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A. Education:

Licenciatura (equivalent to B.S.), Biological Chemistry, 1979. Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia; Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Ph.D., Microbiology, 1985. Department of Microbiology, The University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.

Postdoctoral, Immunology. 1985 - 1991. Department of Microbiology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.

B. Academic Appointments:

1/1979-12/1979: **Supervisor and Instructor**, Clinical Laboratory School, Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

1/1980 - 7/1980: **Adjunct Professor of Microbiology III**; Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

8/1980 - 5/1985: **Graduate Student**; Department of Microbiology, The University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS. (Advisor: Tsuneo Suzuki, M.D., Ph.D.).

6/1985 - 9/1991: **Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor**; Department of Microbiology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX. (Supervisors: Ellen S. Vitetta, Ph.D. and Jonathan W. Uhr, M.D.).

9/1991 - 4/1992: **Instructor**; Cancer Immunobiology Center, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX. (Supervisor: Phillip E. Thorpe, Ph.D.).

4/1992 -5/1998: **Assistant Professor**; Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

10/1994 - 5/1998: **Assistant Professor**; Division of Experimental Immunology and Immunopathology, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

5/1/98 - present: **Associate Professor**; Division of Research, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; joint appointment at Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

C. Other positions and Employment including Military Service:

1/1977 - 1/1979: **Research Assistant**, Division of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, Nutrition Institute of Central America and Panama (INCAP), Guatemala City, Guatemala. (Advisors: Ricardo Bressani, Ph.D. and Luiz G. Elias, Ph.D.).

1/1979 - 6/1979: **Supervisor**, Clinical Laboratory, "Juan de Dios Rodas Hospital", Sololá, Guatemala.

1/1980 - 7/1980: **Supervisor**, Clinical Laboratory, "Centro Medico Hospital", Guatemala City, Guatemala.

D. Board Certification and Licensure:

N.A.

E. Professional Memberships and Activities:

1988 – present: Member, **American Association of Immunologists (AAI)**.

1994 - 2000: Associate Member, **Center for Applied Microcirculatory Research (CAMR)**, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

1995 – present: Member, **International Cytokine Society (ICS)**.

1998 – present: Member, **Society for Leukocyte Biology (SLB)**.

1999 – present: Member, **Institute for Molecular Diversity and Drug Design (IMD³)**, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

2002 – present: Member, **Center for Genetics and Molecular Medicine (CGeMM)**, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

2005 – present: Founding Member, **International Network of Science, Technology and Innovation of Guatemala.**

F. Honors and Awards:

- 1977, 1978 Research Fellowship, Division of Food and Agricultural Chemistry, Nutrition Institute of Central America and Panama (INCAP), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 1982 – 1983 Dissertation Fellowship, The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
- 1983 – 1984 Biomedical Sciences Scholar Award, University of Kansas Alumni Association, Kansas City, KS.
- 1986 Invited speaker, IV National Congress of Microbiology, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 1989 New Investigator Recognition Award, Clinical Immunology Society (CIS).
- 1992 Invited speaker, FASEB Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- 1992 Invited speaker, Second Symposium on Molecular Hematology, Freiburg, Germany.
- 1993 Invited Workshop Chairperson, 22nd. Autumn Immunology Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 1993 President's Young Investigator Award, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
- 1995 Third Place Award in the Young Investigator Award Competition, The International Cytokine Society, Harrogate, U.K.
- 1997 Invited speaker, Latin American Nutrition Society Meeting, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 1999 Invited speaker, School of Medicine, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2000 Third Place Award in Scientific Importance. Research! Louisville 2000, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- 2001 Invited Speaker, II Central American Congress on STD/HIV/AIDS, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2002 Outstanding Research Faculty Recognition. Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- 2005 Outstanding Research Faculty Recognition. Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- 2005 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2005. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.

- 2006 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2006. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2006 Invited Speaker. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2007 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2007. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2008 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2008. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2008 Invited Speaker and Session Chairman. Therapeutic potential of cytokine targets. Molecular Medicine Tri-conference. Bridging Biology, Chemistry and Business. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2009. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2010 Invited Keynote Speaker. XIII Congress of Medicine. Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2010 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2010. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala
- 2010 Invited Panelist. Expert Panel on Yeast β -Glucan. Mead Johnson Nutrition, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2011 Invited Keynote Speaker. Mechanism of action of β -Glucan. VIVA Symposium. Mead Johnson Nutrition, Asia. Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 2011 Invited Keynote Speaker. Mechanism of action of β -Glucan. VIVA Symposium. Mead Johnson Nutrition, Asia. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- 2011 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2011. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2012 Invited Keynote Speaker. XV Congress of Medicine. Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2012 Invited Speaker and Panelist. Convergencia 2012. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONCYT), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2012 Invited Keynote Speaker. 1st Symposium on Autoimmunity. Hospital Roosevelt and Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- 2014 Invited Speaker. XVII Congress of Medicine. Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
- 2014 Certificate of Reviewing Excellence – *Brain Behavior and Immunity/Elsevier*.

G. Committee Assignments and Administrative Services:

1996 – present	Member of the Research Committee, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine , University of Louisville. Chair of the Research Committee (2002 – 2004).
1997 - 1999	Member of the Promotion, Appointment and Tenure Committee, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine , University of Louisville.
1997 - 1999	Member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine , University of Louisville.
1998 – present	Member of the Admissions Committee, School of Medicine , University of Louisville.
1998 - 1999	Member of the Performance Based Salary Increase Committee (PBSI), Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine , University of Louisville.
1999 – 2002	Member of the Minority Affairs Committee, The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) .
1999 – present	Member of the Executive Council, Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC) .
1999 – 2015	Chair, Diversity Program, Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC) .
2002 – 2007	Member of the Council on Diversity and Racial Equality (CODRE) , University of Louisville.
2004 -2007	Member of the Admissions Committee, American Association of Immunologists (AAI) .
2005 – present	Member of the International Network of Science, Technology and Innovation for Guatemala .
2007 – 2009	Member, Travel Awards Committee, Institute of Molecular Diversity and Drug Design (IMD3) , University of Louisville.
2009 – present	Member of the Diversity Committee, School of Medicine , University of Louisville.
2009 – present	Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine , University of Louisville.
2009 – 2011	Chair, Travel Awards Committee, Institute of Molecular Diversity and Drug Design (IMD3) , University of Louisville.
2012	Member, LCME Review Preparation Committee – Admissions , School of Medicine, University of Louisville.
2013 – 2017	Chair, Diversity Committee, School of Medicine , University of Louisville.

2016	Workshop Coordinator, Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC)
2017	Secretary, Autumn Immunology Conference (AIC)
2017-present	Member, Graduate Council , School of Medicine, University of Louisville
2018	Chair, Autumn Immunology Conference

H. Journal Editorial Boards, Advisory Councils, Peer Reviewer of Manuscripts:

Editorial Boards:

1998 – 2004	Associate Editor, <i>The Journal of Immunology</i> .
1998 – 2005	Associate Editor, <i>Analytical Pharmacology</i> .
2008 – 2016	Associate Editor, <i>Inflammation and Allergy – Drug Targets (IA-DT)</i>
2012 – present	Associate Editor, <i>Brain, Behavior and Immunity</i>
2015	Topic Editor, <i>Frontiers in Psychology</i>
2017 - present	Section Editor (Inflammation). <i>University of Louisville Journal of Respiratory Infections</i>

Advisory Councils, Granting Agencies:

1993 – present	Member of the Intramural Research Incentive Grants (IRIG) Committee , University of Louisville.
2001	Reviewer, Boyd Professorship, Louisiana State University , Baton Rouge, LA.
2003	Reviewer, Arthritis Research Campaign , London, U.K.
2004 - 2010	Member of the Minority/Disability Predoctoral Fellowships Study Section, NIH .
2004 - 2005	Reviewer, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology , Zürich, Switzerland.
2005 – 2012	Member, R1 Immunology and Virology Study Section, American Heart Association (AHA) .
2006	Reviewer, The Wellcome Trust , London, U.K.
2006	Reviewer, Agence Nationale de la Recherche , Paris, France.
2009 - 2010	Chairman, Minority/Disability Predoctoral Fellowships Study Section, NIH .

2011 Member, Chair Review Committee, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Louisville.

Peer Review of Manuscripts:

1992 – present *Ad-hoc* reviewer for the following journals: *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*, *Biopharmaceutics and Drug Disposition*, *Brain*, *Behavior, and Immunology*, *Canadian Journal of Microbiology*, *Cancer Research*, *Cellular Immunology*, *Cell and Molecular Biology Letters*, *Chemical Reviews*, *Clinical and Experimental Immunology*, *Cytokine*, *FASEB Journal*, *Human Immunology*, *Immunology*, *Inflammation and Allergy–Drug Targets*, *Inflammation Research*, *International Journal of Molecular Science*, *Journal of Immunology*, *Journal of Leukocyte Biology*, *Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*, *Journal of Women’s Health*, *Life Sciences*, *Molecular Immunology*, *Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases*, *PLOS-One*, *Revista de la Dirección General de Investigación (DIGI)*, *Scientific Reports*, *The Journal of Peptide Research*, *The Lancet*.

I. Board Memberships:

N.A.

J. Teaching:

Courses:

7/1979 - 12/1979 Instructor, Medical Bacteriology and Medical Mycology (undergraduate level courses), Clinical Laboratory School, Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

1/1980 - 7/1980 Lecturer, General Microbiology, Medical Bacteriology and Medical Parasitology (undergraduate level courses), Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

1980 - 1984 Instructor, Medical Bacteriology course (Medical students), Department of Microbiology, University of Kansas Medical Center.

1985 - 1991 Instructor, Immunology and Parasitology modules of the Medical Microbiology course (Medical students), Department of Microbiology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

1992 - 1995 Lecturer, Immunology Section of the Remedial Medical Microbiology Course, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.

1992 – 1995	Lecturer, Immunology Section of the Dental Microbiology course, Dental School, University of Louisville.
1992 - 2012	Lecturer, Medical Microbiology course (MBIO-850-Medical students). Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.
1992 – present	Lecturer, Introductory Immunology (MBIO602 – Graduate students). Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.
1999	Lecturer, Basic Immunology Course for Health Professionals. Universidad Evangélica de El Salvador, San Salvador, El Salvador.
1999 – present	Lecturer, Cancer Immunology Elective course (PATH 869). Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Louisville. Course director since 2010.
2007 - present	Lecturer, Advanced Immunology course (MBIO-658-Graduate students), Department of Microbiology & Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.
2009 - present	Lecturer, Sophomore Medical Pathology course (medical students), Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Louisville.
2011 – present	Dental Immunology Course (BMSC806-04), Dental School, University of Louisville.

Graduate Student Supervision:

1990 - 1991	Direct supervision of two graduate (Ph.D) students, during laboratory rotations at the Department of Microbiology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX. Ramona Leibnitz (Spring 1990) "Generation of an IL-4-dependent line"; Doug Reed (Spring 1991) "Effect of Ricin A on cytokine binding and activity".
1992 - 1996	Ph.D. advisor for Paula M. Chilton. Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville. Dissertation title: Regulation of soluble interleukin-4 receptor expression in murine spleen cells (Approved on August 26, 1996).
1993 - 1996	Ph.D. advisor for Yuhe Ma. Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville. Dissertation title: Potential role of soluble cytokine receptors as carrier proteins: Effects of soluble interleukin-4 receptors on the pharmacokinetics of murine IL-4" (Approved on August 21, 1996).
1996 - 1998	M.S. advisor for Dr. Jun Yan, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Louisville. Dissertation title: Characterization of the interactions between interferon- γ and glycosaminoglycans/gangliosides and their potential modulatory effects on the biological activity of interferon- γ . (Approved on May 21, 1998).

- 1999 - 2000 Ph.D. advisor for Bradley Brewer, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Louisville.
- 2003 – 2006 Research sponsor for undergraduate student, James G. Cripps. Department of Chemistry, University of Louisville. Currently in graduate school at Dartmouth University.

Postdoctoral Student Supervision:

- 2000 – 2003 Xichun Sun, Ph.D. Currently in the Department of Pathology, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.
- 2000 – 2005 Fabian Crespo, Ph.D. Currently in the Department of Anthropology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

Other Research Supervision:

- 1995 Sponsor for Walter Jones, Summer Research Fellow from the American Association of Immunologists (AAI).
- 2005 Sponsor for Summer Undergraduate Research student, Brent Dunn, Berea College, Berea, KY. (KBRIN Program).
- 2005 Sponsor for Junior High School student, Nihit Bajaj, Manual High School, Louisville, KY. (Brown Cancer Center Summer Research Internship).
- 2006 Sponsor for Junior High School students, Susanna Kim and Kristie Disney, Manual High School, Louisville, KY. (Brown Cancer Center Summer Research Internship).
- 2007 Sponsor for Summer Undergraduate Research student, Shawn Greschel, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY. (KBRIN Program).
- 2007 Sponsor for Senior High School student, Kevin Gerstle, Saint X High School, Louisville, KY. (Brown Cancer Center Summer Research Internship).
- 2008 Sponsor for 2nd year Medical student, Cristina Fernandez, School of Medicine, University of Louisville (Summer Research).
- 2008 Sponsor for Junior High School student, Sahiba Chopra, Manual High School, Louisville, KY.
- 2010, 2011 Sponsor for undergraduate student, Julio Aleman, Universidad del Valle, Guatemala.
- 2012 Sponsor for undergraduate student, Roberto Fernández Ruiz, Univesidad del Valle, Guatemala.

Thesis Committees:

1992 – 1994	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Cem Akin, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
1992 – 1995	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Brian Thornton, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
1999 – 2002	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Feng Hong, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
1999 – 2002	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Laura Pantoja, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
2000 - 2002	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Vijay Gorantla, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville.
2001 – 2003	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Melanie Scott, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
2002 – 2004	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Chuancang Jiang, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
2002 – 2004	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Cristopher Cunningham, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, University of Louisville.
2003 – 2005	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Dianne Franke, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
2005 -2006	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Matt Turina, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville.
2007	Member, Ph.D. Qualifying Exam, Christelle P. El Haibi, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville.
2008 – 2010	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Sathnur Pushpakumar, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville.
2008 – 2011	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Megan Mott, Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, University of Louisville.
2010 – 2012	Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Tatyana M. Fernandes, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville.
2013	Member, Qualifying Committee, Jeremy Camp, Department of Microbiology and Immunology
2014	Member, Qualifying Committee, Bindu Hedge, Department of Microbiology & Immunology
2015	Member, MS Thesis Committee, Reginald Nkansah, Department of Physiology, University of Louisville.

- 2015 Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Yvette Szabo, Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences, University of Louisville.
- 2015 Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Tuo Shao, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, University of Louisville.
- 2017 Member, Ph.D. Thesis Committee, Lindsay Knight, Translational Neuroscience Program, University of Louisville.

K. Abstracts and Presentations:

Oral Presentations: National/International Meetings:

1. **Fernandez-Botran, R., L. G. Elias, and R. Bressani.** 1980. Antinutritional factors in legume seeds (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) and their possible relationship with the content of tannins and associated polyphenols. Minisymposium. *Proceedings of the XVII Meeting of the Central American and Caribbean Program for the Improvement of Edible Cultures.(PCCMCA)*, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 1980.
2. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1986. Recent advances on the etiology and immunological treatment of cancer. Invited talk. *IV National Congress of Microbiology*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
3. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and E. S. Vitetta.** 1989. A soluble IL-4 binding protein is present in mouse serum and ascites: a potential role in immuno regulation. *Cytokine*, 1:149. Minisymposium at the *II International Symposium on Cytokines*, Hilton Head, SC.
4. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and E.S. Vitetta.** 1992. Immunological and functional relationships between membrane and soluble IL-4 receptors. *FASEB J.*, 6:A1123. Minisymposium at the 1992 FASEB Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
5. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1992. Do soluble cytokine receptors have a role in the regulation of inflammatory and immune responses? Invited panelist at the 1992 FASEB Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
6. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1992. Soluble cytokine receptors. Invited speaker at the *II Symposium on Molecular Hematology*, Freiburg, Germany.
7. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and P. M. Chilton.** 1993. Regulation of the secretion of soluble IL-4 receptors (sIL-4R) in murine spleen cells and different cell lines. *J. Immunol.*, 150(II):91A. Minisymposium at the 1993 joint AAI/CIS Meeting, Denver, CO.
8. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1993. Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors and their Role in Immunoregulation". Invited speaker. NIAID, NIH, Bethesda, MD.
9. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1993. The Role of Cytokines in the Immunity Against Infectious Diseases. Invited speaker. Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP), Guatemala City, Guatemala.

10. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1994. Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors: do they participate in Immunoregulation? Invited speaker. Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology and Neurobiology, Loyola University Chicago, Maywood, IL.
11. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1994. Soluble Cytokine Receptors: do they participate in immunoregulation? Invited speaker. Department of Microbiology, Molecular Bacteriology and Immunology, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS.
12. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1995. The Role of Endogenous Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors in the Regulation of IL-4 Activity. Invited Speaker. Central Research Division, Pfizer Inc., Groton, CT.
13. **Fernandez-Botran, R., P. M. Chilton, Y. Ma, J. Windsor, and N. E. Street.** 1995. Differential regulation of soluble interleukin-4 receptor by CD4⁺ T cell subsets: Implications in immunoregulation. *Cytokine*, 7:596. Selected talk at the *3rd International Cytokine Society Conference*, Harrogate, U.K.
14. **Fernandez-Botran, R., H. E. Hurst, and Y. Ma.** 1996. Modulation of the pharmacokinetic properties of IL-4 by soluble IL-4 receptors: balancing agonistic and antagonistic properties. *Eur. Cytokine Netw.*, 7:655. Minisymposium at the *1st Joint Meeting of the ICS & ISCIR*, Geneva, Switzerland.
15. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** Applications of Molecular Biology in the Study of Cytokines and Regulation of the Immune Response. Invited speaker. *Congress of the Latin American Nutrition Society*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
16. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and J. Vetvickova.** 1999. Soluble gangliosides interfere with IFN γ activity and modulate the differentiation of CD4⁺ T cells. Talk. *European Research Conference on Cytokines, Hormones and Immunity*. Castelvecchio Pascoli, Italy.
17. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1999. Cytokines and the regulation of immune responses: from the laboratory to clinical practice. Invited Speaker. Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
18. **Fernandez-Botran, R., V. Gorantla, X. Ren, G. Perez-Abadia, C. Maldonado, M. Ray and J. Barker.** 2001. An inhibitor of glycosaminoglycan-cytokine interactions delays rejection of rat allogeneic skin grafts. *Scand. J. Immunol.*, 54 (Suppl. 1): 107. Minisymposium at the *11th International Congress of Immunology*. Stockholm, Sweden.
19. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2001. Cytokines in the immunity, pathology and treatment of pneumonia. Invited Speaker. *Second Central American Congress of STI/HIV/AIDS*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
20. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2001. Cytokines and the treatment of AIDS. Invited Speaker. *Second Central American Congress of STI/HIV/AIDS*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
21. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2001. Chemokine receptors and cellular entry by HIV. Invited Speaker. *Second Central American Congress of STI/HIV/AIDS*. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
22. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2003. Multilevel immunoregulation by gangliosides. Implications in cancer. Invited speaker. Department of Microbiology & Immunology. The University of Kansas Medical Center. Kansas City, KS.

23. **Fernandez-Botran, R., J. Cripps and F. A. Crespo.** 2004. Inhibición de interacciones entre citocinas y glicosaminoglicanos: una estrategia anti-inflamatoria. *Inmunología*, 23: 170. Talk at the XXX Congress of the Spanish Society of Immunology. Santander, Spain.
24. **Fernandez-Botran, R., X. Sun and F. A. Crespo.** 2004. The immunoregulatory effects of gangliosides involve modulation of Th1/Th2 differentiation and cytokine signaling. *Clin. Invest. Med.*, 27(4): 85C. Talk at the 12th International Congress of Immunology and 4th Annual Conference of FOCIS. Montreal, Canada. 2004.
25. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. Treachery and deception: how tumors escape the immune system. Invited lecture. Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
26. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. From basic sciences to their application: new strategies in the treatment of inflammatory diseases. Invited lecture. Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
27. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. Experiences in teaching and promoting interest and participation of students in the basic sciences. Invited lecture. *Converciencia 2005*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
28. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. Speaker. Panel Forum on Education for Science and Research. *Converciencia 2005*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
29. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. Treachery and deception: how tumors escape the immune system. Invited lecture. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
30. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2005. Contribution of Bioengineering to the design, assay and production of novel pharmacologic agents. Keynote address at the XX ESIQ Congress. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
31. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2006. The role of the Immune System in Cancer. Ivided teleconference talk. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala (USAC), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
32. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2006. Cancer and the immune response. Invited Speaker. *Converciencia 2006*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
33. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2006. Research and education. Invited Speaker. *Converciencia 2006*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
34. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2006. Genetic markers and cancer. Invited speaker. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
35. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2007. Genetics and immunology of cancer. Invited speaker. Universidad Mariano Gálvez, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
36. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2007. The importance of research activities in the formation of professionals. Invited speaker. Universidad Mariano Gálvez, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
37. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2007. The importance of research activities in the formation of professionals. Invited speaker. *Converciencia 2007*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

38. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2008. Targeting cytokine interactions with glycosaminoglycans to modulate inflammation. Invited speaker. *Molecular Medicine Tri-conference. Bridging Biology, Chemistry and Business.* San Francisco, CA.
39. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2008. Anthropology in the XXI century: Population studies based on genetic polymorphisms. Invited speaker. Universidad Galileo. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
40. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2008. Anthropology in the XXI century: Population studies based on genetic polymorphisms. Invited speaker. School of Medicine, Universidad Francisco Marroquín. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
41. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2008. Cancer: the latests discoveries. Invited speaker. *Converciencia 2008,* Guatemala City, Guatemala.
42. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2009. Genes and cancer. Invited Speaker. *Converciencia 2009,* Guatemala City, Guatemala.
43. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2009. Genes and cancer. Invited speaker. School of Medicine, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
44. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2009. Equilibrium in the Immune System. Invited speaker. School of Medicine, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
45. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2009. Advances in cancer immunotherapy. Actualization Symposium in Immunology and Microbiology. Keynote address. Facultad de Ciencias Químicas y Farmacia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
46. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2010. The Immune System and Cancer. Invited Speaker. XIII Congress of Medicine, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
47. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2010. The Search for New Therapeutic Targets in Cancer and Inflammation. Keynote adress. XIII Congress of Medicine, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
48. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2010. Potential Applications of Biotechnology in the Health Field. Invited panelist. Symposium on the Status and Future of Biotechnology in Guatemala. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
49. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2010. Biotechnology, Immune System and Nutrition. Invited Speaker. *Converciencia 2010.* Guatemala City, Guatemala.
50. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. The Immune System and action of Beta Glucans. Keynote Speaker. *VIVA Symposium.* Hanoi, Vietnam.
51. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. The Immune System and action of Beta Glucans. Keynote Speaker. *VIVA Symposium.* Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
52. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. Cancer Immunology. Invited speaker. Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
53. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. Genetic variability and disease susceptibility. Invited speaker. *Converciencia 2011,* Guatemala City, Guatemala.

54. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. Scientific Publications Workshop. Invited speaker. *Converciencia 2011*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
55. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2011. Immunology and Cancer. Invited speaker. Centro Universitario de Oriente, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Chiquimula, Guatemala.
56. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. The Relationship between the Immune System and Cancer. Just Enemies? Keynote Speaker. XV Congress of Medicine, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
59. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy: Cells, Antibodies and Vaccines. Invited Speaker. XV Congress of Medicine, Universidad Dr. José Matías Delgado, San Salvador, El Salvador.
60. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. The Immunology of Cancer. *Converciencia 2012*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
61. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. Academic Quality and Publication. *Converciencia 2012*, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
62. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. Autoimmunity. 1st Symposium on Autoimmunity, Hospital Roosevelt and Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala.
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70. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** Avances en la Inmunoterapia del Cáncer (*Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy*). School of Chemical Sciences and Pharmacy. Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala. March 25, 2017.

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Oral Presentations: Local/Regional Meetings:

1. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1993. Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors and their Role in Immunoregulation. Invited speaker. Department of Biology, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY.
2. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1995. Regulation of cytokine Activity by Soluble Receptors. Invited speaker. Center for Applied Microcirculatory Research, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
3. **Yan, J., and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 1997. Interferon γ binds to glycosaminoglycans and gangliosides: potential immunoregulatory interactions. Talk and poster at the 26th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference. Chicago, IL.
4. **Brewer, B., and Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1999. IFN γ binds to gangliosides. Talk and poster at the 28th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference. Chicago, IL.
5. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2000. Targeting of glycosaminoglycan-cytokine interactions as an immune-modulatory approach. Talk at the CAMR Minisymposium, Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
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7. **Crespo, F., and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2001. Gangliosides modulate the differentiation of helper T cells. Talk and poster at the 30th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference. Chicago, IL.

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11. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2013. Pneumonia-Host Response. Invited speaker. Clinical & Translational Research in Infectious Diseases. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

Poster Presentations: National/International Meetings:

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3. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and T. Suzuki.** 1984. Biochemical properties of phosphatidylcholine (PC)/IgG_{2b}-binding proteins of a murine macrophage-like cell line (P388D₁). *Fed. Proc.*, 43:1915. Poster at the 1984 Meeting of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI), St. Louis, MO.
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80. **Short, N., Keeton, K., Fernandez-Botran, R., Crespo, F.** 2012. Differential immune responses in human populations: searching for evolutionary clues. Undergraduate Symposium at the *Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA)*, Portland, OR.
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83. **Dryden, G.W., Hussien, H.M., Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2012. Targeting cytokine interactions with glycosaminoglycans as a therapeutic approach in colitis: effects on inflammation and tumor development. *Digestive Diseases Week*, San Diego, CA.
84. **Hussien Quazzaz, H.M., Stillman, A.N., Fernandez-Botran, R., Dryden, G.W.** 2012. Effects of EGCG on epithelial IL-27 axis: mechanism of action revealed? *Digestive Diseases Week*, San Diego, CA.
85. **Fernandez-Botran, R., Q. Xie, L. Gobejishvili, J. Zhang, S. Joshi-Barve, C. McClain, S. Barve.** 2013. Disruption of chemokine-glycosaminoglycan interactions protects the liver in the murine Concanavalin A-induced acute hepatitis model. *15th International Congress of Immunology (ICI)*, Milan, Italy.
86. **Perez San Juan, J., L. Rodriguez-Hernandez, S. Uriarte, R. Kelley, T. Wiemken, R. Fernandez-Botran, M. Gnani, P. Peyrani, J. Bordon, M. Rane, F. Arnold, J. Ramirez.** 2013. Neutrophil function in elderly patients hospitalized with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP): results from the Community-Acquired Pneumonia Inflammatory Study Group (CAPSIG). *Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) IDWeek*, San Francisco, CA.
87. **Arnold, F.W., J.A. Ramirez, R. Fernandez-Botran, M. Rane, S. Uriarte, R. Kelley, T. Wiemken, P. Peyrani, J. Bordon.** 2013. Macrolide immunomodulation and outcomes in hospitalized patients with community-acquired pneumonia. *Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) IDWeek*, San Francisco, CA.
88. **Szabo, Y.Z., R. Fernandez-Botran, J.J. Miller, V.E. Burns, T.L. Newton.** 2013. Chronically traumatized midlife women resistant to PTSD or recovered from PTSD have similar

- health-related quality of life. *International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies*, Philadelphia, PA.
89. **Szabo, Y.Z., K.N. Fleming, R. Fernandez-Botran, J. J. Miller, V.E. Burns, T.L. Newton.** 2013. Past emotional/verbal abuse predicts current depression symptom clusters in post-abuse community-dwelling women. *International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies*, Philadelphia, PA.
 90. **Szabo, Y.Z., R. Fernandez-Botran, J.J. Miller, K.B. Lyle, T.L. Newton.** 2014. Detection and stress reactivity of interleukin-10 in oral fluids. *American Psychosomatic Society*, San Francisco, CA.
 91. **Szabo, Y. S., Miller, J. J., Fernandez-Botran, R., Burns, V. E., Newton, T. L.** 2015. Health risks in midlife women: The roles of cumulative trauma and posttraumatic stress. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society, Savannah, GA (March 2015).
 92. **Frimodig, J., R. Fernandez-Botran, P. Matheson, A. Matheson, N. Garrison, C. McClain.** 2015. Small peptide MC2 mitigates liver injury in a rat model of ischemia reperfusion. Poster presented at the meeting of the Shock Society, Denver, CO (June 2015). *Shock*. 43(6S), Suppl. 1: p52.
 93. **Warnecke, A. J., Szabo, Y. Z., Burns, V. E., Fernandez-Botran, R., Miller, J. J., & Newton, T. L.** 2015. Sheltering for safety in community women with divorce histories. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, New Orleans, LA. (November 2015)
 94. **Szabo, Y. Z., Fernandez-Botran, R., & Newton, T. L.** 2017. Cumulative Trauma, Emotion Reactivity and Salivary Cytokine Reactivity Among Exceptionally Healthy Women. To be presented as a poster presentation at International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), Chicago, IL.
 95. **Morello Gearhart A, Fernandez-Botran R, Peyrani P, Wiemken T, Reyes A, Gauhar U, Rivas-Perez H, Roman J, Ramirez JA, Cavallazzi R.** 2017. Role of Cytokines in the Lung and Systemic Inflammation in Patients with COPD. Presented as a poster at the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Meeting. Washington DC.

Poster Presentations: Local/Regional Meetings:

1. **Yan, J., D. Justus, L. A. Hunt, and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 1997. Interferon γ binds to glycosaminoglycans and gangliosides: potential immunoregulatory interactions. Poster at the 23rd. Annual Student Research Day. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
2. **Brewer, B., and Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1999. IFN γ non-covalently interacts with gangliosides. Poster at Research! Louisville 1999. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
3. **Sun, X., J. Vetvickova, A. Spatola, and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2000. Targeting of glycosaminoglycan-cytokine interactions. Poster at the 29th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference. Chicago, IL.

4. **Sun, X., J. Vetvickova, A. Spatola, and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2000. Targeting of glycosaminoglycan-cytokine interactions. Poster at Research! Louisville 2000. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
5. **Gorantla, V., X. Ren, G. Perez-Abadia, C. Maldonado, M. Ray, J. Barker, and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2000. An inhibitor of glycosaminoglycan-interactions delays rejection of allogeneic rat skin grafts. Poster at Research! Louisville 2000. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
6. **Sun, X., A. Spatola, V. Gorantla, X. Ren, G. Pérez-Abadía, C. Maldonado, M. Ray, J. Barker and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2001. Targeting of glycosaminoglycan-cytokine interactions. Immunoregulatory activities. Poster at the IMD³ Symposium 2001, Drug Design for a New Millenium. University of Louisville and Jewish Hospital, Louisville, KY.
7. **Crespo, F., and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2001. Gangliosides modulate the differentiation of helper T cells. Poster at Research! Louisville 2001. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
8. **Crespo, F.A., A. Ramirez and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2002. Immunoregulatory effects of gangliosides and the Th1/Th2 paradigm. Poster at Research! Louisville 2002. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
9. **Crespo, F. A., J. G. Cripps and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2005. Gangliosides and the modulation of Th1/Th2 differentiation. Poster at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center 4th Annual Retreat. Louisville, KY.
10. **Ihenetu, K., H. Quazzaz, F. A. Crespo, R. Fernandez-Botran, and R. Valdes, Jr.** 2005. Induction of apoptosis by non-toxic concentrations of cardiac glycosides. Poster at Research! Louisville 2005. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
11. **Cripps, J. G., F. A. Crespo and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2005. Targeting glycosaminoglycan - cytokine interactions as a novel anti-inflammatory approach. IMD³ Fall Fest. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
12. **Fernandez-Botran, R., J. Cripps, P. Alard, M. Kosiewicz, and F. Crespo.** 2006. Gangliosides promote the emergence of Foxp3⁺ regulatory T cells. Poster at the 5th Annual Retreat, The James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
13. **Fernandez-Botran, R., J. Cripps, P. Alard, M. Kosiewicz, and F. Crespo.** 2006. Gangliosides promote the emergence of Foxp3⁺ regulatory T cells. Poster at Research! Louisville, 2006, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
14. **Crespo, F. A, J. A. Bouldin, R. Fernandez-Botran, M. F. Casanova, and C. R. Tillquist.** 2006. A global survey of cytokine expression polymorphism in human populations. Poster at Research! Louisville, 2006, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
15. **Ihenetu, K. U., H. M. Hussien Quazzaz, R. Fernandez-Botran, and R. Valdes, Jr.** 2006. DLIF (Digoxin-like immunoreactive factor) selectively induces apoptosis in malignant lymphoblastic cells. Poster at Research! Louisville, 2006, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
16. **Quazzaz, H., M. W. Linder, R. Fernandez-Botran, and G. Dryden.** 2006. EGCG, a green tea catechin, reduces pro-inflammatory cytokine production and induces apoptosis in

- human PBMCs. Poster at Research! Louisville, 2006, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
17. **Fernandez-Botran, R., S. Greschel, K. Gerstle, and D. Roach.** 2007. Loss of expression of ganglioside GD2 by lymphoma and lung carcinoma cells results in reduced tumorigenicity and immunosuppressive effects. A potential role for GD2 in immune evasion. Poster at Research! Louisville 2007. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 18. **Mott, M., M. Casanova, R. Fernandez-Botran, L. Sears, C. Tillquist, and F. Crespo.** 2007. Cytokine polymorphisms and their role in autism: a maternal and child perspective. Poster at Research! Louisville 2007. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 19. **Fernandez-Botran, R., D. Roach, S. Greschel, K. Gerstle, J. G. Cripps and F. A. Crespo.** 2007. Expression of gangliosides by tumor cells contributes to immune escape mechanisms and tumor growth. Poster at the 6th Annual Retreat, The James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 20. **Hart, R., R. Fernandez-Botran, I. Litvan, M. Casanova, C. Tillquist and F. Crespo.** 2007. Cytokine polymorphisms and their role in progressive supranuclear palsy. Poster at the 36th Annual Autumn Immunology Conference. Chicago, IL.
 21. **Greschel, S., D. Roach, K. Gerstle and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 2007. Disialo-ganglioside (GD2) expression promotes tumorigenicity and immune evasion in a mouse lymphoma model. Poster at the Summer Scholar Research Symposium, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 22. **Fernandez, C., R. Fernandez-Botran, J. Miller and T. Newton.** 2008. Measurement of IL-6 levels in saliva and oral-maxillary transudate (OMT) and their relationship to systemic (plasma) IL-6 levels in a psychological stress study population. Poster at *Research! Louisville 2008*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 23. **Fernandez-Botran, R., S. Greschel, and D. Roach.** 2009. Targeting the expression of GM2/GD2 synthase in tumor cell lines reduces tumor growth and enhances immune responses. Poster at the IMD3 Symposium 2009. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 24. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 2009. Overexpression of *six1* and *cyclin d1* in a ganglioside-negative EL-4 lymphoma variant that gives rise to tumors expressing GD2 disialo-ganglioside. Poster at the 8th Annual Retreat, The James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 25. **Fernandez-Botran, R., J. Zhang, G. Brock, S. Appana, M. Plankey, M. Young, B. Herold, H. Durkin, M.C. Villacres, R.M. Greenblatt, A. French, J. Golub, and J. Bordon.** 2010. Cytokine expression profiles in HIV-infected women preceding tuberculosis (WIHS project W08012). Poster at *Research! Louisville 2010*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 26. **Peyrani, P., Bordon, J., Uriarte, S., Fernandez-Botran, R., Rane, M., Cavallazzi, R., Saad, M., Arnold, F., Ramirez, J.** 2011. Correlation of inflammatory response with clinical outcomes in a patient hospitalized with influenza pneumonia: A case report from the Community-Acquired Pneumonia Inflammatory study group. *Research! Louisville 2011*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
 27. **Uriarte, S.M., Fernandez-Botran, R., Rane, M.J., Rodriguez-Hernandez, L., Peyrani, P., Wiemken, T., Thompson, K.K., Uppatla, S., Cavallazzi, R., Arnold, F., Bordon, J.,**

- Ramirez, J.A.** 2011. Neutrophil Activation and Cytokine Response: What role do they play on the outcomes of community-acquired pneumonia patients? *Research! Louisville 2011*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
28. **Fernandez-Botran, R., Quazzazz, H.H., Dryden, G.W.** 2011. Targeting cytokine interactions with glycosaminoglycans as a novel therapeutic approach in colitis: Effects on inflammation and tumor development. *Research! Louisville 2011*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
29. **Fernandez-Botran, R., Quazzazz, H.H., Dryden, G.W.** 2011. Targeting cytokine interactions with glycosaminoglycans as a novel therapeutic approach in colitis: Effects on inflammation and tumor development. *James Graham Brown Cancer Center 10th Annual Retreat*. Louisville, KY.
30. **Fernandez-Botran, R., Hussien Quazzaz, H., Dryden, G.** 2012. Targeting cytokine interactions with glycosaminoglycans as a novel therapeutic approach in colitis: Effects on inflammation and tumor development. *Research! Louisville 2012*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
31. **Uriarte, S.M., Fernandez-Botran, R., Rane, M., Rodriguez-Hernandez, L., Peyrani, P., Wiemken, T., Thompson, K., Uppatla, S., Bordon, J., Ramirez, J.A.** 2012. Neutrophil activation and cytokine response: what role do they play on the outcomes of community-acquired pneumonia patients? *Research! Louisville 2012*. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
32. **Kang, K.A., Maldonado, C., Cai, J., Fernandez-Botran, R., Sethu, P., Guo, H., Soh, K.-S.** 2012. Potential roles of primo vascular system in cancer metastasis. *James Graham Brown Cancer Center 11th Annual Retreat*, Louisville, KY.
33. **Arnold, F.W., J.A. Ramirez, R. Fernandez-Botran, M. Rane, S. Uriarte, R. Kelley, T. Wiemken, P. Peyrani, J. Bordon.** 2013. Macrolide immunomodulation and outcomes in hospitalized patients with community-acquired pneumonia. *Research! Louisville 2013*, Louisville, KY.
34. **Nahas, A., Binford L., Beavin L., Burns M., Corcino V., Velasquez MR, Fernandez-Botran, R., Wiemken T., Ramirez J., Cavallazzi R.** 2015. Systemic inflammatory response in patients with clinically stable COPD. *Research! Louisville 2015*, Louisville, KY.
35. **Elkhawas, I., Salunkhe V., Beavin L., Burns M., Corcino V., Fernandez-Botran R., Wiemken T., Ramirez J., Peyrani P.** 2015. Key cytokines mediating chronic inflammation and accelerating aging (inflammaging) in subjects with stable HIV disease. *Research! Louisville 2015*, Louisville, KY.
36. **Wiemken, T., Kelley R., Fernandez-Botran, R., Peyrani P., Cavallazzi R., Bordon J., Ramirez J.** 2015. Hierarchical clustering to identify cytokine patterns in hospitalized patients with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP). *Research! Louisville 2015*, Louisville, KY.
37. **Frimodig, J., R. Fernandez-Botran, P. Matheson, A. Matheson, N. Garrison, C. McClain.** 2015. Small peptide MC2 mitigates liver injury in a rat model of ischemia reperfusion. *Research! Louisville 2015*, Louisville, KY.
38. **Fernandez-Botran, R., I.A. Wellmann, C. Une, E. Méndez, E. Hernández de Rodas, C.I.**

Villagrán de Tercero. 2016. Serum Levels of Soluble Urokinase Plasminogen Activator Receptor (uPAR) and Pepsinogen I/II ratios (PGI/PGII) in Gastric Cancer Patients and their Correlation with Infection by Pathogenic *Helicobacter pylori* Strains. *Research! Louisville 2016, Louisville, KY.*

39. **Fernandez-Botran, R., Y.Z. Szabo, K.B. Lyle, T.L. Newton.** 2017. Increased salivary levels of Urokinase Plasminogen Activator Receptor (uPAR) following acute stress and correlation with inflammatory markers. Abstract presented at Research Louisville! 2017. September 2017. Louisville, KY.

L. Patents:

1. **Valdes, R., K. Ihenetu, R. Fernandez-Botran, and H. Quazzaz.** 2006. Treating cancer with cardenolides. U.S. patent 12/131,763.
2. **Valdes, R., K. Ihenetu, R. Fernandez-Botran, and H. Quazzaz.** 2006. Treating cancer with cardenolides. International patent PCT/US2006/042014.

M. Research Funding:

Completed or Active:

Dates	Source/Title /Role	Amount Awarded
09/1987-08/1988	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Immunoregulatory circuits between murine T helper cell subsets Role: Principal Investigator (20% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$ 6,000
01/1993-05/1993	University of Louisville (RIG grant) Evaluation of Cytokine/Heparin complexes for Immunotherapy Role: Principal Investigator (20% effort, 60% collaboration)	\$ 3,000
07/1993-06/1996	American Heart Association, National Center The Immunoregulatory Role of Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors Role: Principal Investigator (50% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$128,150
01/1994 -06/1994	The Gorgas Memorial Institute Application of Assays of Secretory Cytokines to the Study of Ocular Chlamydia Infection in Guatemala Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$ 5,000
12/1994-11/1999	National Institutes of Health (NIH) 1R29AI34627 UofL: GRNT970217	\$508,590

	Immunoregulation by Soluble Interleukin-4 Receptors Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort, 100% collaboration)	
11/1996-11/1998	Jewish Hospital Research Foundation Tolerance Induction using Intraportal Class I Antigen Role: Co-Investigator (10% effort, 20% collaboration)	\$40,000
11/1997-11/1999	Jewish Hospital Research Foundation Local Immunotherapy in Composite Tissue Allotransplantation Role: Co-Investigator (10% effort, 20% collaboration)	\$50,000
12/1998-11/2000	Jewish Hospital Research Foundation UofL: GRNT990073 Blockade of Interferon- γ Binding to Glycosaminoglycans as an Innovative Technique in Preventing Allograft Rejection Role: Principal Investigator (20% effort, 50% collaboration)	\$50,000
07/2000-06/2002	American Heart Association Grant # 0051464B UofL: GRNT000346 Targeting of Glycosaminoglycan - Cytokine Interactions Role: Principal Investigator (20% effort, 95% collaboration)	\$90,000
01/2003-12/2005	American Heart Association Grant # 0255420B UofL: GRNT021143 Targeting Cytokine-Glycosaminoglycan Interactions as a Neuroprotective Approach for Brain Ischemia/Reperfusion Role: Principal Investigator (25% effort, 50% collaboration)	\$214,500
01/2003-01/2004	University of Louisville, IRIG Program Interactions as a Novel Protective Approach for Ischemic Brain Injury Role: Principal Investigator (20% effort, 50% collaboration)	\$10,000
07/2003-06/2004	University of Louisville, IRIG Program Gangliosides as Immunoregulatory Molecules in Small Cell Lung Cancer Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$4,000
07/2005-06/2006	Brown Cancer Center Cancer Pilot Grant Immunosuppressive role of tumor-derived gangliosides Role: Principal Investigator (30% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$50,000
07/2003-06/2008	National Institutes of Health (NIH) NIH 1-R01-GM065459 UofL: GRNT020751 Novel feedback-regulation of xenobiotic bioactivation Role: Co-Investigator (10% effort, 10% collaboration)	\$1,811,900
07/2006-06/2009	National Institutes of Health (NIH) NIH 1 R21 AG0249902-01A2 UofL: OGMB051497 Intimate partner violence and inflammatory processes Role: Co-Investigator (10% effort, 20% collaboration)	\$412,5000

09/2006-08/2007	University of Louisville School of Medicine GM2/GD2 synthase and immune evasion by tumors Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort, 100% collaboration)	\$15,000
07/2007-06/2008	University of Louisville. ROW grant. Using Oral Fluids to Assess Markers of inflammation: Reliability, Validity, and Correlations with Traumatic Stress in Women Role: Co-Principal Investigator (10% effort, 50% collaboration)	\$4,000
04/2009-03/2010	University of Louisville School of Medicine IL-4 and IL-4- δ 2 in the modulation of Th1 response to <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> among HIV-infected individuals Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort, 50% collaboration)	\$11,000
12/2010-11/2015	National Institutes of Health (NIH) R25CA134283-01A2 University of Louisville Cancer Education Program Role: Faculty/Mentor (0% collaboration)	\$1,560,990
11/2011-11/2014	Department of Defense (DoD) Minimizing Shock/Complications in battlefield injuries. Role: Co-investigator (5% effort)	
07/2011-06/2012	University of Louisville. RIG grant Anti-Inflammatory Strategy by Targeting Cytokine-Glycosaminoglycan Interactions: Effects on Colitis and Tumorigenesis Role: Principal investigator (5% effort)	\$5,000
03/2012-12/2012	National Institutes of Health (NIH) U01AI-034994-17REV Subcontract RX-4335-029-UL. Synergistic Mechanisms Contributing to HCV Liver Disease in HIV-Infected Women. Role: Principal Investigator (10% effort)	\$30,000
01/2012-01/2014	DAISY Foundation. RTTM301. The Clinical and Biochemical Effect of Biofeedback on Fatigue and Insomnia in Persons with Breast Cancer Receiving Radiation Therapy Role: Co-investigator (5% effort)	\$20,000
08/2012-07/2013	American Psychological Foundation Visionary Fund Grant Mind-Body Mechanisms Connecting Stress and Health Role: Co-investigator (5% effort)	\$10,000
07/2013-96/2014	University of Louisville. PCG grant. The Contribution of the Host Response to Liver Damage	\$3,600

during HIV/HCV Co-Infection.
Role: Principal investigator (5% effort)

07/2013-96/2014 University of Louisville. PCG grant. \$3,600
Mind-Body Mechanisms Connecting Stress and
Health
Role: Co-investigator (5% effort)

N. Clinical Service:

N.A.

O. Publications, Book Chapters, Monographs and Textbooks:

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

1. **Fernandez, R., L. G. Elias, and R. Bressani.** 1980. Genetic and ambiental variability in trypsin inhibitors and hemagglutinins observed in common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) cultivars from Central America and Colombia. *Turrialba*, 31:153-161. (In Spanish).
2. **Torres, M. F., and R. Fernandez-Botran.** 1980. Human infection by *Pasteurella multocida*: first case reported in Guatemala. *Rev. Col. Med. Guatemala*, 31:27-30. (In Spanish).
3. **Fernandez, R., L. G. Elias, J. E. Braham, and R. Bressani.** 1982. Trypsin inhibitors and hemagglutinins in beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris*) and their relationship with the content of tannins and associated polyphenols. *J. Agr. Food Chem.*, 30:734-739.
4. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and T. Suzuki.** 1984. Properties of prostaglandin-sensitive adenylate cyclase system of a murine macrophage-like cell line (P388D₁). *J. Immunol.*, 133:2655-2661. PMID: 6090536
5. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and T. Suzuki.** 1984. Prostaglandin-sensitive adenylate cyclase of a murine macrophage-like cell line (P388D₁) II. Isolation and partial characterization of PGE₂-binding proteins. *J. Immunol.*, 133:2662-2667. PMID: 6481167
6. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and T. Suzuki.** 1985. Biochemical properties of phosphatidylcholine-binding proteins that share common antigenic determinants with Fc_γ2b receptor. *Biochemistry*, 24:1896-1903. PMID: 2410020
7. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and T. Suzuki.** 1986. Biochemical signal transmitted by Fc receptors for Immunoglobulin G_{2a} of a murine macrophage-like cell line, P388D₁: Mode of activation of adenylate cyclase mediated by immunoglobulin G_{2a}-binding proteins. *Biochemistry*, 25:4388-4397. PMID: 3756145

8. **Fernandez-Botran, R., P. H. Krammer, T. Diamantstein, J. W. Uhr, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1986. B cell-stimulatory factor 1 (BSF-1) promotes growth of helper T cell lines. *J. Exp. Med.*, 164:580-593. PMID: 2941517
9. **Fernandez-Botran, R., V. M. Sanders, K. G. Oliver, Y.-W. Chen, P. H. Krammer, J. W. Uhr, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1986. Interleukin 4 mediates autocrine growth of helper T cells after antigenic stimulation. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)*, 83:9689-9693. PMID: 2948185
10. **Hirata, Y., R. Fernandez-Botran, and T. Suzuki.** 1987. Relationship between Fc_γ2b receptor and adenylate cyclase of a murine macrophagelike cell line, P388D₁. *Biochemistry*, 26:4183-4192. PMID: 2959316
11. **Sanders, V. M., R. Fernandez-Botran, J. W. Uhr, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1987. Interleukin 4 enhances the ability of antigen-specific B cells to form conjugates with T cells. *J. Immunol.*, 139:2349-2354. PMID: 2958546
12. **Vitetta, E.S., A. Bossie, R. Fernandez-Botran, C. D. Myers, K. G. Oliver, V. M. Sanders, and T. L. Stevens.** 1987. Interaction and activation of antigen-specific T and B cells. *Immunol.Rev.*, 99:193-239. PMID: 2445658
13. **Fernandez-Botran, R., V. M. Sanders, T. R. Mosmann, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1988. Lymphokine-mediated regulation of the proliferative response of clones of T helper 1 and T helper 2 cells. *J. Exp. Med.*, 168:543-558. PMID: 2970518
14. **Sanders, V. M., R. Fernandez-Botran, R. L. Coffman, T. R. Mosmann, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1988. A single antigen-specific B cell can conjugate to either a type 1 or a type 2 helper T cell. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)*, 85:7724-7728. PMID: 2459715
15. **Shamma, M. S., R. Fernandez-Botran, and T. Suzuki.** 1988. PGE₂-induced desensitization of adenylate cyclase of a murine macrophage-like cell line (P388D₁). *Prostaglandins*, 36:329-341. PMID: 3237996
16. **Stevens, T. L., A. Bossie, V. M. Sanders, R. Fernandez-Botran, R. L. Coffman, T. R. Mosmann, and E. S. Vitetta.** 1988. Regulation of antibody isotype secretion by subsets of antigen-specific helper T cells. *Nature*, 334:255-258. PMID: 2456466
17. **Birkeland, M.L., J. Metlay, V. M. Sanders, R. Fernandez-Botran, E. S. Vitetta, R. M. Steinman, and E. Pure.** 1988. Epitopes on CD45R [T200] molecules define differentiation antigens on murine B and T lymphocytes. *J. Mol. Cell. Immunol.*, 4:71-85. PMID: 2475124
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21. **Vitetta, E. S., R. Fernandez-Botran, C. D. Myers, and V. M. Sanders.** 1989. Cellular Interactions in the humoral immune response. *Adv. Immunol.*, 45:1-105. PMID: 2665437
22. **Fernandez-Botran, R., and E. S. Vitetta.** 1990. A soluble, high affinity IL-4- binding protein is present in the biological fluids of mice. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.(USA)*, 87: 4202-4206. PMID: 2349230
23. **Deusch, K., R. Fernandez-Botran, M. Konstadoulakis, K. Baur, R. S. Schwartz, and M. P. Madaio.** 1991. Autoreactive T cells from MRL-lpr/lpr mice secrete multiple lymphokines and induce the production of IgG anti-DNA antibodies. *J. Autoimmunol.*, 4:563-576. PMID: 1777090
24. **Fernandez-Botran, R.** 1991. Soluble cytokine receptors: Their role in immunoregulation. *FASEB J.*, 5:2567-2574. PMID: 1868981
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