu M**. (2012). microRNAs and glial cell development. The Neuroscientist 18(2):114-8

## **External Professional Activity:**

NIH Study Section MCBG, regular member (2012-)



