

Montagna Symposium on the Biology of Skin

2010 SID Eugene M. Farber Travel Awards for Young Investigators

Jamie Bernard, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow
Division of Dermatology
University of California, San Diego
"Cox-2 activity is required for enhanced antimicrobial peptide expression and bacteriocidal activity in human keratinocytes"



Ferda Cevikbas, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Dermatology
University of California, San Francisco
"Interleukin-31 induces scratching in mice via IL-31RA/OSMR beta activation in untreated as well as oxazolone-sensitized skin"

Melanie Dispenza, BS

MD/PhD Candidate
Dept of Cellular/Molecular Physiology
Penn State Univ College of Medicine
"Immune modulation by isotretinoin in vivo"



José R. Fernández, PhD

Senior Research Scientist
Signum Biosciences, Inc.
"Isoprenylcysteine (IPC) analogs, G-protein CAAX tail mimics, are a new class of topical anti-inflammatories with a low potential for adverse effects"

Akihiko Ikoma, MD, PhD

Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Dermatology
University of California, San Francisco
"Conditional over-expression of protease-activated receptor-2 in murine keratinocytes results in pruritic dermatitis with increased nerve growth factor release in vivo"



Heather McGee, MS

MD/PhD Candidate
Department of Immunobiology
Yale University School of Medicine
"Role of interleukin-22 in acute skin wounding"

Stephen Ostrowski, MD, PhD

Resident
Department of Dermatology
Case Western Reserve University
"Nerve-derived substance P (SP) and calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP) sustain CD11c+ and CD4+ cutaneous cell infiltration and contribute to acanthosis in the KC-Tie2 mouse model of psoriasis"



So Yeon Paek, BS

M.D. Candidate
UT Southwestern Medical School
Fellow, Dermatology Branch, NCI, NIH
"Peptide protection of the pinna: how small molecules rescue ear phenotype in a mouse model of autoimmunity"

Ronald Wolf, MD

Postdoctoral Fellow
Laboratory of Cancer Biology & Genetics, NCI
Department of Dermatology, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany
"Small S100 molecules with cutaneous antimicrobial activity prime skin for inflammation: a mouse model for psoriasis susceptibility"



Director's Award*

Kimberly Lumsden, BS

MD/PhD Candidate
Penn State Univ College of Medicine
"NGAL expression is induced by P. acnes and isotretinoin in sebocytes and increased on the skin surface of acne patients and patients receiving isotretinoin"

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