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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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:eaat2214.
- 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., Boeszoermyenyi, A., Mathieu, D., Bermel, W., Davey, N.E., Wagner, G. & Arthanari, H. A. 2018. <sup>15</sup>N 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 $\alpha$  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

- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2019.12.20.884718>. *In review.*

#### 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: The role of dynamics in GPCR and arrestin allostery  
 Source: NIH Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA-ESI) R35GM138262  
 Role: PI  
 Dates: 09/2021-08/2026  
 Direct funds: \$1,250,000

### Ongoing

Title: Deciphering GPCR signal transduction through NMR structure and dynamics studies  
 Source: NIH Pathway to Independence Award R00 GM115814  
 Role: PI  
 Dates: 09/2017-08/2021  
 Direct funds: \$747,000

### 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

#### Past Postdoctoral Students

Cagdas Dag, PhD, 2017-2018

#### Current Graduate Students

Austin Dixon (PhD student) 2017-present

Mingzhe Pan (PhD student), 2018-present

James Bower (PhD student), 2018-present

#### Current Postdoctoral Students

Fabian Bumbak, PhD, 2018-present

Scott Robson, PhD, 2019-present

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORED

#### Laboratory Volunteers

Ryan Cook, IU, 2019-present

Yunping Wang, IUPUI, 2018-present

Andrew Metzman, IU, 2018-present

Quinn Kaurich, IU, 2018-present

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

**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, Tennessee ( <i>COVID – virtual</i> )
2019	Gateway Regional NMR meeting. Ann Arbor, Michigan
2019	Gordon Research Conference: Molecular Pharmacology. Ventura, California
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**

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**

<u>Editorial Board</u>	<u>Year</u>
FEBS Letters	2019-present

Society Memberships

American Chemical Society  
 Protein Society  
 International Society of Magnetic Resonance  
 Ampere Society