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DEGREES

- 2007 BS, Biology and Chemistry, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Mentor: Prof. J. Rudi Strickler
- 2011 PhD, Biochemistry, Medical College of Wisconsin
Dissertation: Biophysical analysis of CXCL12/CXCR4 interactions and structure-guided inhibitor discovery
Mentor: Prof. Brian F. Volkman

APPOINTMENTS

- 2004-2007 Undergraduate Research Assistant with Prof. J. Rudi Strickler, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA
- 2007-2011 Graduate Research Assistant with Prof. Brian F. Volkman, Medical College of Wisconsin, USA
- 2011-2012 Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. Sam T. Hwang and Prof. Brian F. Volkman, Medical College of Wisconsin, USA
- 2012-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow with Prof. Gerhard Wagner, Harvard Medical School, USA
- 2015-2016 Visiting Researcher with Prof. Masatsune Kainosho, Nagoya University, Japan
- 2017- Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Indiana University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowships

- 2006 Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2011 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Cancer Research, Cancer Center of the Medical College of Wisconsin
- 2012 Individual Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institutes of Health
- 2014 Postdoctoral Fellowship (Short-term), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (*Declined*)
- 2015 Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00), National Institutes of Health

Awards and Honors

- 2010 1st Prize in American Chemical Society Poster Session – Milwaukee Chapter
- 2010 Student Travel Award, American Chemical Society – Milwaukee Chapter (*Declined*)
- 2011 Friends of MCW Graduate Student Travel Award, Medical College of Wisconsin
- 2012 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Medical College of Wisconsin

2016 Young Investigator Award, International Conference on Magnetic Resonance in Biological Systems

PUBLICATIONS

‡ = peer reviewed, † = at Indiana University

PRIMARY RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- 21.‡ Hitchinson, B., Eby, J., Gao, X., Guite-Vinet, F., Ziarek, J.J., Abdelkarim, H., Lee, Y., Okamoto, Y., Shikano, S., Majetschak, M., Heveker, N., Volkman, B.F., Tarasova, N.I. & V. Gaponenko. 2018. Biased antagonism of CXCR4 avoids antagonist tolerance. **Science Signaling**, 11:eat2214.
- 20.‡,† Gruenhagen, T.C., Ziarek, J.J. & J.P. Schleich. 2018. Bicelle size modulates the rate of bacteriorhodopsin folding. **Protein Science**, 27(6):1109-1112.
- 19.‡ Chhabra, S., Fischer, P., Takeuchi, K., Dubey, A., Ziarek, J.J., Boeszoermyeni, A., Mathieu, D., Bermel, W., Davey, N.E., Wagner, G. & Arthanari, H. A. 2018. ¹⁵N Detection Harnesses the Slow Relaxation Property of Nitrogen: Delivering enhanced resolution for intrinsically disordered proteins. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**, 115(8):E1710-1719.
- 18.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Kleist, A.B, London, N., Raveh, B., Montpas, N., Bonnetterre, J., St-Onge, G., DiCosmo-Ponticello, C.J., Koplinski, C.A., Roy, I., Stephens, B., Thelen, S., Veldkamp, C.T., Coffman, F.D., Cohen, M.C., Dwinell, M.B., Thelen, M., Peterson, F.C., Heveker, N. & Volkman, B.F. 2017. Structural basis for chemokine recognition of a G protein-coupled receptor and implications for receptor activation. **Science Signaling**, 10:eaah5756.
- 17.‡ Nihongi, A., Ziarek, J.J. Uttieri, M., Sandulli, R., Zambianchi, E. & Strickler, J.R. 2016. Behavioral interseasonal adaptations in *Daphnia pulex* (Crustacea: Cladocera) as induced by predation infochemicals. **Aquatic Ecology**, doi:10.1007/s10452-016-9585-0.
- 16.‡ Smith, E., Liu, Y., Getschman, A.E., Peterson, F.C., Ziarek, J.J., Li, R., Volkman, B.F. & Chen, Y. 2014. Structural analysis of a novel small molecule ligand bound to the CXCL12 chemokine. **Journal of Medicinal Chemistry**, 57(22):9693-9699.
- 15.‡ Wommack, A.J., Ziarek, J.J., Tomaras, J., Chileveru, H.R., Zhang, Y., Wagner, G. & Nolan, E.M. 2014. Discovery and characterization of a disulfide-locked C2-symmetric defensin peptide. **Journal of the American Chemical Society**, 136(39):13494-13497.
- 14.‡ Verkaar, F., van Offenbeek, J., van der Lee, M.M.C., van Lith, L.H.C.J., Watts, A.O., Rops, A.L.W.M.M., Aguilar, D.C., Ziarek, J.J., van der Vlag, J., Handel, T.M., Volkman, B.F., Proudfoot, A.E.I., Vischer, H.F., Zaman, G.J.R., & Smit, M.J. 2014. Chemokine cooperativity is caused by competitive glycosaminoglycan binding. **Journal of Immunology**, 192(8):3908-3914.
- 13.‡ Ziarek, J.J.★, Getschman, A.E.★, Butler, S.J., Taleski, D., Stephens, B., Kufareva, I., Handel, T.M., Payne, R.J. & Volkman, B.F. 2013. Sulfopeptide probes of the CXCR4/CXCL12 interface reveal oligomer-specific contacts and chemokine allostery. **ACS Chemical Biology**, 8:1955-1963. ★*Equal contributors*.
- 12.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Veldkamp, C.T., Zhang, F. Murray, N.J., Kartz, G.A., Liang, X., Su, J., Baker, J.E., Lindhardt, R.J. & Volkman, B.F. 2013. Heparin Oligosaccharides Inhibit Chemokine (CXC Motif) Ligand 12 (CXCL12) Cardioprotection by Binding Orthogonal to the Dimerization Interface, Promoting Oligomerization, and Competing with the Chemokine (CXC Motif) Receptor 4 (CXCR4) N Terminus. **Journal of Biological Chemistry**, 288:737-746.

- 11.‡ Ziarek, J.J.★, Liu, Y.★, Smith, E., Chen, J., Peterson, F.C., Zhang, G., Yu, Y., Chen, Y., Volkman, B.F. & Li, R. 2012. Fragment-based optimization of small molecule CXCL12 inhibitors for antagonizing the CXCL12/CXCR4 interaction. **Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry**, 12:2727-2740. ★*Equal contributors*.
- 10.‡ Takekoshi, T., Ziarek, J.J., Volkman, B.F. & Hwang, S.T. 2012. A locked, dimeric CXCL12 variant effectively inhibits pulmonary metastasis of CXCR4-expressing melanoma cells due to enhanced serum stability. **Molecular Cancer Therapeutics**, 11:2516-2525.
- 9.‡ Mysinger, M.M.★, Weiss, D.R.★, Ziarek, J.J.★, Gravel, S., Doak, A.K., Karpiak, J., Heveker, N., Shoichet, B.K. & Volkman, B.F. 2012. Structure-based ligand discovery for chemokine receptor CXCR4. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**, 109: 5517-5522. ★*Equal contributors*.
- 8.‡ Love, M., Sandberg, J.L., Ziarek, J.J., Rode, R.R., Gerarden, K.P., Jensen, D.R., McCastlin, D., Peterson, F.C. & Veldkamp, C.T. 2012. Solution structure of CCL21 and identification of a putative CCR7 binding site. **Biochemistry**, 51(3): 733-735.
- 7.‡ Drury, L.D.★, Ziarek, J.J.★, Gravel, S., Veldkamp, C.T., Takekoshi, T., Hwang, S.T., Heveker, N., Volkman, B.F. & Dwinell, M.B. 2011. Monomeric and dimeric CXCL12 inhibit metastasis through distinct CXCR4 interactions and signaling pathways. **Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**, 108: 17655-17660. ★*Equal contributors*.
- 6.‡ Saini, V., Staren, D.M., Ziarek, J.J., Nashaat, Z.N., Campbell, E.M., Volkman, B.F., Marchese, A. & Majetschak, M. 2011. The CXC chemokine receptor 4 ligands ubiquitin and stromal-cell derived factor-1 α function through distinct receptor interactions. **Journal of Biological Chemistry**, 286: 33466-33477.
- 5.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Heroux, M.S., Veldkamp, C.T., Peterson, F.C. & Volkman, B.F. 2011. Sulfotyrosine recognition as marker for druggable sites in the extracellular space. **International Journal of Molecular Sciences**, 12(6), 3740-3756.
- 4.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Nihongi, A., Nagai, T., Uttieri, M., Zambianchi, E., & Stricker, J.R. 2011. Seasonal adaptations of *Daphnia pulex* swimming behaviour: the effect of water temperature. **Hydrobiologia**, 661: 317-327.
- 3.‡ Nihongi, A., Ziarek, J.J., Nagai, T., Uttieri, M., Zambianchi, E. & Strickler, J.R. 2011. *Daphnia pulex* hijacked by *Vibrio cholera*: Altered swimming behaviour and predation risk Implications. In: **Zooplankton and Phytoplankton**. Ed: Katell, G. Nova Science Publishers.
- 2.‡ Veldkamp, C.T., Ziarek, J.J., Peterson, F.C., Chen, Y. & Volkman, B.F. 2010. Targeting SDF-1/CXCL12 with a ligand that prevents activation of CXCR4 through structure based drug design. **Journal of the American Chemical Society**, 132: 7242-7243.
- 1.‡ Veldkamp, C.T., Ziarek, J.J., Su, J., Basnet, H., Lennertz, R., Weiner, J.J., Peterson, F.C., Baker, J.E. & Volkman, B.F. 2009. Monomeric structure of the cardioprotective chemokine SDF-1/CXCL12. **Protein Science**, 18:1359-1369.

RESEARCH MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED, IN REVIEW OR IN REVISION

- 3.† Melland, H., Bumbak, F., Kolesnik-Taylor, A., Ng-Cordell, E., John, A., Constantinou, P., Joss, S., Larsen, M., Fagerberg, C., Thies, J., Emslie, F., Willemsen, M., Kleefstra, T., Pfundt, R., Barrick, R., Chang, R., Loong, L., Alfadhel, M., van der Smagt, J., Nizon, M., Kurian, M., Scott, D.J., Ziarek, J.J., Gordon, S. & K. Baker. 2021. Expanding the genotype and phenotype spectrum of SYT1-associated neurodevelopmental disorder. *Submitted*.

- 2.† Robson, S.A., Dağ, Ç., Wu, H. & Ziarek, J.J. 2021. TRACT revisited: An algebraic solution for determining overall rotational correlation times from cross-correlated relaxation rates. *In revision.*
- 1.† Chamness, L.M., Zelt, N.B., Kuntz, C.P., Bender, B.J., Penn, W.D., Ziarek, J.J., Meiler, J. & Schleich, J.P. Molecular basis for the evolved instability of a human G-protein coupled receptor. *In revision.*

REVIEWS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 6.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Baptista, D. & Wagner, G. 2018. Recent developments in solution NMR-based molecular biology. **Journal of Molecular Medicine**, 96:1-8.
- 5.‡ Kleist, A.B., Getschman, A.E., Ziarek, J.J., Nevins, A.M., Gauthier, P-A., Chevigne, A., Szpakowska, M. & Volkman, B.F. 2016. New paradigms in chemokine receptor signal transduction: moving beyond the two-site model. **Biochemical Pharmacology**, 114:53-68.
- 4.‡ Luna, R.E.★, Akabayov, S.R.★, Ziarek, J.J.★ & Wagner, G. 2013. Examining weak protein-protein interactions in start codon recognition via nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. **FEBS Journal**, 281(8):1965-1973. ★*Equal contributors.*
- 3.‡ Ziarek, J.J. & Volkman, B.F. 2012. NMR in the analysis of functional chemokine interactions and drug discovery. **Drug Discovery Today: Technologies**, 9:e293-e299.
- 2.‡ Ziarek, J.J., Peterson, F.C., Lytle, B.L. & Volkman, B.F. 2011. Chapter ten: Binding site identification and structure determination of protein-ligand complexes by NMR. **Methods in Enzymology**, 493:241-275.
- 1.‡ Strickler, J.R., Udvardia, A.J., Marino, J., Radabaugh, N., Ziarek, J.J., & Nihongi, A. 2005. Visibility as a factor in the copepod – planktivorous fish relationship. **Scientia Marina**, 69(Suppl. 1):111-124.

GRANTS

Pending

Title: Reactivation of Ocr11 function in Lowe syndrome
 Source: NIH Parent R01
 Role: Co-PI (PI = Ruben C. Aguilar, Purdue University)
 Subcontract Dates: 04/2021-03/2023
 Total funds: \$115,555 (Subcontract)

Ongoing

Title: The role of dynamics in GPCR and arrestin allostery
 Source: NIH Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA-ESI) R35 GM138262
 Role: PI
 Dates: 07/2021-07/2026
 Direct funds: \$1,250,000

Title: Deciphering GPCR signal transduction through NMR structure and dynamics studies
 Source: NIH Pathway to Independence Award R00 GM115814
 Role: PI
 Dates: 09/2017-08/2020 (NCE)

Direct funds: \$747,000

Title: Molecular mechanisms of arrestin activation

Source: Indiana CTSI Core Facility Pilot Funding

Role: PI

Dates: 08/2020-08/2022

Direct funds: \$10,000

Completed

Title: Deciphering GPCR signal transduction through NMR structure and dynamics studies

Source: NIH Pathway to Independence Award K99 GM115814

Role: PI (Mentor: Gerhard Wagner, PhD)

Dates: 09/2015-08/2017

Title: Structural basis for SCAP/SREBP interaction

Source: NIH Individual NRSA Fellowship F32 GM103005

Role: PI (Mentor: Gerhard Wagner, PhD)

Dates: 09/2012-08/2015

Title: Inhibiting melanoma metastasis with an engineered chemokine

Source: Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center

Role: PI (Mentors: Samuel T. Hwang, MD, PhD and Brian F. Volkman, PhD)

Dates: 09/2011-08/2012

PATENTS

USTPO Application 14/736,535. Monomeric CXCL121 peptide and methods of synthesis and use thereof. Brian Volkman, Joshua Ziarek, Christopher Veldkamp & Francis Peterson. Medical College of Wisconsin.

STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS TRAINED

Previous Postdoctoral Trainees

Cagdas Dag, PhD, 2017-2018

Fabian Bumbak, PhD, 2018-2021

Previous Graduate Students

Mingzhe Pan (MS student), 2018-2021

Current Graduate Students

Austin Dixon (PhD student) 2017-present

James Bower (PhD student), 2018-present

Current Postdoctoral Trainees

Scott Robson, PhD, 2019-present

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORED

Laboratory Volunteers

Ryan Cook, IU, 2019-2020

Yunping Wang, IUPUI, 2018-2020

Andrew Metzman, IU, 2018-2020

Quinn Kaurich, IU, 2018-2020

Seyda Balkan, Middle East Technical University, Turkey, Summer 2018

IU Minority Serving Institutes (MSI) STEM Initiative

GianCarlo Montiel, University of California-Merced, Summer 2019

CLASSROOM TEACHING

<u>Courses taught:</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Year</u>
MLS440 – Membranes and Signal Transduction	10	Spring	2020
MLS440 – Membranes and Signal Transduction	11	Spring	2021

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

<u>University Service</u>	<u>Year</u>
Member, Structural Biology Search Committee, IU School of Medicine	2018

<u>Departmental Service</u>	<u>Year</u>
Faculty mentor, Biochemistry Graduate Program Social Committee	2019-present
Co-organizer, MolBioPhys (previously StruBIO) Working group	2018-present
Member, Biochemistry Graduate Program Admissions Committee	2017-present

ON CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

2017	Deciphering GPCR signal transduction through solution NMR, MCB BMB
2018	Deciphering GPCR signal transduction through solution NMR, Biology GCDB
2018	Cell-free protein synthesis, StruBIO Working Group

INVITED SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCE TALKS

2020	Gateway Regional NMR Meeting. Nashville, TN (<i>COVID – virtual</i>)
2019	Gateway Regional NMR meeting. Ann Arbor, MI
2019	Gordon Research Conference: Molecular Pharmacology. Ventura, CA
2017	Gordon Research Seminar: Molecular Pharmacology. Tuscany, Italy
2015	Kyoto University RRR Workshop. Kyoto, Japan
2015	Annual Meeting of the NMR Society of Japan. Tokyo, Japan
2015	International Workshop: High Resolution Cell Biology. Nagoya, Japan
2010	Great Plains Regional Annual Symposium on Protein and Biomolecular NMR. Lawrence, KS
2007	American Society of Limnology and Oceanography: Aquatic Sciences Meeting. Santa Fe, NM
2005	University of Wisconsin Symposium for Undergraduate Research. Oshkosh, WI

INVITED SEMINARS

2021	IUSM Drug Discovery and Development Working Group. Indianapolis, IN (<i>COVID – virtual</i>)
2019	Dortmund University, Germany, Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Biology

2017 Tohoku University, Japan, Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
2017 Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan, Department of Chemistry
2015 University of Hawaii, USA, Department of Chemistry
2013 Kyoto University, Japan, Biomolecular Function Chemistry Laboratory

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board

FEBS Letters

Year

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Grant review

NIH Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1-MDCN-R(04)

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Peer Review

Trends in Pharmacological Sciences

Journal of Protein Expression and Purification

Society Memberships

American Chemical Society

Protein Society

International Society of Magnetic Resonance

Ampere Society