



# Basic and Translational Research Division

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Distinguished Professor of Immunology & Microbiology

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The BDC Research Division gains insight into the pathogenesis of type 1 diabetes (T1D) defined at the cellular and molecular level. A biomedical resource core services the basic and clinical research to monitor the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions and disease recurrence. These interventions are/will be based upon a mechanistic understanding of immune-based therapies and will work synergistically with the basic investigation of T-cell function incorporated into many of these studies. A major strength of the BDC is the breadth of work studying T-cell recognition and biology, genetics and the biology of inflammatory cytokine mediators. These studies are greatly strengthened by the unique clinical resource of ongoing studies of newborns from the general population and relatives of patients with T1D who are evaluated prospectively for the development of the antibodies associated with T1D and the development of clinical diabetes as well as the great number of new onset patients willing to participate in research (>300/yr). Ongoing trials implement antigen-specific therapies, including the use of small molecules aimed at restoration of immune tolerance.

**Dr. Richard Benniger Laboratory** explores the dysfunction of the islet of Langerhans during the development of diabetes. The 4 main ongoing projects are; 1) Understanding emergent multicellular properties of the islet and how sub-populations of cells exert disproportionate control over the regulation of insulin secretion, including exacerbating the action of gene mutations that cause neonatal diabetes; 2) Understanding the interactions between islet function and islet autoimmunity during the development of T1D to protect the islet against immune-mediated decline; 3) Understanding the disruption to multicellular properties of the islet, with a focus on gap junction channels, during the development of T2D; 4) Developing new imaging approaches to non-invasively quantify the decline in islet function and beta cell mass during the development of T1D, allowing early clinical interventions and monitoring.

**Dr. Howard Davidson Laboratory** (now amalgamated with Dr. Hutton's former Laboratory) has a long-standing interest in the molecular cell biology of insulin secretion and the biochemical composition and the process of biogenesis of the insulin granule. Many proteins involved in insulin secretion are also autoantigens in type 1 diabetes (eg IGRP, IA-2, phogrin, and ZnT8) and are being studied in both contexts. In particular the laboratory is interested in determining how the functional and cell biological properties of IA-2, IA-2 $\beta$  (phogrin), IGRP and ZnT8, might contribute to their being targeted by the immune system, and whether post-translational modifications unique to the beta cell create "neo-antigens" from them that are not subject to central tolerance. There is also a long-standing research interest in the basic cell biology of antigen processing and presentation, particularly in B lymphocytes, and how this might be harnessed for the development of novel antigen-specific therapies that might be applicable to the treatment and/or prevention of T1D.

**Dr. Peter Gottlieb Laboratory** is focusing on improving our ability to detect and understand human immune responses in T1D. Central to this work has been the use of ELISPOT analysis to characterize the antigen specificity and inflammatory potential of these responses. He has been a member of the IDS T Cell Workshop Steering Committee and has collaborated to improve

detection of antigen-specific CD4 and CD8 T cell responses using ELISPOT, tetramers and other methodologies. His work focuses not only on using existing technology, but also collaborating with Drs. Love and Wucherpfennig to examine T cell response using unique microwell systems, which can detect single cell response and interrogate them in multiple assays simultaneously. Lastly, Dr. Gottlieb collaborates with Dr. Danny Zipris to understand the role of the microbiome in human T1D as well as of the innate immune system which appears to be activated early in disease and may be contributing to the world-wide rise in T1D. He also has initiated studies on the role of B lymphocytes in human T1D with Dr. Cambier which have detected a loss in anergic B cells during the development of autoimmune diabetes.

**Dr. John Kappler Laboratory** Dr. Kappler works closely with the Michels and Nakayama laboratories. In March 2015, upon accepting the position of the BDC interim Scientific Director, Dr. Kappler opened his own laboratory at the Barbara Davis Center that pursues studies of the trimolecular complex (MHC-TCR-autoantigen) in the pathogenesis of T1D in humans.

**Dr. Aaron Michels Laboratory** (previously Dr. George Eisenbarth Laboratory) develops technology to prevent or cure diabetes in humans through a precise knowledge of pathogenesis in animal models. Their studies indicate that insulin is the primary autoantigen whose targeting by the immune system leads to diabetes. Thus eliminating this abnormal response to insulin will be key for prevention. Trials with molecules such as the B:9-23 peptide require a more basic understanding of the cells mediating disease, as we now know that administration of B:9-23 dependent upon the route of administration can either prevent or inhibit development of diabetes.

**Dr. Maki Nakayama Laboratory** explores antigen specificity and function of autoreactive T cells. It also studies the role of T cells expressing specific TCRs in the development of T1D using an animal model and more recently human T cells isolated from pancreas and lymph nodes. It pursues the potential of TCR sequences to be used as T cell biomarkers to predict the development of T1D as well as recurrence of hyperglycemia after clinical therapeutic trials. They also explore the mechanism of transplantation failure in T1D patients.

**Dr. Liping Yu Laboratory** (previously Dr. Eisenbarth Laboratory) is the international reference laboratory for measurement of islet autoantibodies. It serves as the core laboratory for Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet, The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY) and the Immune Tolerance Network (ITN) consortia. TEDDY and TrialNet are described below (pgs. 37, 41). ITN solicits, develops, implements and assesses clinical strategies and biological assays for the purpose of inducing, maintaining, and monitoring tolerance for kidney and islet transplantation, and autoimmune diseases. Dr. Yu Laboratory also develops technology to predict diabetes in humans. In collaboration with the DAISY study, the laboratory has defined the genes associated with childhood diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is associated with other autoimmune diseases, mostly thyroid, celiac and Addison's disease. This laboratory helps to routinely screen all BDC patients for the associated autoimmune conditions.

**Dr. Danny Zipris Laboratory** is focused on understanding how microbial infections and the innate immune system promote the development of T1D. The lab is testing the hypothesis that upregulation of proinflammatory pathways shortly after virus infection plays a crucial role in islet destruction. We have identified a number of innate immune modulators, such as steroids, antibiotics, and blockers of IL-1 and histone deacetylases that can protect animals from beta cell destruction. The laboratory also pursues studies of the influence of gut microbiome on the innate and adaptive immune mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of T1D.

## **BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH DIVISION**

### **Richard Benninger, PhD Assistant Professor of Bioengineering**

Dr. Benninger joined the BDC faculty in 2011. Main goals of his research include understanding novel signaling pathways in the islet of Langerhans that enhance the regulation of hormone secretion; how disruptions to these signaling pathways cause islet dysfunction in diabetes; and how we can manipulate these signaling pathways to improve islet function towards developing new treatments for individuals with diabetes. He is utilizing state-of-the-art quantitative fluorescence microscopy, including two-photon microscopy, fluorescence lifetime imaging, polarization imaging and FRET in studying pancreatic islet dysfunction in diabetes. Dr. Benninger has developed an integrative model of how different cell-cell communication mechanisms dynamically interact within the islet. His lab has gained understanding into how this impacts in-vivo islet function and glucose homeostasis and is now demonstrating that gap junction channels can be modulated to improve islet function and insulin secretion in models of diabetes. Overall his work applies sophisticated quantitative techniques and predictive quantitative models to link emergent multi-cellular properties of the islet of Langerhans to in-vivo physiology and diabetes, and test novel hypotheses regarding these properties that may be clinically important.

### **Howard Davidson, PhD Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Immunology & Microbiology Head of Basic & Translational Research Division**

Dr. Davidson joined the BDC faculty in 2002. The ultimate goal of his research is to develop improved methods for measuring autoimmunity in type 1A diabetes, and to identify reagents that might have therapeutic utility for the prevention and/or treatment of this disease. Currently these studies focus principally on defining epitopes targeted by the cellular and humoral arms of the immune system in the major autoantigens zinc transporter 8 (ZnT8) and preproinsulin and developing improved bioassays for monitoring disease risk and therapeutic efficacy based upon this information. He also has a long-standing research interest in the basic cell biology of antigen processing and presentation, particularly in B lymphocytes, and is investigating how post-translational modifications to beta cell proteins influence how they are targeted by the immune system, and the roles that beta cell stress may play in the immunological events that eventually lead to the development of autoimmune diabetes.

### **Pamela Fain, PhD Professor Emerita**

Dr. Fain studied the genetics of type 1 diabetes, vitiligo and other autoimmune diseases with an emphasis on determining the relationship of these disorders with each other and with HLA, and other disease susceptibility genes. She served as the Director of Genotyping Mutation Screening Core Facility for the Human Medical Genetics Program. Dr. Fain has published more than 100 original articles in peer-review journals.

### **John Kappler, PhD Interim Scientific Director (since 3/2015) of Basic and Translational Research Division Distinguished Professor of Immunology & Microbiology**

Dr. Kappler has collaborated with BDC investigators for the past six years and assumed the position of Interim Scientific Director of the Basic and Translational Research Division in March of 2015. He has been a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator since 1986 and a member of the National Academy of Sciences since 1989. The Kappler-Marrack Research Lab at National Jewish Health will remain his primary laboratory. He co-directs that lab and has shared multiple discoveries with his

wife, Philippa Marrack, PhD. Drs. Kappler and Marrack were the first to isolate the T cell receptor. Together they have contributed extensively to our understanding of the nature of antigen processing and major histocompatibility complex (MHC)-restricted peptide presentation. They have explored positive and negative selection of T cells in the thymus, T cell superantigens and the evolutionarily conserved structural relationship between T cell receptors and MHC molecules. At the Barbara Davis Center, Dr. Kappler will continue collaborations with investigators on the nature of the peptide/MHCII complexes that drive islet autoimmunity leading to type 1 diabetes.

**Maki Nakayama, MD, PhD**

**Assistant Professor of Pediatrics**

Dr. Nakayama joined the BDC faculty in 2009. Her research strives to understand the mechanism of initiation of anti-beta cell autoimmunity. She focuses on the tri-molecular complex consisting of antigen, major histocompatibility complex (MHC), and T cell receptor (TCR) that could be a key component for the development of T1D. Her laboratory explores antigen specificity of autoreactive T cells having different functions (i.e. pathogenic vs regulatory T cells) that target pancreatic beta cells; the role of T cells expressing specific TCRs in the development of T1D using an animal model; the potential of TCR sequences to be used as T cell biomarkers to predict the development of T1D as well as recurrence of hyperglycemia after clinical therapeutic trials; lastly, exploring the mechanism of transplantation failure in T1D patients. Dr. Nakayama has been part of the JDRF-Helmsley nPOD missions, which is an international network characterizing pancreata from cadaveric organ donors with T1D.

**Tomasz Sosinowski, PhD**

**Instructor of Pediatrics**

Dr. Sosinowski's research focuses on understanding the role T cells play in the development and progression of type 1 diabetes (T1D). Dr. Sosinowski studies immune responses to proinsulin, and in particular on the regions of the beta chain (residues 9-23) and C-peptide (residues 41-62) previously shown by others to be presented by HLA-DQ2, DQ8, and the DQ8/DQ2 trans-dimer. Currently he has two projects: 1) Development of a humanized Mouse Model for preclinical testing of agents that target components of human tri-molecular complexes (e.g. small molecules and antibodies); and 2) Creation of an improved Biomarker Assays based on standardized artificial Antigen Presenting Cells (aAPCs) that selectively and specifically enumerates T cells recognizing proinsulin-MHC complexes. Such improved biomarker assays are urgently needed for more accurate monitoring of therapeutic efficacy during clinical interventions.

**Liping Yu, MD**

**Research Assistant Professor of Pediatrics**

Dr. Yu joined the BDC faculty in 2011. He directs a clinical immunology laboratory which is NIH/NIDDK designated North America Autoantibody/HLA Core laboratory. Dr. Yu developed several autoantibody assays that demonstrate high sensitivity and disease specificity with applications in national/international type 1 diabetes clinical trials and screening projects. Dr. Yu also has studied celiac disease through transglutaminase autoantibody testing and Addison's disease using 21-hydroxylase autoantibodies.

**Li Zhang, MD, PhD**

**Instructor of Pediatrics**

Dr. Zhang investigates insulin reactive T cell receptor repertoire to explore the role of insulin beta chain usage of pathogenic T cell receptors. She discovered insulin B:9-23 responsive gamma/delta cells in NOD mouse. In collaborating with Dr. John Kappler group, she developed a therapeutic way to

prevent diabetes with immunization of specific antigen-MHC complex. She is developing an antigen based therapeutic monoclonal antibody to prevent and stop the autoimmune progression of beta cell destruction by disturbing the process of autoantigen presentation relying on structural knowledge of how peptides are presented.

**Danny Zipris, PhD**

**Associate Professor of Pediatrics**

Dr. Zipris joined the BDC faculty in 2007. His laboratory investigates how microbial infections and the innate immune system promote the development of type 1 diabetes (T1D). Studies conducted in the BBDR and LEW1.WR1 rat models of Kilham Rat Virus (KRV)-induced diabetes have led to the hypothesis that the upregulation of proinflammatory pathways shortly after virus infection plays a crucial role in the course of islet destruction. A number of innate immune modulators have been identified, e.g., steroids, antibiotics, and blockers of IL-1 and histone deacetylases that can protect animals from beta cell destruction and mechanisms involved in disease amelioration are currently being investigated. Dr. Zipris also pursues the interactions between the gut microbiota and the innate immune system in islet autoimmunity. These studies are likely to advance the knowledge about early disease mechanisms and may lead to prevention of human diabetes.

# Research Grants & Contracts, awarded July 2012 – June 2014

Grants and contracts funded to Research Division Principal Investigators (PI)

Project Name	PI Name	Direct Cost	Sponsor Name	FY
Multi-cellular interactions and dynamics underlying insulin secretion	Benninger	228,558	NIH	2013
Multi-cellular interactions and dynamics underlying insulin secretion	Benninger	225,371	NIH	2014
Zeiss 2-photon (2P) LSM780 laser scanning confocal microscope	Benninger/ Levi	594,525	NIH	2014
Interactions between islet function and beta cell autoimmunity during the pathogenesis of T1D	Benninger	150,000	JDRF	2014
Mapping the histopathological landscape of type 1 diabetes: a pilot study	Benninger / Homann	18,193	Mt. Sinai SOM (JDRF)	2014
Cloning of molecular targets (JH)	Davidson	209,888	NIDDK	2013
Cloning of molecular targets (JH)	Davidson	217,500	NIDDK	2014
Post-Translation Modification of B-cell Granule Autoantigens	Davidson	181,818	JDRF	2013
Enhancement of Biomarkers for Type 1 Diabetes	Davidson	5,295	U Michigan	2013
Register Fixed tetramers for Insulin Peptide B-9-23	Davidson	137,500	JDRF	2014
Enhancement of Biomarkers for Type 1 Diabetes	Davidson	5,454	U Michigan	2014
Characterization of Diabetes Subsets in Relation to Markers of Viral Infection	Gianani	18,182	U Florida	2013
nPOD-Autoantibody Core Activities	Gianani	36,364	U Florida	2013
Impact of MHC Genotypes on ex vivo T Cell Function in Type 1 Diabetes	Gottlieb	548,061	Harvard U	2013
Trialnet: Diabetes Type 1 Prevention	Gottlieb	354,445	NIDDK	2013
Trialnet patient captitation	Gottlieb	85,702	U Florida	2013
Novartis AIN457A2227 Double Blind Study	Gottlieb	238,275	Novartis	2013
Aralast NP in the Treatment of Patients with Type 1 Diabetes	Gottlieb	6,512	Omnio Bio	2013
AWD 123152-MODO3	Gottlieb	137,273	U Florida	2013
Trialnet: Diabetes Type 1 Prevention	Gottlieb	5,428	NIDDK	2014
Phase 1 Study to evaluate multiple ascending doses of PF-06342674 (RN168)	Gottlieb	102,000	InVentiv Clinical	2014

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Reversing Type 1 Diabetes After it is Established	Gottlieb	90,000	Helmsley	2014
Reversing Type 1 Diabetes After it is Established	Gottlieb	46,100	Helmsley	2014
T1D Exchange	Gottlieb	90,909	Helmsely	2014
GLEEVEC	Gottlieb	234,113	Univ S Flor	2014
IDS_TCW HLA Class 1 Combinatorial Multimer Study	Gottlieb	6,818	Benaroya	2014
Small Molecules Targeting Allele Specific MHC II Autoantigen Presentation	Michels	141,100	NIDDK	2013
Brehm (GSE)	Michels	188,630	U Michigan	2013
Small Molecules Targeting Allele Specific MHC II Autoantigen Presentation	Michels	141,100	NIDDK	2014
Evaluation of Insulin-Specific T Cells and Autoantibody Isotypes in T1D	Michels	166,100	Novo Nordisk	2014
The development of Cell Based Assay(s) ...	Michels	233,100	Novartis	2014
Effect of Alpha-Methylidopa on MHC Antigen Presentation in T1D	Michels	136,364	JDRF	2014
Prevention of Type 1 Diabetes by targeting the Trimolecular Complex	Michels	45,454	U Florida	2014
nPOD-Autoantibody Core Activities	Michels	36,364	U Florida	2014
Randomized Control Trial	Michels	200,000	Novartis	2013
Molecular Dissection of Antigen Targeting in Anti-Islet Autoimmunity	Nakayama	217,500	NIDDK	2014
Identification of Autoantigens for Islet-Specific Pathogenic and regulatory T cells	Nakayama	102,018	JDRF	2014
Identifcation of Islet-Specific Autoantigens for T1D, Fellow: Stumpf, Melanie	Nakayama	55,384	JDRF	2014
Multiple Autoantigens/Multiple Epitopes of Type 1 Diabetes (GSE)	Rewers	172,735	NIDDK	2013
Multiple Autoantigens/Multiple Epitopes of Type 1 Diabetes (GSE)	Rewers	179,000	NIDDK	2014
Tetramers (GSE)	Sosinowski	137,091	JDRF	2013
TEDDY	Yu	13,650	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2013



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Project Name	PI Name	Direct Cost	Sponsor Name	FY
Antibody/HLA Core Lab TrialNet	Yu	645,241	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2013
Autoantibody Lab for Teddy Study	Yu	235,063	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2013
TEDDY	Yu	21,280	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2013
TEDDY	Yu	21,280	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
Antibody/HLA Core Lab TrialNet	Yu	805,431	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
New Autoantibody Assay Dev	Yu	9,524	Genalyte	2014
GLEEVEC T1D Study	Yu	1,250	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
Autoantibody Lab for Teddy Study	Yu	137,444	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
TEDDY	Yu	18,140	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
TEDDY	Yu	186,138	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
TEDDY	Yu	32,640	U South Florida (NIDDK)	2014
Monoclonal antibody targeting Thered/Register-fixed primary peptide	Zhang	90,000	JDRF	2013
Monoclonal antibody targeting Thered/Register-fixed primary peptide	Zhang	2,000	JDRF	2013
The Role of the Microbiome in the Development of Autoimmune Diabetes	Zipris	150,000	JDRF	2013

## Fellows 2013 - 2014

<b>Trainee</b>	<b>Faculty Mentors</b>	<b>Title of Research Project</b>
A. Piya, MD	A. Michels, MD	Small Molecules Targeting Insulin Specific T cell Receptors
K. Simmons, MD	A. Michels, MD	General population screening for type 1 diabetes risk

## Postdoctoral Trainees 2013 - 2014

<b>Trainee</b>	<b>Faculty Mentors</b>	<b>Title of Research Project</b>
N. Farnsworth, PhD	R. Benninger, PhD	Regulation of islet gap junction coupling and function under inflammatory conditions
C. Kiekhaefer, MD, PhD	A. Michels, MD	Immune Stimulatory Small Molecules in Type 1 Diabetes
B. Murphy, PhD	H. Davidson, PhD	Post-translation modification of Beta-cell granule autoantigens
Z. Zhao, MD	L. Yu, MD	Expanding the existing ECL autoantibody technology

## Career Development Awards 2013-2014

<b>Principal Investigator</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Source / Award No.</b>	<b>Award Period</b>
Aaron Michels, MD	Structure-Based selection of small molecules targeting allele specific MHC II autoantigen presentation	NIH K08 DK095995	06/01/2012 05/31/2017
Maki Nakayama, MD	Structure Peptide/Conserved T Cell Receptor Determining Diabetes	NIH R00 DK080885	04/01/2010 03/31/2013
Li Zhang, MD, PhD	Monoclonal Antibody targeting MHC Tethered/ Register-Fixed Primary Peptide	JDRF 10-20110138	03/01/2011 02/28/2014

## Junior Investigator Fellowships 2013-2014

The BDC offers two fellowships to support outstanding junior investigators as they establish independent research careers.

### **O'Brien Fellow**

2012-2013 Melanie Green, MD, PhD

### **Kovler Fellows**

2012-2013 Melanie Stumpf, PhD

2013-2014 Nikki Farnsworth, PhD

## Excellence & Leadership 2013 - 2014

### Li Zhang, MD, PhD

2013 The 13th Immunology of Diabetes Society (IDS) Travel award sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

### PATENTS

#### Yu, Liping, MD

2013 Patent Number: US2013/001860A1. Title: Methods for Detecting Insulin Autoantibodies. Inventors: George Eisenbarth, Liping Yu. Publication Date: 1/10/2013

#### Li Zhang, MD, PhD

2014 United States Patent Number: 8673300. Title: Therapeutic Compositions and Methods for the Prevention of Autoimmune Diseases. Inventors: George Eisenbarth, Li Zhang, John Kappler, Brian Stadinski. Issue Date: 3/18/2014

## Immunology/Autoimmunity Journal Club

In this Journal Club students and trainees, as well as more senior investigators, provide a presentation of a new article or articles including a review of the topic and inclusions of pertinent literature and how the reviewed article(s) fit into/advance current thought and where the field might go from here. This popular program benefits participants who come from many areas of the Anschutz Medical Campus, especially post-docs and junior faculty. The inclusion of many senior faculty encourages exchange of ideas and provides knowledgeable comments and expertise on the papers presented.

## Research in Progress Series

The Research in Progress series fosters collaborative learning through weekly presentations by BDC and affiliated investigators. Coordinated by Dr. Richard Benninger, the series provides over 20 presentations per year to interested participants.

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