CURRICULUM VITAE

Dimitra Vangeli (Vageli), PhD

**Current Position:** Research Scientist, Department of Neurology; Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research, PI Stephen Waxman, MD, PhD.

**Institution** Yale School of Medicine

**Education**

Ph.D. University of Crete, School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Heraklion, Greece (Molecular Oncology & Biotechnology) 1998

B.Sc. University of Patras, School of Natural Sciences, Patras, Greece (Biology Science) 1989

**Career/Academic Appointments:**

Oct. 2014-today Research Scientist Department of Neurology; Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2013-Sept 2024 Research Scientist (Promotion) / Associate Research Scientist, Dept. of Surgery (Otolaryngology) (Clinical Cancer Research, Cancer Biology, Translational Cancer Biology), Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

2002-2013 Special Teaching & Research Staff in Molecular Oncology and Histopathology, Department of Pathology, Medical School, University of Thessaly, Greece

2010-2013 Assistant at Lecturer Level, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (Τ.Ε.Ι), Larissa, Greece

2007-2010 Scientific Associate at Lecturer Level, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (Τ.Ε.Ι), Larissa, Greece

2007 Teaching Assistant at Lecturer Level, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (Τ.Ε.Ι), Larissa, Greece

2005-2006 Scientific Associate at Lecturer Level, Department of Pathology, Medical School, University of Thessaly, Greece

2004-2005 Teaching Assistant at Lecturer Level, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (Τ.Ε.Ι), Larissa, Greece

1991 Intern, Clinical Microbiology & Biochemistry, Army Hospital-“NIMTS”, Athens, Greece

1990 Postgraduate Research Scholar, Institute of Radiation and Radio-predict Products (I.R.R.P), National Centre of Science Research “Demokritos”, Greece

**Professional Honors & Recognition**

2014-2015Ohse Research Award: Effect of laryngopharyngeal reflux induced NF-κB activation in pre-malignant transformation of *in vivo* hypopharyngeal mucosa, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

2013-2014 Ohse Research Award: Laryngopharyngeal reflux induced NF-κB activation and its role in Laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

2023-today Research Member of Yale Cancer Centre (Cancer Signaling Network) <https://www.yalecancercenter.org/>

2023-today Active member of American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) <https://www.aacr.org/>

2021-today Associate Scientific member of American Head and Neck Society (AHNS) <https://www.ahns.info/>

2019-today Associate Member of the World Academy of Sciences

 *(*[*http://www.worldacademyofsciences.com/members.html*](http://www.worldacademyofsciences.com/members.html)*)*

2013 1st Honor for best scientific work Presentation-Hellenic thoracic society: Mismatch DNA repair expression profiles correlated with miR-422a, miR-21 and miR-155 levels in non-small cell lung carcinomas; Athens, Greece.

1990 Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Institute of Radiation and Radio-predict Products (I.R.R.P), National Centre of Science Research "Demokritos", Athens, Greece

1989-today PanHellenic Union of Bioscientists **(**[https://www.pev.gr](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=2ahUKEwjaqLXd5qzeAhVqQt8KHYTNBzIQFjAAegQIBBAD&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pev.gr%2F&usg=AOvVaw2kzfR-aScukjVO4-pszKy2))

**Educational Activities Data**

***Teaching activities***

**Sept 2004-2007: Teaching Assistant at Lecture Level**, Department of Medical Laboratories, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (T.E.I)Larissa, Greece

1. Teaching of Histopathology Laboratory courses

2. Supervising 5 Diplomatic theses (2005-2012)

**Sept 2007-2010 & Sept 2010-2013: Teaching Assistant at Associate Level,** Department of Medical Laboratories, School of Health Professions, Higher Technological Education Institution (T.E.I)Larissa, Greece

1. Basic histopathology theoretical & practical courses

2. Specific histopathology theoretical & practical course4s

***Writing educational books***

**2004-2005:** “Diagnostic Molecular Histopathology Methods”

**2006-2007:** “Exercise in Immunochemistry”

**2009: Vageli D**., Basic Histopathology), 1st ed. Athens, Greece: Beta Medical Publishers Ltd, ISBN: 978-960-452-069-5; 2009. 111p. <https://betamedarts.gr/vivlia/iatrika/anatomikh-kyttarologia-istologia-pathologikh-anatomikh/genikh-istopathologia/>

**2010: Vageli D**., Specific Histopathology. 1st ed. Athens, Greece: Beta Medical Publishers Ltd., ISBN: 978-960-452-092-3; 2010. 324p. <https://betamedarts.gr/vivlia/iatrika/anatomikh-kyttarologia-istologia-pathologikh-anatomikh/eidikh-istopathologia/>

***Leadership- Mentorship***

**Sept 2013-Sept 2024: Leadership in “Neoplasia” group, Head and Neck Cancer Research Program,** Department of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

* Mentorship of 9 Yale medical students/physician residentsin “Research Rotations in Surgery Otolaryngology” and 6 Postdoctoral/Postgraduate studentsin “Surgery Otolaryngology Research”, with publications in scientific journals and presentations in conferences/research meetings.

**Spet 2003-Sept 2013**: **Mentorship in “Histopathology**”, Pathology Laboratory, Medical School, University of Thessaly, Greece, and “School of Health Professions”, Higher Technological Education Institution (T.E.I), Larissa, Greece.

* Supervised 6 health professions students in their **diploma thesis** (Diagnostic molecular histopathology).
* Mentorship in **Students’ Scientific work**, with publications in scientific journals and presentations at conferences/research meetings.

# Symposium Chair - Invited Speaking Engagements, Presentations, Symposia & Workshops

2019 Chair, 24rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 24nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2019 October 10-12; Mystras Grand Palace Resort, Sparta, Greece.

2018 Chair, 23rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 22nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2018 September 22; Athens, Greece.

2016 Chair, 21st World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 19th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2016 October 07; Athens, Greece.

**Peer-Reviewed Presentations & Symposia Given at Meetings**

2024: Vageli DP, Doukas GP, Judson BL Discovering novel and unique saliva and serum miRNA and mRNA signatures for oral cancer detection using whole transcriptome and small non-coding RNA sequencing: prediction of their association with PI3K/AKT pathway. 12th Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research (May 6-9 2024).

2024: Vageli DP, Doukas GP, Judson BL. Saliva IL6 upregulation as a potential indicator of tobacco-smoke-associated OSCC and disease progression and the association of saliva RELA upregulation with OSCC local Invasion in non-smokers. 12th Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research (May 6-9 2024).

2024: (poster presentation). Vageli D.P. – Mentor. “Identification of novel saliva and serum miRNA and mRNA signatures for oral cancer detection using whole transcriptome and small non-coding RNA sequencing: prediction of their association with the PI3K/AKT pathway.” Yale Surgery Research Day; April 2024.

2024: (poster presentation). Vageli D.P. – Mentor. “Oral Premalignant lesions-associated Saliva and Serum mRNA and miRNA Profiles by Next-generation Sequencing: A Pilot Study.” Yale Surgery Research Day; April 2024.

2023: Vageli DP, Doukas PG, Judson BL. A novel saliva miRNA panel of promising diagnostic biomarkers for oral cancer: the association of miR-21 with smoking history. AACR-AHNS conference July 7-8, 2023, Palais des congrès de Montréal, Monteal, GC, Canada.

2023: Ioannou M, Zacharouli K, Pouliou E, Tsangari V, Tzika S, Vageli DP, Doukas PG. (eP155) Extranodullar follicular lymphoma with marginal zone differentiation: a rare case report described by molecular analysis. 18th Panhellenic Pathology Congress 2023; June 21- 23; Domotel Xenia Volos, Volos, Greece.

2023: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P.- Mentor. “Saliva miRNAs levels as a novel screening method for tobacco smoke risk assessment oral cancer”. Yale Surgery Research Day; April 26, 2023. The Anlyan Center (TAC) auditorium, 300 Cedar St, New Haven CT 06520-8043, USA.

2023: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P. - Mentor. “The Effect of Tobacco Smoke N-Nitrosamines, NNK and NDEA, and Nicotine, on DNA Mismatch Repair Mechanism and miRNA Markers, in Hypopharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma: An In Vivo Model and Clinical Evidence”. Yale Surgery Research Day; April 26, 2023.

2022: (poster presentation) Vageli DP. “Noxious combination of tobacco smoke nitrosamines with bile acids promotes hypopharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma, via NF-κB, in vivo.” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 20, 2022, Grand Rounds (Basic Science), New Haven CT, USA.

2022: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P.-Mentor “Targeting STAT3 prevents bile reflux-induced oncogenic molecular events linked to upper aerodigestive tract carcinogenesis” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 20, 2022, Grand Rounds (Basic Science), New Haven CT, USA.

2022: Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis in trephine biopsy of a living post-COVID-19 patient. 34th ECP (European Congress of Pathology) 2022 (Basel, Switzerland).

2022: Laminin as a useful marker in the differentiation between actinic cheilitis and invasive squamous cell carcinoma in oral biopsies: new insights. 34th ECP (European Congress of Pathology) 2022 (Basel, Switzerland).

2021: (poster presentation) Vageli DP. “Bile refluxate at weakly acidic pH is a risk factor for supra-esophageal carcinogenesis: an in vivo model” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 7, 2021, Grand Rounds (Basic Science), New Haven CT, USA.

2021: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P.-Mentor “Curcumin prevents and suppresses bile-reflux related tumorigenesis of hypopharynx” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 7, 2021, Grand Rounds (Basic Science), New Haven CT, USA.

2020: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P.-Mentor “Bile at strongly acidic pH potentiates the NF-κB activation and its related anti-apoptotic pathway in human hypopharyngeal squamous cancer cells” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 24, 2020, Grand Rounds (Showcase), New Haven CT, USA

2020: (poster presentation) Vageli D.P.-Mentor In vivo temporal characteristics of NF-κB inhibition in bile-induced early oncogenic molecular events in murine hypopharyngeal mucosa” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 24, 2020, Grand Rounds (Showcase), New Haven CT, USA

2020: (poster presentation) Vageli DP. “Long-term exposure of laryngopharyngeal mucosa to acidic bile is carcinogenic” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 24, 2020, Grand Rounds (Showcase), New Haven CT, USA

2019: 24rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 24nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 10-12 October 2019, Mystras Grand Palace Resort, Sparta, Greece “Biliary tumorigenic effect on hypopharyngeal cells is significantly enhanced by pH reduction”

2019: 24rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 24nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 10-12 October 2019, Mystras Grand Palace Resort, Sparta, Greece “Temporal characteristics of NF-κB inhibition in blocking bile-induced oncogenic molecular events in hypopharyngeal cells’.

2019: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. Is duration of acidic bile exposure a critical factor for NF-𝛋B activation and its related mRNA oncogenic phenotype in hypopharyngeal cells? Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 21, 2019, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2019: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. The effect of bile on accelerating NF-kB related mRNA phenotype in human hypopharyngeal cancer cells. Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 21, 2019, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2019: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. Temporal characteristics of NF-kB inhibition in blocking acidic bile-induced oncogenic molecular events on murine hypopharyngeal mucosa. Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 21, 2019, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2019: (poster presentation) Vageli DP. The effects of pre- or post-application of BAY 11-7082 in blocking bile-induced oncogenic molecular events in hypopharyngeal cells” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, April 17, 2019, The Anlyan Center (TAC) auditorium, 300 Cedar St, New Haven CT 06520-8043, USA

2018: 23rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 22nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2018 September 22; Athens, Greece. “In vivo topical application of BAY 11-7082 prevents the acidic bile-induced mRNA and miRNA oncogenic phenotypes, in exposed murine hypopharyngeal mucosa”.

2018: 23rd World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 22nd International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2018 September 22; Athens, Greece. Capability of curcumin in preventing the bile reflux-induced NF-κB-related mRNA oncogenic phenotype in human hypopharyngeal cells.

2018: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. “The effect of pH in acidic bile-induced NF-kB activation in human hypopharyngeal cells” Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 2018, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2018: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. “The effect of pH on bile-induced transcriptional activation of mRNA oncogenic phenotype in human hypopharyngeal primary cells” Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 2018, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2018: (poster presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. In vivo topical application of BAY 11-7082 prevents the acidic bile-induced mRNA and miRNA oncogenic phenotypes, in exposed murine hypopharyngeal mucosa” Surgery Research Day Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, June 6, 2018, The Anlyan Center (TAC) auditorium, 300 Cedar St, New Haven CT 06520-8043, USA

2017: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. “Curcumin prevents the bile-induced NF-kB-related oncogenic phenotype in human hypopharyngeal primary cells” Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 2017, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2017: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor An in vivo model of acid as a dependent factor in bile-related effect in laryngopharyngeal mucosa. ” Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 2017, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2016: 21st World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 19th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2016 October 07; Athens, Greece. “In vitro and in vivo models for gastro-duodenal fluid induced nuclear kappaB activation and its role in laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis”.

2016: 21st World Congress on Advances in Oncology and 19th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine; 2016 October 08; Athens, Greece. Spandidos. “Tumor necrosis factor-alpha blockers-induced transcriptional reduction of pro-inflammatory interleukin-33, Toll-like receptors 2 and 9 in psoriatic plaques”.

2015: (oral presentation) Vageli DP.- Mentor. “The effect of pepsin ion Nuclear Factor-κappaB activation and its related oncogenic pathways in human hypopharyngeal keratinocytes, in vitro” Resident Research Day, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery (Otolaryngology), June 19, 2015, 310 Cedar St (BML auditorium), New Haven CT, USA

2014: (Lecture) Vageli DP. “Laryngopharyngeal reflux-induced NF-κB activation and its role in laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis” Yale Otolaryngology Resident Research Day, June 27, 2014, Yale School of Medicine 310 Cedar St Brady Memorial Laboratory (BML) auditorium, New Haven CT, 06519, USA

2014: (Lecture) Vageli D.P. “Laryngopharyngeal reflux-induced NF-κB activation and its role in laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis” Seminars of Surgical Research, Yale University Medical School, October 15, 2014; 310 Cedar St Brady Memorial Laboratory (BML) auditorium, New Haven CT, 06519, USA

2013: ERS Annual Congress 2013, Barcelona. 7-11 September 2013. Session 441: Biology and molecular pathology of lung cancer. (4639) “Correlation of miR-422a, miR-21 and miR-155 analysis with hMSH2 and hMLH1 mRNA expression profiles in non-small cell lung carcinomas and their adjacent normal tissues”.

2013: 22nd Panhellenic Respiratory Congress 2013. 5-8 October, International Congress Centre of Megaro Mousikis Athenon, Athens, Greece. (ΕΑ022). “Determination of correlation between miR-422a, miR-21, miR-155 and Mismatch DNA repair genes in NSCLCs”.

2012: 21st Panhellenic Urologic Congress 2012, 11-14 October, Hilton Hotel, Athens, Greece. (ΑΑ-037) “Mismatch repair hMSH2, hMLH1, hMSH6 and hPMS2 mRNA expression in urothelial carcinomas”.

2009: The 14th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 12th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, October, 2009, Loutraki, Athens, Greece. “Phenotypic Mismatch DNA repair hMSH2 and hMLH1 gene expression profile: a potential diagnostic histological staging & prognostic survival marker in lung carcinomas” International Journal of Molecular Medicine 24: S74-S74 380 Suppl. 1 2009

2009: The 14th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 12th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, October, 2009, Loutraki, Athens, Greece. “MSH2 & MLH1 phenotypic profiles of two rare cams of synchronous histomorphologically distinct gastric adenocarcinomas with gastrointestinal stromal tumors of the proximal small bowel: Informative, "all purpose", practical tumor markers” International Journal of Molecular Medicine 24: S75-S75 381 Suppl. 1 2009

2008: The 13th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 11th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 9-11 October, 2008, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (437) “Determination of hypoxia effects to hMSH2 and hMLH1, DNA repair gene expression in non-small cell lung carcinomas”.

2008: The 13th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 11th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 9-11 October, 2008, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (411) “Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine In Childhood: The possible role of HPV geographic variations on the effectiveness of the vaccination program”.

2008: 1st International Lung Cancer Conference, Journal of Thoracic Oncology, Vol 3(7): Suppl 3, July 2008. (PP14). “DIRAS3 is hypermethylated in NSCLC”

2008: 17th Panhellenic Congress of Thoracic Deceases, 20-23th November 2008, Alexandroupolis, Thrace Palace Hotel. (AA 187) “mRNA phenotypic expression of hMSH2 & hMLH1 DNA repair genes in NSCLCs.”

2007: The 12th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 10th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 11-13 October, 2007, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (213) “Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) And Ras/Raf Pathway”.

2007: The 12th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 10th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 11-13 October, 2007, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (378) “hMSH2 and hMLH1 DNA repair genes detection of mRNA transcripts in NSCLCs”.

2006: The 11th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 9th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 12-14 October, 2006, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (307) “hTERT transcriptional activation is enhanced in HER2/neu overexpressing breast carcinomas”.

2006: The 11th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 9th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 12-14 October, 2006, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (329) “Human Papolloma Virus (HPV) infection of Salivary Glands Tumors”.

2006: 21ο Medical Congress 30th March-1st April 2006, Thessaloniki, Hotel HYATT REGENCY. “Detection of HER2/neu amplification in breast carcinomas with immunopositivity 2+/1+. Correlation with mRNA expression”.

2005: The 10th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 8th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 14-16 October, 2005, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (348) “Quantification of HER-2/neu transcripts with Real Time PCR in Breast carcinomas without gene amplification detectable with in situ hybridization”.

2005: The 10th World Congress on Advances in Oncology 8th International Symposium on Molecular Medicine, 14-16 October, 2005, Hersonissos, Crete, Greece. (349) “Genetic alterations of the MEN1 locus in pulmonary lung carcinoid tumors. A possible diagnostic approach using Real Time PCR with melting curve analysis in histopathologic material”.

2005: European Respiratory Society Annual Congress 2005, September 17-21, Copenhagen-Denmark. (666) “Local clustering of lung carcinoid tumors (LTCs) in a small area of central Greece: genetic abnormalities involving multiple endocrine neoplasia 1 (MEN1) gene on chromosome 11q”.

2004: Panhellenic Congress of Pathology, June 2004, Kavala, Greece. “Comparative study of detection methods of HER2/neu amplification of breast carcinomas”.

2004: Panhellenic Congress of Pathology, June 2004, Kavala, Greece. “Papillary carcinoma of Cervical Squamous Epithelial. Detection of HPV, p63 and Ki67”.

2004: Panhellenic Congress of Pathology, June 2004, Kavala, Greece. “Initiative Diffuse non-Hodgkin breast lymphoma from Large B-Cells”.

2004: Panhellenic Congress of Pathology, June 2004, Kavala, Greece. “Detection of HPV with in situ Hybridization in Cervical material”.

2004: 24th Panhellenic Congress of Surgery, 2004, 2-5 October, Thessaloniki-Greece. “Comparative study of detection methods of HER2/neu amplification of breast carcinomas”.

2004: 24th Panhellenic Congress of Surgery, 2004, 2-5 October, Thessaloniki-Greece. “Molecular Study of initiative non-Hodgkin Breast Lymphoma”.

**Lecture/Oral presentations/Posters – Mentor**

**(Representative samples from a total of 24)**

2014: (Lecture) **Vageli DP.** “Laryngopharyngeal reflux-induced NF-κB activation and its role in laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis” Yale Otolaryngology Resident Research Day, June 27, 2014, Yale School of Medicine 310 Cedar St Brady Memorial Laboratory (BML) auditorium, New Haven CT, 06519, USA

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2024: (poster presentation). **Vageli D.P.** “Oral Premalignant lesions-associated Saliva and Serum mRNA and miRNA Profiles by Next-generation Sequencing: A Pilot Study.” Yale Surgery Research Day; April 2024.

**Contribution to the Yale Head and Neck Biorepository (SPORE)**

May-August 2023: Coordination of human specimen collection (tissue specimens, blood and saliva), archiving, analysis (submission to YCGA) and distribution (shipment to other institutions, such as UNC) as part of ongoing chemotherapeutic clinical trials. ·

**Journal Service:**

Editorial:

Associate Editor: Journal of Molecular Histology (Springer Nature).

Special Issue Editor in *Current Oncology* (MDPI) (ISSN 1718-7729) 2022

Section: Head and Neck Oncology

Specific issue: “Advances in Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Head and Neck” (viewed by 16716)

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Reviewer

2015-present, reviewer of more than thirty manuscripts in more than fourteen journals such as:

Nature Communications Medicine (i.f.: 16.7)

Int. J. Mol. Sci. (MDPI) (i.f.: 5.6)

Int J Mol Med (i.f.: 5.4)

Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine (i.f.: 5.3)

Int J Oncol (i.f. 5.2)

Scientific Reports (i.f.: 5)

European Journal of Pharmacology (i.f.: 4.4)

Oncology Reports (i.f.: 4.2)

Frontiers in Bioscience-Landmark (FBL) (i.f.: 3.9)

Oncotarget (i.f.: 2.5-3.3)

OncoTargets and Therapy (i.f.: 3.1)

Medicina (MDPI) (i.f.: 2.9)

Oncology Letters (i.f.: 2.9)

Experimental and Therapeutic Medicine (i.f.: 2.7) etc.

**Composing and submitting funded grant proposals**:

2014-2015**:** Ohse Research Award: Effect of laryngopharyngeal reflux induced NF-κB activation in pre-malignant transformation of *in vivo* hypopharyngeal mucosa, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery.

2013-2014: Ohse Research Award: Laryngopharyngeal reflux induced NF-κB activation and its role in Laryngopharyngeal carcinogenesis, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

January 2016 & 2017: Award Yale Cancer Center / Co-Investigator (PI: Sasaki CT) / Title: Gastroduodenal reflux induced neoplastic transformation of hypopharyngeal mucosa .

**Composing and submitting unfunded grant proposals**:

October 2020: R01 to NCI / NIDCR /Role Co-Investigator (PI: sasaki CT) / Title: “Establishing a “2-hit” convergence model of bile-induced squamous cell carcinogenesis in hypopharynx and esophagus”

January 2021: AHNS Pilot Grant / Role: PI (Mentor: Sasaki CT) / An in vivo model of pepsin-induced hypopharyngeal carcinogenesis and the role of NF-kB as a key mediator of pepsin-induced anti-apoptotic function.

May 2022: Yale SPORE in Head & Neck Cancer’s Development Research Program / Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Benjamin L. Judson) / Title: “Combined saliva and serum miRNA profiles as diagnostic biomarkers in HPV-negative HNSCC”

February 5th 2023: R01 /MCDC (Molecular Cancer Diagnosis and Classification Study Section)

 Role: Co-PI (PI/Mentor: Dr. Benjamin L. Judson) Title: Non-invasive molecular biomarkers for detection of oral high-risk premalignant and early malignant lesion”

October 17, 2023 R03/NCI/DCP/Role PI (Co-PI/Mentor: Dr. Benjamin L. Judson) PAR23-058 **“**Discovering saliva microRNA profile for the detection of laryngeal cancer” (100,000/for 2 years)

February 27th 2024: resubmission R01 /NCI/DCP/Cancer Biomarkers Research Group. Role: PI (Co-PI/Mentor: Dr. Benjamin L. Judson) Title: “Non-invasive molecular biomarkers for detection and prognosis of oral premalignant and monitoring PML” (2,500,000/for 5 years)

**Bibliography:**

 **Peer-Reviewed Original Research (>1118 citations; i10-index: 31 in Google Scholar)**

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