



Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory
Endocrinology & Investigative Medicine
Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism
Metabolism, Digestion & Reproduction

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>20 years studying hormone action and skeletal biology using mouse genetics

Mouse genetics

KO, knock-in, Cre-lox, inducible Cre, Crispr

World leading state-of-the-art skeletal phenotyping

X-ray microradiography

High resolution micro-CT

BSE-SEM

Static and dynamic histomorphometry

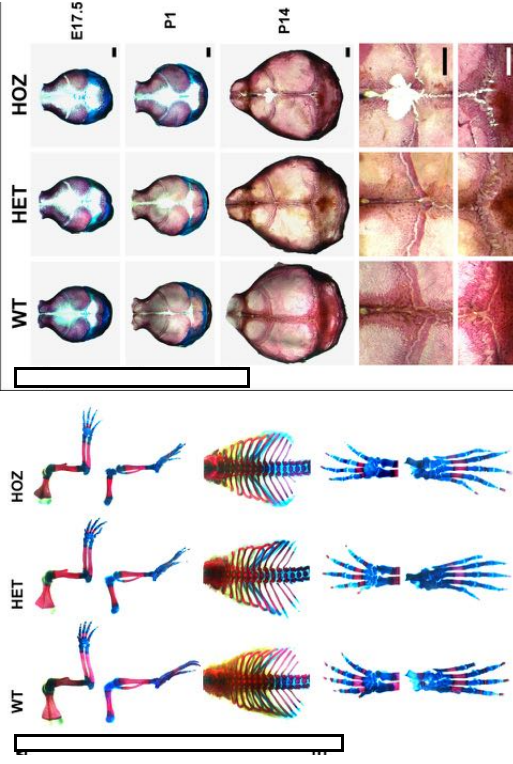
Biomechanical testing

in vitro primary culture systems

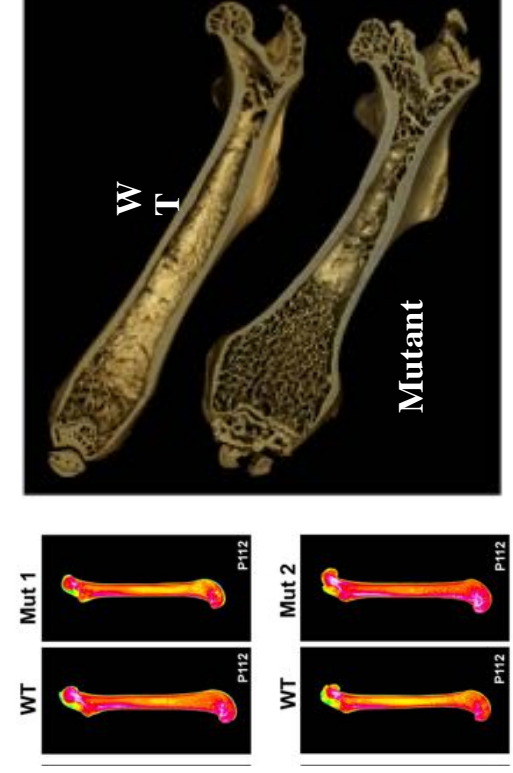


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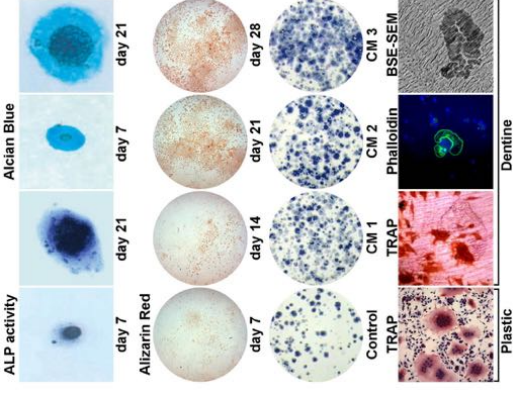
Skeletal development



Adult bone structure and strength



Cellular mechanism



Strategy

Diversify

- **International networking**
- **Endocrinology and skeletal biology**
- **Mouse and human**
- **Technical (scientists, industry)**
- **Funders**

• **Collaboration**

- **Marketing and cutting-edge capability**

• **Skills**

• **Resources**

• **Infrastructure**

Focus

Ageing and chronic disease

Network

Osteoporosis/osteoarthritis

Imperial

Neurodegeneration

Paris (Demeneix), Budapest (Fekete, Gereben)

Sarcopenia

Naples (Salvatore, Dentice)

Human ageing cohorts

Leiden (van Heemst), Copenhagen (Westendorp)

Targeted drug development

Leiden (Pepsan)

Skills

Diverse phenotyping capability

Human cohorts

Chemistry

Resources

Exchange un

Share reagen



Michael
Dack



Andrea
Pollard



Siobhan
Guilfoyle



Davide
Komla-Ebri



European Commission
Horizon 2020 (2016-2021)

“THYRAGE: resetting
the THYROID axis for
prevention of AGE-
related diseases and co-
morbidities”

Mechanisms of chronic skeletal disease

Network

Industrial partners

Scanco (μ CT)

Deben/Tescan (SEM)

Faxitron (X-ray microradiography)



Skills

Develop novel phenotyping methods

Develop provocation models

Fracture repair (Maes, Leuven)

DMM (Kennedy Institute)

Wellcome Trust Joint
Investigator Award

(2016-2021)

Resources

Tissue-specific gene targeting

Mouse models of human genetic
polymorphisms

Analysis of thyroid hormone metabolism

Share reagents, protocols and data

“Cellular thyroid
hormone availability:
regulation of development
and tissue repair, and
pathogenesis of
[age] disease”



Ann-Kathrin
Schörding



Andrea
Pollard



Hannah
Dewhurst



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Origins of Bone and Cartilage Disease



Network

High throughput skeletal phenotyping (>1250 KO mice)

Imperial

RNAseq and bioinformatics

Sydney (Croucher, Mattick)

Human GWAS

Brisbane (Evans), Montreal (Richards), Rotterdam (Rivadeneira), UKBiobank, GEFOs

Munich (Zeggini)

Mouse Genetics Pipeline

Sanger Institute (Adams)

International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium

Jackson Laboratories, University of Connecticut, Helmholtz Munich

Rare diseases

X-linked juvenile osteoporosis (*PLS3*), Oromyodysplasia (*GPC6*), Gray platelet syndrome (*NBEAL2*), Idiopathic epilepsy (*SLC20A2*)

Resources

Wellcome Trust Strategic
Award
(2014-2019)

“Origins of bone and
cartilage disease”



Natalie
Butterfield



Davide
Komla-Ebri



Hannah
Dewhurst

Funding and collaboration seeds opportunity



**EU COST Network
(2019-2024)**

**“Genomics of
MusculoSkeletal traits
TranslatiOnal Network
GEMSTONE”**



**Bernard
Freudenthal**



**Riikka
Mäkitie**



**Jeong-Hun
Ko**



**MRC Clinical Training
Fellowship (2017-2020)**

Bernard Freudenthal

**“The role of PLS3 in the
pathogenesis of
osteoporosis”**



**MRC Research Grant
(2016-2020)**

Jacques Behmoaras

**“Control of macrophage
multinucleation in health
and disease”**



**Marie
Pereira**



**Jacques
Behmoaras**



**Wellcome Imperial 4i
Clinician Scientists (2017-
2020)**

Laura Watts

**“The role of FUBP3 in
the pathogenesis of
osteoporosis”**



**Laura
Watts**

An atlas of genetic influences on osteoporosis in humans and mice

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Optimal bone strength and mineralization requires the type 2 iodothyronine deiodinase in osteoblasts

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Transferrin receptor 2 controls bone mass and pathological bone formation via BMP and Wnt signalling

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Noncanonical thyroid hormone signaling mediates cardiometabolic effects in vivo

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Type 2 deiodinase polymorphism causes ER stress and hypothyroidism in the brain

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Rapid-Throughput Skeletal Phenotyping of 100 Knockout Mice Identifies 9 New Genes That Determine Bone Strength

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Identification of 153 new loci associated with heel bone mineral density and functional involvement of GPC6 in osteoporosis

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Role of Thyroid Hormones in Skeletal Development and Bone Maintenance

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..... and translates to clinical care

RESEARCH

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Assessment of the genetic and clinical determinants of fracture risk: genome wide association and mendelian randomisation study

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Articles

Iodine status of UK schoolgirls: a cross-sectional survey

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Guidelines for the management of thyroid cancer

Third edition

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Original Article

Association between subclinical thyroid dysfunction and change in bone mineral density in prospective cohorts

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Thyroid Function within the Upper Normal Range Is Associated with Reduced Bone Mineral Density and an Increased Risk of Nonvertebral Fractures in Healthy Euthyroid Postmenopausal Women

Elaine Murphy, Claus C. Glüer, David M. Reid, Dieter Felsenberg, Christian Roux, Richard Eastell, and Graham R. Williams

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SLC20A2, Encoding the Phosphate Transporter PiT2, Is an Important Genetic Determinant of Bone Quality and Strength

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Research

Original Investigation

Subclinical Thyroid Dysfunction and Fracture Risk: A Meta-analysis



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Endocrine Research

Bone Turnover and Bone Mineral Density Are Independently Related to Selenium Status in Healthy Euthyroid Postmenopausal Women

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Future

Funding

- **In discussions with Wellcome Trust**
- **Clinical and Physiological Systems (Sara Marshall)**
- Align research plans to latest novel research questions
- Using state-of-the-art technology

Development of new methods to address cellular and disease mechanisms

- **RNAseq**
- **sc and sn development**
- Peter Croucher (Garvan Institute, Sydney)
- Sam Behjani (Teichmann lab, Sanger Institute)
- Jacques Behmoaras (Dept Immunology & Inflammation, Imperial)

Data analysis and bioinformatics

- John Marioni (Sanger Institute)
- Terry Meehan (EBI)

Big data management, integration with human disease, leverage, visualisation

- John Marioni

