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Education

1987	MD, Biochemistry	Belarus State University, Minsk, Belarus
1994	PhD, Bioorganic chemistry	Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Moscow, Russia

Academic appointments

1994-1995	Junior Scientist	Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Moscow, Russia
1995-1997	Scientist	Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Minsk, Belarus
1997-2001	Postdoctoral Fellow	Institute of Molecular Biology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
2001-2007	Postdoctoral Fellow	Colorado University Health Scientist Center, Denver
2007-2015	Instructor Medicine	University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO
2015-present	Assistant Professor	University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO

Inventions, intellectual property and patents held or pending

Patent number	Filling date	<u>Status</u>	<u>Title</u>
US 2011/0014270 A1	1/20/2011	Issued	Prevention and Treatment of Ischemia-Reperfusion
			Injury and Related Conditions
US 2015/0306254 A1	8/16/2013	Issued	Compositions and methods for detecting complement
			activation
PCT/US2015/034270	10/4/2014	Pending	MAP44 polypeptides and constructs based on natural
			antibodies and uses thereof
US 2016/0083463	7/23/2015	Issued	Targeting constructs based on natural antibodies and
			uses there of
981590	2/17/2015	Issued	Antibodies to the C3d fragment of complement
			component 3

Review and referee work

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Grant support

Current

Complement in the Pathogenesis of Autoimmune Arthritis

The major goals of this project are to determine the in vivo role of the lectin and alternative pathways of complement, as well as a novel effector pathway-mediated amplification loop, in the development of joint inflammation and injury in the collagen antibody-induced arthritis model of human rheumatoid arthritis; and to experimentally manipulate the functions of these pathways in order to understand the mechanism and effects on the modulation of tissue injury

ADMEX HLRS-KLK SPA (Holers) 5/7/18-6/30/20 \$337,044 MIRX/AWD Co-investigator

The major goals of this project are based on previously obtained monoclonal antibody to C3d to generate inhibitors blocking B cells activation and preventing self immunological responses in the body.

PREVIOUS

R01 DK102912 (Tomlinson) 07/01/15–03/31/19 \$74,044

NIH Co-investigator

Antibodies and Complement in Ischemia Reperfusion Injury and Regeneration

The major goals of this project are to study the natural antibodies and complement on the development of liver injury post-transplantation and the subsequent regeneration of the tissue. Understanding the relative roles of these components of the immune response has potential for the development of therapeutics that will greatly improve outcome for small for size liver graft recipients, as well as patients undergoing liver resection.

257141 (Holers) 02/01/13 – 05/16/16 \$190,407

Alliance for Lupus Research Co-investigator

The CR2:C3d Receptor: Ligand Interaction as a Therapeutic Target in Lupus

The goal of this project is to study the (NZBxNZW)F1 model of human lupus erythematosus and determine the effects of blocking the interaction of human complement receptor type 2 (CR2/CD21) with its complement C3 fragment ligand designated C3d. Unique monoclonal antibodies that recognize the protein:protein interface have been developed and will be utilized in the studies.

Disease Targeted Inn. Research (Haskins) 07/01/14 – 06/30/15 \$185,185

Rheumatology Research Foundation Co-investigator

Pathogenic T cells in a Mouse Model of Rheumatoid Arthritis

The goals of this project are to characterize and pursue the cloning of pathogenic CD4 T cells in the draining lymph nodes and synovium of mice undergoing models of human arthritis, including collagen induced arthritis and anti-collagen antibody-induced arthritis. The pathogenicity of these CD4 T cells will be evaluated in vitro by characterizing cytokine production and in vivo by cell transfer approaches.

R21 AI105717 (Holers) 02/01/13 – 01/31/15 \$193,489

NIH/NIAIDS Co-investigator

Disconnecting CR2/CD21 from its C3d Ligand to Ameliorate Lupus

The goal of this project is to study the MRL/lpr model of human lupus erythematosus and evaluate the effects of blocking function of human complement receptor type 2 (CR2/CD21) and its ability to interact with its complement C3 fragment ligand designated C3d.

1403 (Holers) 07/01/14 - 06/30/15 \$100,000

Arnold and Mable Beckman Foundation

Co-investigator

Inhibition of Complement Factor H Related Protein De-Regulatory Activity as a Therapeutic Strategy in Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Proof of Concept in a Murine Model

The major goals of this program were to determine the effects of inhibiting a complement de-regulator in a murine model of AMD and assess whether clinical improvement could follow that therapeutic strategy.

MUSC12-062 (Roher)

07/01/12 - 06/30/13

\$35,000

Medical University of South Carolina

Co-investigator

Utilization of Natural IgM Molecules for the Recognition of Oxidative Stress Markers and Non-Invasive Imaging in Advanced Age-Related Macular Degeneration. The major goals of this program were to utilize a previously developed set of natural antibody hybridomas to determine which ones were reactive with neo-epitopes that arose

through the process of cells stress responses. These would subsequently be utilized for imaging studies.

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