



## Tudor Constantin Badea

### EXPERIENȚA PROFESIONALĂ

01/09/2021 - ÎN CURS - Brasov, România

**CERCETĂTOR ȘTIINȚIFIC ÎN DOMENIUL BIOMEDICINEI** - UNIVERSITATEA TRANSILVANIA / ICDT / FACULTATEA DE MEDICINA

Conduc un grup de cercetatori care studiaza dezvoltarea, functia si modificarile patologice ale celulelor retinale ganglionare in linii de soareci modificati genetic.

26/08/2010 - 15/08/2021 - Bethesda, Maryland 20892, Statele Unite

**INVESTIGATOR** - NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE / NIH

Conduc un grup de cercetatori care studiaza dezvoltarea, functia si modificarile patologice ale celulelor retinale ganglionare in linii de soareci modificati genetic.

29/06/2004 - 30/08/2010 - Baltimore, Maryland, Statele Unite

**CERCETATOR POSTDOCTORAL** - HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE / JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Studiat dezvoltarea si functia celulelor retinale ganglionare in soareci cu mutatii in factori de transcriptie Pou4f/Brn3

13/03/1995 - 29/12/1997 - Baltimore, Maryland, Statele Unite

**CERCETATOR IN PATOLOGIE** - DEPARTAMENTUL PATOLOGIE, UNIVERSITATEA MARYLAND, DIN BALTIMORE

Studiat reactiile celulelor somatice la atacul prin canale de complement in boli autoimune si inflamatorii.

07/03/1995 - 14/01/2001 - Cluj-Napoca, România

**PREPARATOR UNIVERSITAR** - DISCIPLINA DE IMUNOPATOLOGIE, UNIVERSITATEA DE MEDICINA SI FARMACIE, "IULIU HATIEGANU"

Tinut cursuri de imunologie pentru studenti UMF.

### EDUCAȚIE ȘI FORMARE PROFESIONALĂ

10/06/1999 - 25/06/2004 - 725 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland, Statele Unite

**PHD IN BIOCHIMIE, BIOLOGIE CELULARA SI MOLECULARA** - Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/>

29/12/1997 - 12/06/1999 - Department of Biological Sciences, 1212 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York, Statele Unite

**MA IN STIINTE BIOLOGICE** - Columbia University in the City of New York

<http://www.umfcluj.ro>

## ● **COMPETENȚE LINGVISTICE**

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Limbă(i) maternă(e): **ROMÂNĂ**

Altă limbă (Alte limbi):

	COMPREHENSIUNE		VORBIT		SCRIS
	Comprehensiune orală	Citit	Exprimare scrisă	Conversație	
<b>GERMANA</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>ENGLEZA</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>FRANCEZA</b>	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
<b>ITALIANA</b>	B1	B2	A2	A2	A2
<b>SPANIOLA</b>	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

*Niveluri: A1 și A2 Utilizator de bază B1 și B2 Utilizator independent C1 și C2 Utilizator experimentat*

## ● **COMPETENȚE DIGITALE**

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### **Competențele mele digitale**

MATLAB - nivel: intermediar | Python - Nivel Mediu | sisteme de operare (Windows linux macOS) | Microsoft Office, Open Office, Libre Office | Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Gimp, Inkscape | FIJI (Image J)

## ● **PROIECTE**

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01/10/2010 – 15/08/2021

### **RETINAL CIRCUIT DEVELOPMENT & GENETICS**

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<https://grantome.com/grant/NIH/ZIA-EY000504-01>

1ZIAEY000504-01 to 1ZIAEY000504-10

a) Development of Brn3a dependent RGC types. This year we have focused on several downstream targets of the transcription factor Brn3a, and have performed a more in depth characterization of their cellular and subcellular localization, and generated and/or employed combinatorial genetics to characterize their expression and function in RGC subtypes. In collaboration with Chai-An Mao at UT Health Science Center, we have defined the genetic interactions between Brn3a and Tbr1 in the development of specific RGC subtypes. Taking advantage of our previously published work on the partial expression overlap between Brn3a and the neurotrophin receptor Ret, we have uncovered a genetic interaction between the Neurotrophin receptor and the transcription factor, that results in a competitive mechanism between distinct RGC types during development. Manuscript is in preparation. In addition we are generating genetic tools for two further novel or recently described RGC markers that appear to be regulated by Brn3a. b) We have nearly completed our characterization of our novel Dre-dependent Brn3c-Cre conditional knock-out (manuscript in preparation) and are using our Brn3 genetic reporters to characterize further RGC subtypes, in collaboration with expert physiology and circuit groups. c) We have completed our survey of Copine expression in retina cell types, and find a high degree of expression overlap between Copines 5, 6 and 9 in Amacrine and RGCs, while Copine 4 seems to be more selective for RGCs. We are addressing the

biochemical and cell biological function of these genes using yeast two hybrid, pull-down mass spectrometry and gain and loss of function paradigms in vivo and in vitro (One paper published, one in preparation). d) We have implemented a newly developed spike sorting algorithm, in collaboration with computational biologists, and have carried out a large scale survey of RGC defects in Brn3b KO retinas (manuscript in preparation). e) We have completed an in depth analysis of visually evoked defense responses in global or retina specific Brn3b KO mice, and find surprisingly specific defects in these animals (Manuscript is under review). f) We have followed up our collaboration on RGC-32 and generated a RGC-32 conditional mouse that will allow us to tease apart the cellular role of this cell cycle regulator in tissue remodeling, and experimental models of neuronal inflammatory diseases.

02/06/2022 – 31/12/2024

## **Dezvoltarea Si Functia Acuitatii Vizuale Centrale**

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<https://uefiscdi-direct.ro/pce2021-public>

Scopul nostru este sa înțelegem dezvoltarea, funcția si tulburările patologice ale văzului central de înalta acuitate. La om, acuitatea vizuala maxima este localizata in fovee, o structura specializata a retinei, in care informația vizuala este transmisă punct-cu-punct de la fotoreceptor prin o celula bipolară la celula ganglionara retiniana (RGC). Progresul modest făcut in înțelegerea foveei si tratamentul bolilor asociate este datorat absentei unui model experimental animal accesibil genetic. Noi am descoperit o arie retiniana de mare rezoluție (Aria Centralis, ArCe) la șoarece, si propunem sa ii studiem funcția si dezvoltarea, pentru a stabili ca un model patogenetic si terapeutic pentru văzul central si RGC cu acuitate vizuala crescuta. Vom folosi linii murine modificate genetic produse de noi pentru a identifica celulele RGC ale ArCe, descoperi proiecțiile lor in creier si participarea in vederea binoculara, si a studia etapele si mecanismele lor de dezvoltare embrionara. Vom supune șoareci cu defecte genetice in ArCe la teste de comportament vizual, pentru a înțelega implicarea ArCe in funcția vizuala. Rezultatele obținute vor stabili un model animal pentru studiul mecanismelor patogenetice si abordărilor terapeutice ale defectelor vizuale centrale. De asemenea, descoperirile noastre vor facilita metodele moderne de reparare a retinei bazate pe terapia cu celule stem sau reprogramare celulara, prin dezvoltarea etapelor si mecanismelor moleculare de dezvoltare.

## ● **COMPETENȚE DE MANAGEMENT ȘI CONDUCERE**

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### **Group Leader**

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Investigator principal conducand un grup de 5-10 persoane in activitati de cercetare biomedicala

## ● **PROFILE BIBLIOGRAFICE ONLINE**

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<https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=7004147755>

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