

## HG803: Advanced Topics in Genetics -- Syllabus Winter 2019



Wednesdays, 3pm-5pm

Location: THSL (Taubman Medical Library); Room 6320 (all classes except for Apr 17, which is in Med Sci II, Room 3817)

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<b>• Week 1 (Jan. 9, 2019): Therapy of Genetic Disease I</b>	<b>-- Innis</b>
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**Topic:** Correction of Genetic Disease by Modification of Endogenous Gene Expression

1. **Systemic administration of PRO051 in Duchenne muscular dystrophy.** NM Goemans et al. (2011) *New England Journal of Medicine* 364: 1513-1522

2. **The LSD1 inhibitor RN-1 induces fetal hemoglobin synthesis and reduces disease pathology in sickle cell mice.** Cui S, et al. (2015) *Blood* 126: 386-396.

**Addl paper of interest:** Correction of sickle cell disease in adult mice by interference with fetal hemoglobin silencing. J Xu et al. (2011) *Science* 334: 993.

3. **Topoisomerase inhibitors unsilence the dormant allele of *Ube3a* in neurons.** Sung-Huang H, Allen JA, Mabb AM et al. (2011) *Nature* 481: 185. Review to go with Reference 3: Mabb AM, Judson MC, Zylka MJ, and Philpot BD. 2011. Angelman syndrome: insights into genomic imprinting and neurodevelopmental phenotypes. *Trends in Neurosciences* 34: 293

<b>• Week 2 (Jan. 16): Therapy of Genetic Disease II</b>	<b>-- Innis</b>
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**Topic:** Success with Small Molecule Approaches in Seemingly Intractable Genetic Diseases

1. **Lovastatin corrects excess protein synthesis and prevents epileptogenesis in a mouse model of Fragile X syndrome.** EK Osterweil et al. (2013) *Neuron* 77: 243-250.

**Addl paper of interest:** Effect of lovastatin on behavior in children and adults with Fragile X syndrome: an open-label study. A. Caku, Pellerin D, et al. (2014) *American Journal of Medical Genetics* 9999:1-9; DOI 10.1002/ajmg.a.36750.

2. **A CFTR potentiator in patients with cystic fibrosis and the G551D mutation.** BW Ramsey et al. (2011) *New England Journal of Medicine*. 365: 18.

**Addl paper of interest:** Ivacaftor potentiation of multiple CFTR channels with gating mutations. Yu H, Burton B, Huang C-J et al. (2012) *Journal of Cystic Fibrosis* 11: 237.

3. **Sustained therapeutic reversal of Huntington's disease by transient repression of Huntington synthesis.** Kordasiewicz HB, Stanek LM, et al. (2012) *Neuron* 74: 1031. Review to go with Ref. 3: Lu X-H and Yang XW. 2012. "Huntington Holiday": Progress toward and antisense therapy for Huntington's disease. *Neuron* 74: 964-966.

<b>• Week 3 (Jan. 23): Therapy of Genetic Disease III</b>	<b>-- Innis</b>
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**Topics: RNAi, ASOs, and Genetic Ablation/Small Molecule Pathway Targeting;** i) Targeting dominant disorders with RNAi - cardiomyopathy ii) Antisense oligonucleotide treatment of SMA iii) Protective effect of loss or inhibition of DLK in ALS and Alzheimer disease

1. **Allele-specific silencing of mutant *Myh6* transcripts in mice suppresses hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.** Jiang J et al. (2013) *Science* 342: 111-114.

2. **Treatment of infantile-onset spinal muscular atrophy with nusinersen: a phase 2, open-label, dose-escalation study.** Finkel RS et al. (2016) *The Lancet* 388: 3017-3026.

**3. Loss of dual leucine zipper kinase signaling is protective in animal models of neurodegenerative disease.** Le Pichon CE et al. (2017) *Sci Transl Med*, Aug. 16; 9(403).

**• Week 4 (Jan. 30): Therapy of Genetic Disease IV**

-- Keegan

**Topics:** i) Alteration of splicing ii) Interference with post-translational processing or mutant protein interactions

**1. Splicing-directed therapy in a new mouse model of human accelerated aging.** Osorio FG et al. (2011) *Sci Transl Med* 3: 106ra107.

**2. Clinical trial of a farnesyltransferase inhibitor in children with Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome.** Yang SH et al. (2012) *PNAS* 109: 16666-16671.

**•Background:** *Protein farnesyltransferase inhibitors and progeria.* Meta M et al. (2006) *Trends Mol Med.* 12(10):480-7.

**3. Interruption of progerin-lamin A/C binding ameliorates Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome phenotype.** Lee S-j et al. (2016) *J Clinical Investigation* 126: 3879-3893.

**• Week 5 (Feb. 6): Somatic Mosaicism in Human Genetic Disease**

-- Keegan

**Topics:** i) Focal cortical dysplasia ii) Megalencephaly syndromes iii) CLOVES syndrome

**1. Somatic mutations in TSC1 and TSC2 cause focal cortical dysplasia.** Lim JS et al., (2017) *Am J Human Genetics* 100: 454-472.

**2. De novo germline and postzygotic mutations in AKT3, PIK3R2 and PIK3CA cause a spectrum of related megalencephaly syndromes.** Riviere J-B et al. (2012). *Nature Genetics* 44: 934-940.

**3. Somatic mosaic activating mutations in PIK3CA cause CLOVES syndrome.** Kurek KC et al. (2012). *Amer J Hum Genet* 90: 1108-1115.

- **Background:** *A genomic view of mosaicism and human disease.* Biesscker LG and NB Spinner. (2013) *Nature Reviews Genetics* 14: 307-320.

**• Week 6 (Feb. 13): Genome Engineering with CRISPR/Cas9**

-- Saunders

**Topics:** i) Off target effects ii) Genome scale transcriptional manipulation iii) Genome editing

**1. A high-fidelity Cas9 mutant delivered as a ribonucleoprotein complex enables efficient gene editing in human hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells.** CA Vakulskas et al., (2018) *Nature Medicine*, 24:1216-1224.

**2. The new frontier of genome engineering with CRISPR-Cas9.** J Doudna and E. Charpentier. (2014) *Science* 346:1077 and 1258096-1 – 1258096-9.

**3. Induction of fetal hemoglobin synthesis by CRISPR/Cas9-mediated editing of the human B-globin locus.** C. Antoniani et al., 2018. *Blood* 131:1960-1973.

**• Week 7 (Feb. 20): Cryptic and Complex Genome Rearrangements and Heterogeneity in Autism and Neuropsychiatric Diseases**

-- Mills

**Topics:** i) Exploring the genetic basis of neuropsychiatric and autism disorders

**1. Cryptic and complex chromosomal aberrations in early-onset neuropsychiatric disorders.** Brand M et al., (2014) *Am J Hum Genet* 95(4): 454-61

**2. Multiplatform discovery of haplotype-resolved structural variation in human genomes.** Mark JP Chaisson *et al.*, (2018) *bioRxiv* posted June, 2018.

**3. Whole-genome sequencing of quartet families with autism spectrum disorder.** Yuen *et al.*, (2015) *Nature Med* 21: 185-191.

**• Week 8 (Feb. 27): Models of Human Brain Development -- Bielas**

**Topics:** i) 3-dimensional human forebrain spheroids pluripotent stem cells– ii) Gyral folding in brain development

**1. Assembly of functionally integrated human forebrain spheroids.** Birey F *et al.*, (2017) *Nature* 545: 54-59.

**2. Induction of expansion and folding in human cerebral organoids.** Li Y *et al.* (2017) *Cell Stem Cell* 20: 385-396.

**• Week 9 (Mar. 13): New Technologies to Measure and Predict Variant Effects -- Kitzman**

**Topics:** i) Relative pathogenicity ii) Insight from macromolecular interaction perturbations ii) Amino acid resolution applied to protein interaction profiling

**1. A general framework for estimating the relative pathogenicity of human genetic variants.** Kircher *et al.*, (2014) *Nature Genetics* 46: 310-315.

**2. Identification of cis-suppression of human disease mutations by comparative genomics.** DM Jordan, SG Frangakis *et al.*, (2015) *Nature*.

**3. Protein interaction perturbation profiling at amino-acid resolution.** Woodsmith J *et al.*, 2017. *Nature Methods*. Oct. 16; PMID 29039417.

**• Week 10 (Mar. 20): Genome Structural Variation, Genomics and Recurrence Risk -- Kidd**

**Topics:** i) Inversions ii) Evolutionary toggling iii) Risk for disease determined by structural haplotypes

**1. A common inversion under selection in Europeans.** Stefansson H *et al.* (2005). *Nature Genetics* 37: 129-137.

**2. Evolutionary toggling of the MAPT 17q21.31 inversion region.** Zody MC *et al.* (2008). *Nature Genetics* 40: 1076-1083.

**3. Structural haplotypes and recent evolution of the human 17q21.31 region.** Boettger LM *et al.* (2012). *Nature Genetics* 44: 881-885.

**• Week 11 (Mar. 27): Modeling Epigenetic Regulation Through X-Chromosome Inactivation -- Kalantry**

**Topics:** i) Roles of Xist, RLM and RNF12 in X inactivation

**1. Female mice lacking Xist RNA show partial dosage compensation and survive to term.** Yang L *et al.*, (2016) *Genes Dev* 30: 1747-1760.

**2. RLIM is dispensable for X-chromosome inactivation in the mouse embryonic epiblast.** Shin, J., Wallingford, M. C., Gallant, J., Marcho, C., Jiao, B., Byron, M., *et al.* (2014). *Nature* 511(7507), 86–89. doi:10.1038/nature13286

**3. The trans-activator RNF12 and cis-acting elements effectuate X chromosome inactivation independent of X-pairing.** Barakat, T. S., Loos, F., van Staveren, S., Myronova, E., Ghazvini, M., Grootegoed, J. A., & Gribnau, J. (2014). [Mol Cell. 2014] - PubMed - NCBI. *Molecular Cell* doi:10.1016/j.molcel.2014.02.006

**Review. X chromosome regulation: diverse patterns in development, tissues and disease.** X Deng et al. (2014). *Nature Reviews Genetics* 15(6), 367–378. doi:10.1038/nrg3687

**• Week 12 (Apr. 3): Stepwise Evolution of the Sex Chromosomes -- Mueller**  
**Topics:** i) Evolution of the X ii) Dosage sensitive regulation iii) Is the whole Y chromosome required?

**1. Four evolutionary strata on the human X chromosome.** BT Lahn and DC Page (1999) *Science*. 286:964–967

**2. Mammalian Y chromosomes retain widely expressed dosage-sensitive regulators.** Bellott DW, et al. (2014) *Nature* Apr 24;508(7497):494-9

**3. Two Y genes can replace the entire Y chromosome for assisted reproduction in the mouse.** Yamauchi Y, et al. (2014) *Science* 343:69–72

**• Week 13 (Apr. 10): Complexity of Histone Modifications and State of the Art Methods of Characterization -- Iwase**  
**Topics:** i) Asymmetrically modified nucleosomes ii) Decoding modified nucleosomes iii) Recombinant antibodies to histone post-translational modifications

**1. Examining the roles of H3K4 methylation states with systematically characterized antibodies.** RN Shah *et al.* (2018) *Mol Cell* 72: 162-177.

**2. The histone H3-H4 tetramer is a copper reductase enzyme.** N Attar *et al.* (2018) *bioRxiv* posted June, 2018.

**3. A mechanism for preventing asymmetric histone segregation onto replicating DNA strands.** C Yu *et al.* (2018) *Science* 10.1126/science.aat8849.

**• Week 14 (Apr. 17): Computational and Functional Identification of Transcriptional Regulatory Elements Important for Human Development and Disease -- Antonellis**  
**Topics:** i) Creation of functional neurons from iPS cells ii) Genetic etiologies of brain malformations iii) Genome editing in stem cells

**1. Identification and characterization of multi-species conserved sequences.** Margulies EH *et al.* (2003) *Genome Research* 13: 2507-2518.

**2. A systematic comparison reveals substantial differences in chromosomal versus episomal encoding of enhancer activity.** Inoue F *et al.* (2017) *Genome Research* 27: 38-52.

**3. Enhancer variants synergistically drive dysfunction of a gene regulatory network in Hirschsprung disease.** Chatterjee S *et al.* (2016) *Cell* 167: 1-14.

### **HG803 requirement:**

Please complete the course evaluation for each module at the end of the course. Your input is essential for improving class organization and content! Please email Jeff Innis (innis@umich.edu) if you have any questions regarding the class.