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Education/Training

University of Concepcion, Biochemist 10/09/89

University of Concepcion, Ph.D. 20/03/02

1. Personal Statement

I have worked in cellular biology at the Universidad de Concepcion for 30 years professor and researcher. My research area has focused on hypothalamic glucosensing, specifically on the role of glial cells. In I have extended my research area to neuronal function. I have a broad background in molecular biology with specific training and expertise in viral vector generation for inhibiting the expression of proteins that control feeding behavior. My research includes the evaluation of changes associated with feeding behavior and neurogenesis induced by the diet. As PI of Chilean government-funded grants, I identified that tanycytes, a type of glia in the hypothalamus, are the primary nutritional signals sensors. Specifically, glucose changes are detected by tanycytes, which signal to nearby neuroendocrine cells, resulting in short- term adaptive responses, as documented in the following publications. Furthermore, our recent evidence indicates that these cells are involved in the long-term regulation of feeding behavior through a connexin 43-dependent mechanism whereby they increase their proliferation.

2 Academic positions

1990-2005	Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, University of Concepcion.
2006-2014	Associate Professor, Department of Cellular Biology, University of Concepcion.
2014-present	Full Professor, Department of Cellular Biology, University of Concepcion.
2018-present	Member of the Molecular and Cellular Biology Doctoral Program Committee of the University of Concepcion.
2018	Visiting Scientist, Universidad de Maryland, College Park (USA).
2016-present	Member, Study Section Biochemistry and Physiology, Scholarships Program for Graduate Studies, CONICYT-ANID.
2020-present	Panel Member, Study Section for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

(GB-3), FONDECYT-ANID Chile.

3 Professional memberships and Honors

2001- present	Member, Chilean Society of Biology
2002- present	Member, Chilean Society of Cell Biology
2005- present	Member, American Society Neurochemistry
2014- present	Associate Editor, Frontier in Neuroenergetics
2006- present	International Society for Neurochemistry
2004- present	Chilean Society for Neurosciences
2015- 2016	French National Research Agency, external reviewer
2008-2011	Award to academic excellence, University of Concepcion, Chile
2012-2015	Award to academic excellence, University of Concepcion, Chile
2016-2019	Award to academic excellence, University of Concepcion, Chile
2017	Award for the best Ph.D. thesis (tutor) from Society of Cellular Biology of Chile
2018	Award for the best doctoral thesis from University of Concepcion

4. Research Grants

2018-2022 Fondecyt 1180871 03/17/18-03/15/22

Hypothalamic control of feeding behavior. This study aims to identify the cellular mechanisms that define the role of hypothalamic glia-neuron interaction in the homeostatic control of feeding behavior. Chilean Gov. Principal Investigator.

2018-2021 Associative Project VRID-UDEC 218.031.113-1

CITCELL Comparison of the performance and capacity of chondrogenic differentiation of stem cells obtained from dental pulp and bone marrow seeded in biocompatible matrices
Principal investigator

2018-2019 REDI170306

Sensing of nutrients at the brain level as a key process for developing new therapies against obesity awarded in the Support Network Training Competition. International for Researchers in Initial Stage of Redes-CONICYT

2017-2018 InnBio- CORFO EQM 140111 03/15/17-03/15/18
CRIOVIDA

This project aimed to generate a service of embryos and gametes cryopreservation of mice and rats.
Principal Investigator.

2014-2018 Fondecyt 1140677 03/15/14-03/15/17

Role of tanycytes in feeding behavior. The goal of this study was to determine the role of tanycytes in feeding behavior. Principal Investigator.

2012–2017 FIC-GORE 30116843-0

Strengthening of international alliances for the implementation of a business unit that promotes the performance of preclinical studies in the eighth region. Transfer of the Bioterium to the service of companies and laboratories. Co-Investigator

2010-2014 Fondecyt 1110705 03/15/10-03/15/14

Role of hypothalamic glial cells in brain glucose sensing. This study aimed to determine the role of glial cells in the detection and response to glucose. Chilean Gov. Principal Investigator.

2010-2014 Fondecyt 1100396 03/15/10-03/15/14

Cellular Biology of vitamin C transporters in stem cells. The goal of this study was to determine the function of vitamin C transporters in neuronal stem cells. Chilean Gov. Co-Investigator.

2010-2013. INNOVA BIO-BIO 08-PC S1-468 03/15/10-03/15/13
Cartilage regeneration using tissue engineering. This project aimed to generate articular cartilage from bone marrow stem cells for the treatment of patients.
Role: Co-Investigator.

2007-2010 Conicyt-ARP Anillo ACT-02 11/01/07-03/15/10
Research Center for the Study of the Nervous System: Cell Biology and Biomedical Applications
This Associative Research Program's main goal was to establish a multidisciplinary research group that will focus on the understanding of the cellular mechanisms that regulate cell-cell communication. Principal Investigator.

2006-2007 Fondecyt 1060962 03/15/06-03/15/08
Glucokinase and monocarboxylate transporters expression in the hypothalamus, central molecules in the glucose sensor mechanism based on glia-neuron interaction. This project aimed to evaluate the localization and function of glucokinase and lactate transporters in the hypothalamus. Principal Investigator.

5 Publications (Citations: 2946, H-index: 29)

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2. Recabal A, López S, Salgado M, Palma A, Obregón AM, Elizondo-Vega R, Sáez JC, García-Robles MÁ. (2022) A Short-Term Sucrose Diet Impacts Cell Proliferation of Neural Precursors in the Adult Hypothalamus. *Nutrients*. 14(13):2564. doi: 10.3390/nu14132564.
3. Orellana MS, Jaña GA, Figueroa M, Martínez-Oyanedel J, Medina FE, Tarifeño-Saldivia E, Gatica M, García-Robles MÁ, Carvajal N, Uribe E. (2022) New Insights into the Determinants of Specificity in Human Type I Arginase: Generation of a Mutant That Is Only Active with Agmatine as Substrate. *Int J Mol Sci*. 23(12):6438. doi: 10.3390/ijms23126438.
4. Salgado M, Elizondo-Vega R, Villar PS, Konar M, Gallegos S, Tarifeño-Saldivia E, Luz-Crawford P, Aguayo LG, Araneda RC, Uribe E, García-Robles MÁ. (2022) GKR-dependent modulation of feeding behavior by tanycyte-released monocarboxylates. *Theranostics*. 12(4):1518-1536. doi: 10.7150/thno.66634.
5. Obregón AM, Oyarce K, García-Robles MA, Valladares M, Pettinelli P, Goldfield GS. (2022) Association of the dopamine D2 receptor rs1800497 polymorphism with food addiction, food reinforcement, and eating behavior

- in Chilean adults. *Eat Weight Disord.* 27(1):215-224. doi: 10.1007/s40519-021-01136-1.
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 8. Recabal A, Fernández P, López S, Barahona MJ, Ordenes P, Palma A, Elizondo-Vega R, Farkas C, Uribe A, Caprile T, Sáez JC, García-Robles MA. (2021) The FGF2-induced tanycyte proliferation involves a connexin 43 hemichannel/purinergic-dependent pathway. *J Neurochem.* 156(2):182-199. doi: 10.1111/jnc.15188.
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6 Thesis advisor

2021 Patricio Ordenes. Role of Lactate in brain control of food intake. Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion. In progress

2020 Sergio Lopez. Cell proliferation in neurogenic niches involved in the regulation of food intake. Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics, Faculty of Biological Sciences. University of Concepcion

2020 María José Barahona. Participation of glucose transporter 2, in tanycytes, in the regulation of ghrelin secretion and feeding behavior" Doctorate in

Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion

- 2020 Antonia Recabal. Dietary and purinergic factors that promote the proliferation of hypothalamic neuronal precursors" Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion
- 2019 Magdiel Salgado Role of GGRP and glial ketogenesis in hypothalamic glucosensing". Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion
- 2018 Omayra Contreras. Odontoblastoid differentiation from human dental pulp stem cells. Thesis for the title of Bioengineer. University of Concepcion
- 2017 Macarena Konar. "Expression and localization of DAGL α in the basal hypothalamus in response to glucose". Thesis of Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion.
- 2017 Katheen Escobar Acuña. Overexpression of GLUT2 in tanycytes. Thesis for the title of Bioengineer. University of Concepcion.
2016. Roberto Elizondo. "Participation of the transporters of hypothalamic monocarboxylates in the regulation of food intake". Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion
- 2016 Marcos Villagra. "Dynamic localization of GK and exogenous GGRP, in real time". Thesis for the title of Biochemist. University of Concepcion. 2015
2015. Patricio Ordenes. "Comparison of the subcellular localization of GK / GGRP in the hypothalamus and in the liver and its regulation by clock genes". Thesis for the title of Biochemist. University of Concepción.
- 2014 Claudio Carril. "Sensing of lactate in culture of hypothalamic neurons". Thesis of Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion.
- 2014 María José Barahona. "Adenoviral inhibition of the monocarboxylate 1 (MCT1) transporter in hypothalamic glia: Study of the feeding behavior". Thesis to apply for the title of Biologist. University of Concepcion.
- 2013 Magdiel Salgado. "Glucose-dependent modulation of the interaction of GK and GGRP in hypothalamic glia". Thesis of Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion.
- 2013 Paula Llanos. "Inhibition of GLUT2 in tanycytes and its effect in vivo on dietary intake". Thesis of Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion.
- 2012 Mr. Claudio Carril. "Inhibition of the monocarboxylate transporter 1 (MCT1) in hypothalamic glia". Thesis for the title of Bioengineer. University of Concepcion. 2012.
- 2012 Fernando Martínez. "Looking for the molecular basis to explain a rapid route of glucose entry into the brain". Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion
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- and its evaluation in rat insulinoma cells". Thesis for the title of Bioengineer. University of Concepcion. 2011
- 2011 Christian Cortés Campos. "Participation of the transporters of 3-monocarboxylates in the glucose sensor mechanism based on a glia-neuron metabolic interaction". Doctorate in Biological Sciences. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepcion.
- 2010 Roberto Elizondo. "Comparative analysis of the expression and function of glucose and lactate transporters of hypothalamic and cortical glial cells." Thesis of Master in Biochemistry and Bioinformatics. Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Concepción
- 2010 Estefanía Tarifeño. "Cloning of GK from hypothalamic glia." Thesis to apply for the title of Biologist. University of Concepcion. 2010
- 2010 María José Yáñez. "Intracellular compartmentalization of GK and GKRP in response to glucose in hypothalamic glia." Thesis for the title of Bioengineer. University of Concepción. 2010
- 2008 Roberto Elizondo. "Comparative analysis of the expression and function of glucose and lactate transporters of hypothalamic and cortical glial cells." Thesis for the title of Biochemist. University of Concepcion.
- 2008 Carola Millán. "Localization, regulation, and inhibition of glucokinase in the hypothalamic glia and its regulation with feeding behavior." Doctorate in Cellular and Molecular Biology Faculty of Biological Sciences. University of Concepcion.

7 Meeting abstract (last 6 years)

Invited speaker

- November 2019 Organization of Symposium "Glia involvement on hypothalamic regulation of energy balance
García-Robles, MA". Tanycytes and their role in glucosensing and food intake regulation. Chilean Society for Cellular Biology, Puerto Varas, Chile
- October 2019 Invited Speaker in Symposium "Glucose and vitamin C transporters in health and disease. A tribute to Juan Carlos Vera", García-Robles MA. Hypothalamic glucosensing and food intake regulation. Chilean Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Meeting, Iquique, Chile
- November 2019. Hypothalamic control of feeding behaviour. García-Robles MA University of San Sabastian, Chile
- November 2018. Role of connexin 43 in the formation of pan glial red in the hypothalamus. García-Robles MA NEXOS meeting for resident scientists in the United States. Washington DC.
- October 2016 Glucose increases opening of hemichannels through a glycolytic-dependent mechanism. García-Robles MA, Orellana JA, Elizondo R, Sáez JC. FALAN,

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Meeting participation

2019

Salgado M, Barahona M, Elizondo-Vega R, Uribe E, García-Robles MA 2018 In vivo gain/loss of GGRP expression in hypothalamic tanycytes produces alterations in neuropeptides expression and abnormal feeding behavior. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXIII Annual Meeting. Puerto Varas, Chile. Best PhD-poster presentation

Barahona MJ, Langlet F, Croizier S, Labouèbe G, Picard A, Thorens B, García-Robles MA Hypothalamic alpha-tanycytes: A novel appetite regulators. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXIII Annual Meeting. Puerto Varas, Chile

Órdenes P, Hu R, Villar P, Salgado M, Elizondo-Vega R, Araneda R, and García-Robles MA. Lactate modulates the activity of POMC neurons of the arcuate nucleus through a receptor. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXIII Annual Meeting. Puerto Varas, Chile

López S, Recabal A. and García-Robles MA. Cellular proliferation in neurogenic niches involved in the regulation of food intake. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXIII Annual Meeting. Puerto Varas, Chile

2018

Recabal A, Elizondo-Vega R, Palma A, Caprile T, Philippot C, Steinhäuser C, García-Robles MA. Role of connexin 43 in the formation of radial glia-like features in hypothalamic tanycytes: coupling and proliferation. Federation of European Neuroscience Societies. Berlin

Salgado M, Órdenes P, Villar P, Araneda R, Aguayo L, and García-Robles MA. Modulation of POMC neuron activity by lactate and tanycyte-released β -hydroxybutyrate (β -HB). Federation of European Neuroscience Societies. Berlin

Barahona MJ, Recabal A, Salgado M, Ordenes P, Palma A, Sepúlveda F, Garcia-Robles MA. 2017. Hypothalamic GLUT2 inhibition impacts feeding behavior. 42 FEBS CONGRESS. Jerusalén, Israel

Sepulveda F, Konar-Nie M, Palma A, Ordenes P, Joaquin Rojas, Aurelia F, Azocar C, Garcia-Robles MA. Novel role of endocannabinoid signaling in hypothalamic glial cells to regulate food intake. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXII Annual Meeting, Puerto Varas, Chile.

Recabal A, Elizondo-Vega R, Caprile T, Steinhäuser C, García-Robles MA. Connexin-43 gap junctions are responsible for the hypothalamic tanycyte-coupled network. Chilean Society for Cell Biology – XXXII Annual Meeting. Puerto Varas, Chile

2017

Elizondo-Vega R, García-Robles, MA. Participation of the hypothalamic monocarboxylate transporters in the regulation of feeding behavior. XXXI Annual Meeting of the Cell Biology Society of Chile, Puerto Varas, Chile. Award for a best national doctorate thesis

Elizondo-Vega R, Contreras, Salgado M, Martínez L, Paredes MJ, Garcia-Robles MA, Luz-Crawford P. Monocarboxylate transporters expression on mesenchymal stem cells and their role on immunosuppression. XXXI Annual Meeting of the Cell Biology

Society of Chile, Puerto Varas, Chile.

Recabal A, Fernández P, Caprile T, Sáez JC, García-Robles MA. Connexin 43 participates in the proliferation of Tanycytes in vitro. 2017. XXXI Annual meeting Chilean society for cell biology. Puerto Varas, Chile.

Escobar-Acuña K, Salgado, Elizondo-Vega, Barahona MJ, Órdenes, García-Robles MA. Overexpression and inhibition of GLUT2 in tanycytes and their effect on glucose transport. XXXI Annual meeting Chilean society for cell biology. Puerto Varas, Chile

Órdenes P, Elizondo-Vega R, Salgado M, Escobar K, García-Robles MA. 2017. Inhibition of MCT2 expression in anorexigenic hypothalamic neurons. XXXI Annual meeting Chilean society for cell biology. Puerto Varas, Chile.

Konar M, Salgado M, Órdenes P, Palma A., García-Robles MA, Sepúlveda F. Expression and localization of the endocannabinoids-producing DAGLa enzyme in the arcuate nucleus XXXI Annual meeting Chilean society for cell biology Chile.

2016

García-Robles MA, Barahona MJ, Llanos P, Millán C, Salgado M, Elizondo-Vega R, Uribe EA. Glucose transporter two inhibition in tanycytes affects feeding behavior. American Society for Neurochemistry (ASN) 47th Annual Meeting. Denver USA

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