

MARTIN F. PERA
Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

Undergraduate	College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. U.S.A. B.A. , English Language and Literature 1972
PhD	George Washington University, Washington, D.C. U.S.A. Ph.D. , Pharmacology 1979 Thesis title: <i>Interaction of cis-dichlorodiammine platinum (II) with diuretic drugs in rodent model systems</i>
Fellowship	National Institutes of Health (U.S.) Postdoctoral Fellowship National Research Service Award; Institute of Cancer Research, London, United Kingdom 1979-1982
Research Fellowship	Imperial Cancer Research Fund London 1982 -1984
Masters (Honorary)	Oxford University, Oxford, U.K. M.A. 1990

Professional Background:

Academic Appointments

1979 – 1982	National Institutes of Health National Research Service Award Fellow; Institute of Cancer Research, London, United Kingdom
1982 – 1984	Research Fellow, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, U.K.
1984 – 1988	Cell Biologist, Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton, Surrey, U.K.
1989 – 1996	Group Leader, Cancer Research Campaign, Department of Zoology, Oxford University, Oxford, U.K.
1996 – 2000	Senior Research Fellow, Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development (MIRD)
1997 – 2001	Deputy Head, Centre for Early Human Development, MIRD
2000 – 2004	Associate Professor, MIRD
2001 – 2002	Co-Director, Centre for Early Human Development
2003 – 2003	Director, Centre for Early Human Development, MIRD
2003 – 2006	Founding Scientist and Member, Scientific Management Advisory Committee, National Stem Cell Centre
2004 – 2006	Research Professor and Deputy Director, Centre for Early Human Development, MIRD
2004 – 2006	Director, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Australian Stem Cell Centre

2006- 2012	Founding Director, Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California Professor of Cell and Neurobiology
2011 –2017	Chair, Stem Cell Sciences The University of Melbourne The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research Program Leader, Stem Cells Australia – ARC/SRI
2017-	Professor, The Jackson Laboratory

Honours and Awards

1979	National Institutes of Health (U.S.) National Research Service Award
1997	Senior Scientist, Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development
2005	Management Board, International Society for the Study of Differentiation
2006	Member, the Hinxton Group
2006	Sir Louis Mathieson Distinguished Visiting Professor, Monash
2007	Distinguished Alumni Award, George Washington University
2009	Honorary Appointment, Conjoint Professor, School of Psychiatry, The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
2010	Honorary Professorship, University of Queensland
2017	Honorary Professorship, University of Melbourne

Student Supervision and Training

Institute of Cancer Research

Research Students

Malcolm D. Mason MD (University of London)

Maria Jose Blaso Lafita PhD (University of Madrid)

Supervision of Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Susan Cooper

Oxford University

Supervision of Honours Projects

Ms. Elizabeth Harrington

Ms. Rebecca Lawrence

Supervision of Master of Science

Mr. Carl Watkins (University College London)

Supervision of PhD Students

Ms. Sherry Roach (1994)

Mr. David Banbury (1994)

Monash University

Supervision of Masters of Science projects

Mr. Tim Xiang January 1998-March 1999

Mr. Gary Peh, 2002 – 2003

Mr. A.L.Von Boxtel, Netherlands

Supervision of Honors projects

Ms. Emma Langton-Bunker, March 1998-November 1998

Mr. Ben Rollo, February 2000-Feb 2001

Mr. Adam Filipczyk, February 2000-Feb 2001

Mr. Hayden Waterham, Feb 2001-Feb 2002

Mr. Lincon Stamp, July 2002 – July 2003

Mr. Raymond Wong, January 2003 - November 2003
Ms. Genevieve Brown, January 2004
Ms. Vinali Dias from January 2004
Mr. Kevin Tvierak, 2004-2005

Supervision of PhD students

Dr. Ben Reubinoff, February 1998-2001
Ms Jessica Andrade, June 1998-June2004
Ms. Carmel Obrien, August 1998-August 2002
Mr. Adam Filipczyk, April 2001-April 2005
Ms. Kathy Davidson, January 2003 – December 2006
Ms. Elizabeth Stadler, from July 2002 – July 2010
Ms Anna Mossman, March 2003 – March 2007
Mr. Raymond Wong, Feb 2004-2007
Mr. Lincon Stamp, Feb 2004-2011
Mr. Gary Peh, Feb 2004-2006
Mr. Tom Chung, 2005-2008
Mr. Nick Hannan , 2005-2008
Ms. Caterina Grandela, 2004-2008
Ms. Adelia Lin, 2005-2008
Supervision of Postdoctoral Fellows
Dr. Souheir Houssami
Dr. Susan Hawes
Dr. Andrew Laslett
Dr. Alice Pebay
Dr. Mirella Dottori
Dr. Ernst Wolvetang

University of Southern California 2006**Supervision of Medical Student projects**

Mr. David Braxton, 2006- 2010

Supervision of PhD. Student

Ms. Crystal Sengstaken, 2007- 2010
Mr. Jordan Pomeroy, 2007-
Ms. Juliana Jung, 2008-2011

Supervision of Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr. Victoria Fox, 2007-2008
Dr. Kouichi Hasegawa, 2007- 2009
Dr. Jun Wu, 2008-

PhD Committees (Qualifying) 2007

Eric Schulze
Rashidi Narges
Ankita Das
Eszter Pais
Steven Tsai
Zong Wei

University of Melbourne 2012 - 2016**Supervision of PhD Student**

Duncan Crombie completed 2016
Stephanie Bellmaine completed 2016
Elizabeth Mason completed 2017
Marcelo Leal MD
Terri Ann Harris

Supervision of International Interns

Jorien van Rooijen (2012) University of Amsterdam
Ksenia Finogenova (2013) Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Maria Helenda Dirven (2015) University of Leiden,
Danila Vittori MD (2015) University of Rome, Sant' Andrea Hospital

Ana Lauxen (2016) University of Groningen, The Netherlands

The Jackson Laboratory 2017-

Supervision of Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Daniel Cortes

Supervision of PhD students

Ms. Candice Byers, PhD committee
Ms. Sarah Heurer, PhD committee
Mr. Alex Stanton, PhD Tufts University student
Ms. Jiaxin Li, PhD student
Ms. Lauren Kuffler, PhD committee

Supervision of International Intern

Ms. Melanie Escudero, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon, France.

Supervision of Post-Baccalaureate Fellows

Mr. Kevin Hayes
Ms. Queen Imogu

Supervision of Summer Students

Ms. Nicole Wilkinson
Ms. Julia Fiore
Ms. Alyssa Edwards
Mr. Yun Kim (MITACS Scholar, University of Toronto)
Ms. Nicole da Costa
Ms. English Laserna
Ms. Nicole da Costa, English Laserna

Courses, Lectures, In-house presentations

The Jackson Laboratory

To be updated.

The University of Melbourne

FMDHS Dean's Lecture Series 2011, "Pluripotent Human Stem Cells: A Progress Report", 10 November 2011

Department of Genetics Seminar Program at La Trobe University (Melbourne), "Defining Pluripotency" 15 March 2012

Centre for Eye Research Australia, Department of Ophthalmology, UoM, "The States of Pluripotency", 2 May 12

PhD Coursework in Neuroscience – University of Melbourne, "Human Pluripotent Stem Cells As Research Tools & Emerging Applications in Medicine", 4 May 2012

Biomedical Science Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience UoM, "Human Pluripotent Stem Cells: The Road Ahead", 16 May, 2012

Anatomy and Cell Biology, UoM, seminar series semester one, "Pluripotency and Lineage Specification in Human Embryonic Stem Cells," 18 May 2012

Murdoch Children's Research Institute Molecular Medicine Seminar, "Pluripotent Stem Cells: States and Fates," 29 May 2012

Research Mentors Program Workshop 3, "Session on challenges and opportunities for women research leaders," 29th May 2012

Melbourne Neuroscience Institute Public Seminar Series, "Stem Cells & Regenerative Medicine: The Future is Now" 26 June 2012

Biomedical Sciences, "Stem Cells – Basic Science," August 2012

Melbourne School of Land and Environment, “Biotechnology Stem Cells and Applications,” October 2012

Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, “Clinical translation of Pluripotent Stem Cell,” August 2013

Biomedical Sciences, “Stem Cells – Basic Science,” September 2013

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, “Stem cells under the microscope,” June 2016

Biomedical Sciences, “Modelling of human disease with pluripotent stem cells,” August 2014

Biomedical Sciences, “Clinical translation of pluripotent stem cell therapy,” August 2014

Biomedical Sciences, “Stem cells in Development and Regeneration.”

Biomedical Sciences, “Modelling of human disease with pluripotent stem cells,” August 2015

Biomedical Sciences, “Clinical translation of pluripotent stem cell therapy,” August, 2015

Melbourne Neuroscience Institute PhD workshop, September 2015

University of Southern California

Lectures for CIRM Stem Cell Biology course 2006-2010

“Concepts of Pluripotency”

“Embryonic Stem Cells”

“Tissue Stem Cells, Pluripotency and Cloning”

Lecture for Medical School – Hematology

“Embryonic Stem Cells” 2007-2010

Pharmacology Laboratory, Medical School 2008-2010

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Lecture to Masters of Reproductive Science program, Monash University 1997-1998

Lecturing, Practicals ANAT 3052, 2003

Supervision of Minor Projects in Physiology, Monash University 1998

Deputy Director and Course Module Coordinator, Masters of Clinical Embryology,

Monash University, Development of this Course Module MCE 101

Introduction to Mammalian Development 2000-2004, Director of Course, 2003

Lecturing in MCE101, Introduction to Mammalian Development, 2000 -2004

Additional Teaching Responsibilities

Instructor, University of Pittsburgh Frontiers in Human Embryonic Stem Cells 2003 and 2004

Jackson Laboratories, “Current Protocols in Human Embryonic Stem Cells”, 2002, 2003.

Director 2004-2009.

Executive Administrative Roles

Monash University, 1998 - 2003

Director, Centre for Early Human Development, 2003

Co-Director, Centre for Early Human Development, 2001-2002

Chair of Senior Scientist Forum, Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development, 2001

Student Advisor, Centre for Early Human Development, 1998-1999

University of Southern California, 2006-2012

Direct a major new initiative in stem cell biology, the Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research, at the Keck School of Medicine.

Develop scientific strategy for the basic research program of the Center, conduct recruitment of staff, participate in fundraising for the new initiative, develop liaisons with other groups at USC, regional and international centers, mentor young faculty, work with Dean's Office and administrators to manage the new institute, participate in planning and development of new research facilities, develop and implement strategies for commercialization and technology transfer of Center research, represent the University in public on matters relating to stem cell research, and maintain leading work in human embryonic stem cells.

In 2006, I left Monash University and the Australian Stem Cell Centre to take up the post of Foundation Director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at the University of Southern California. Stem cell research was a new initiative for the USC. During my tenure the Center grew to comprise twelve faculty members and over 100 staff and students and a small administrative support team. I was responsible for development of the new program and recruitment of the faculty. The Center faculty comprises mostly young scientists from leading laboratories around the world. I played a very important part in mentoring these young scientists in their first independent appointments. While I was Director, our Faculty have published their research findings in major journals including Cell, Nature, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Nature Biotechnology, Cell Stem Cell, Developmental Cell, Cancer Research, and others. Center Faculty won \$38.7 million in competitive research funding, exclusive of our CIRM building grant, from the NIH and CIRM, plus a number of foundations. Three Center members, Dr. Qilong Ying, Dr. Mani Pashmfaroush, and Dr. Gage Crump, won prestigious CIRM New Faculty Awards. At the time of my departure USC/CHLA ranked fourth in CIRM funding across the State, in a very competitive environment that encompasses some of the leading universities in America and the world (UCLA, UCSF, UCSD, Stanford, UC Berkeley, and others). I authored the Major Facilities Grant, which was essential to help put up The Center's new building, supported by a generous gift of \$30 million from the Broad Foundation and a competitive grant award of \$27 million from CIRM (a CIRM Institute Grant). We opened the building in October 2010. The five story, 80000 square foot structure houses a vivarium, a lecture theatre, and three floors of laboratories for Center investigators. Another research floor houses four state of the art core laboratories (stem cell, flow cytometry, imaging and chemical genomics) which I set up, and serves as a hub for training and collaborative research with PIs from other USC departments and local institutions.

The USC Broad research pipeline included a number of technologies that will find application in the clinical delivery of stem cell therapies. These include a new stem cell modulatory drug targeted at the Wnt pathway, now in Phase 1 clinical trial for colorectal cancer and leukemia (developed by Professor Michael Kahn), novel animal models for the study of human disease and drug development based on rat embryonic stem cells (developed by Assistant Professor Qilong Ying), development of embryonic stem cell therapies for macular degeneration, a novel marker for liver stem cells and cancer of the pancreas and esophagus that emerged from studies in my own laboratory. I was a Co-investigator on a successful USC CIRM Disease Team application funded at \$16 million to develop an embryonic stem cell based treatment for macular degeneration.

Member, Dean's Executive Council and Dean's Research Advisory Group

2011-2016: University of Melbourne

I returned to Melbourne to lead a successful bid for the ARC Special Research Initiative in Stem Cell Sciences, Stem Cells Australia. Simultaneously I took up the Chair of Stem Cell Sciences at the University of Melbourne, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and the Florey Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute. SCA is a 7 year, \$21 million dollar initiative that brings together an interdisciplinary team of Australia's leading researchers in the field to address key fundamental questions in stem cell biology. The program has met all major KPIs for each year of its existence. We completed a successful interim review in 2014 and received renewal of funding to 2018. Our scientists have published groundbreaking findings in Nature Cell Biology, Cell, Cell Stem Cell, Nature Biotechnology, and a range of other leading journals. SCA has become the leading scientific force in stem cell research and regenerative medicine in Australia. We have also lead a very important national

campaign against a loophole in the Australian regulations on cell therapy that is allowing clinics to provide unproven stem cell treatments outside of a clinical trial context. This campaign culminated in a major change in the Therapeutic Goods Administration policy on autologous stem cell therapy, which strengthened regulation of stem cell clinics throughout Australia.

Within the University of Melbourne node of SCA, I established a new stem cell research unit, complete with two core laboratories that support researchers throughout the Parkville precinct and holds a regular seminar program, and provides seed funding for new initiatives. We are working with our neuroscience colleagues in the University and the Florey Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute to develop human pluripotent stem cell platforms for neuroscience research.

Committee Membership

Monash University

1996-2003	Annual Report Committee, MIRD
1996-2003	Cloning Symposium Committee, MIRD
1996-2003	Building Committee, MIRD
1996-2003	Postgraduate Student Committee, MIRD
1996-2003	Chair, Equipment Committee, MIRD
1996-2003	Chair, Senior Scientists Forum, MIRD
2002-2003	Research Degrees Committee, Monash University

University of Southern California

2008-	Search Committee for Chair of Pediatrics, CHLA
2008-	Search Committee, Division Chief, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Research Immunology, CHLA,
2008-	Dean's Executive Council
2008-	Dean's Research Council
2008-	Strategic Plan Central Committee
	KSOM Clinical Research Retreat
	SCRO Committee Member
	Dean's Teaching Retreat
	Biomedical Nanoscience Retreats
	Search Committee, CIRM Leadership Award

The University of Melbourne

2011-	Melbourne Neuroscience Institute Advisory Board
2011-	Centre for Neural Engineering Advisory Board
2013-2014	Research Review, Precision Medicine

The Jackson Laboratory

2017-	Tufts JAX Track Admission Committee
2017-2018	Convenor, REDIG Stem Cells and Regenerative Biology
2018-	Seminar Committee
2018-2020	Faculty Recruiting Committee
2018-2020	Scientific Advisory Committee
2018-	Scientific Services Faculty Partner, Cell Engineering
2022-	Faculty Partner, Cell Engineering
2022-	JAX Center for Precision Medicine
2022-	JAX Center for Vision Research
2022-	JAX Cancer Center
2022-	University of Maine, NSFA Dean Search, Postdoctoral Training, Bar Harbor
2022-	Thesis Committee for Candice Byers, Sarah Heurer, and Lauren Kuffler

Society Memberships

Past

British Society for Cell Biology

British Society for Developmental Biology
 Australia/New Zealand Society for Cell and Developmental Biology
 International Society of Differentiation (Board of Directors from 2004-2010)
 Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research (2011-2016)

Current

International Society for Stem Cell Research

Professional Activities

Local/ National/ International

1999-	Provide public commentary on scientific and ethical aspects of research on human embryonic stem cells and therapeutic cloning. Member, Victorian Government Working Party on Stem Cell Research
2002-2004	Member, Scientific Management Advisory Council of the National Stem Cell Centre Provided advice to national, state, and foreign government and regulatory agencies on therapeutic cloning and embryonic stem cells
2004-2006	Member, Executive Scientific Operating Committee, Australian Stem Cell Centre
2004-	Member, International Stem Cell Forum Steering Group
2004-2010	Member, Board of Management, International Society for the Study of Differentiation
2004-2006	Member, Gene and Related Therapies Research Advisory Panel, NHMRC
2005-2010	Scientific Advisory Board, National Stem Cell Bank
2005-2006	Ad Hoc Member, NIH Study Sections Neurogenesis and Cell Fate
2006-2010	Member, International Society for Stem Cell Research Standards Committee
2006-2009	Reviewer, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
2007-	Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee
2008-2010	Scientific Advisory Board of the Canadian Stem Cell Network
2008-2010	Prize Committee, The Meira and Shaul Massry Foundation, Massry Award
2008-	Committee Chair, Canada Foundation for Innovation Leading Edge/New Initiatives in Stem Cells
2009-2010	Member, Scientific Advisory Board Charter of the Australian Stem Cell Centre
2009-2011	Board of Trustees Committee on Science and Engineering Complex, George Washington University
2009-2010	Scientific Advisory Board, ES Tools (EU Embryonic Stem Cell Consortium)
2009	CIRM UK MRC meeting January
2009-2015	Chair, ISSCR Membership Committee
2009 -2012	Member, ISSCR Audit Committee
2015 -	Clerk, and Member, Board of Directors, ISSCR
2015-	Strategic Oversight Committee, ISSCR
2016 -2018	Embryo Research Licensing Committee—NHMRC
2017-	Chair, International Stem Cell Initiative Genetic and Epigenetics Study Group
2018	Chair, Education Task Force, ISSCR

Grant reviews

NHMRC, ARC, US NIH, UK BBSRC, UK MRC, Wellcome Trust, Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign, Israel Science Foundation, European Community, other international bodies, Connecticut Stem Cell Research, Tri Institutional, JDRF Research Program (New York), Canada Foundation for Innovation, California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, New Zealand HRC Biomedical, Singapore National Research Foundation, Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada, NREC Canada

Editorial Boards

2000-2003	Reproduction Fertility and Development
2004-	Stem Cells
2007-	Stem Cell Research
2008-	Cell Stem Cell

2009-2017	PLoS One
2012-	Stem Cell Reports
2016-	Elife
2019-	Editor in Chief, Stem Cell Reports

Journal Reviews

* (Regular ad-hoc reviewer)

PNAS
 International Journal of Cancer
 Experimental Cell Research
 Science
 Reproduction Fertility and Development (Editorial Board 2000-2003)
 *Nature
 *Nature Medicine
 *Stem Cells (Editorial Board from 2004)
 *Nature Biotechnology
 *Nature Methods
 Molecular Reproduction and Development
 *Nature Genetics
 *Nature Cell Biology
 Developmental Biology
 Journal of Anatomy
 The Journal of Cell Science
 Current Biology
 Mechanisms of Development
 *Development
 Journal of Pathology
 Human Reproduction
 Journal of Anatomy
 International Journal of Developmental Biology
 *Cell Stem Cell (Editorial Board from 2008)
 Human Reproductive Differentiation
 Molecular Biology of the Cell
 *Stem Cell Research (Editorial Board 2007)
 *Stem Cell Reports
 *Cell
 *Cell Reports
 *Nature Commentary

Consultantships, affiliations with Biotechnology companies

1996 – 2000	Consultant, Stem Cell Sciences Pty. Ltd.
1996 -	Director, Biotrophix Pty. Ltd.
2000 - 2002	Founding Scientist and member of the Scientific Advisory Board, ESI Pte. Ltd.
2002-2005	Founding Scientist, Copy Rat Pty. Ltd.
2003-2006	Founding Scientist and Driver, Nephrogenix
2006-2010-	Consultant, Australian Stem Cell Centre
2007-2010	Consultant, Millipore Corporation
2012 -2013	Consultant UCB Pharmaceuticals

Research Activities

Major Areas of Research Interest

Human embryonic stem cells and human development; extrinsic control of growth and differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells; human germ cell tumors of the testis

Research Summary Past Ten Years

- 2006-2011 **Professor of Cell & Neurobiology**
 Founding Director Eli & Edythe Broad Centre Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California Prospective isolation and characterization of cellular subpopulations in human ES cell cultures-the primordial stem cell and lineage specification; role of NF- κ B signaling in epigenetic and genetic adaptation of human ES cells in vitro; derivation of liver stem cells from human ES cell cultures; novel cell surface markers for endodermal progenitors; the International Stem Cell Initiative; Comparison of ES cells with iPS cells.
- 2011 – 2017 **Chair of Stem Cell Sciences**
 The University of Melbourne, Australia
 Florey Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute, Australia
 Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research Australia
 Program Leader, Stem Cells Australia – ARC/Special Research Initiative
 Extrinsic Regulation of Pluripotency and Self Renewal in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells
 Human Pluripotent Stem Cells in Antibody Discovery
 Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Platforms for Neuroscience
 Regulation of Stem Cell Therapy Clinics in Australia
- 2017-present **The Jackson Laboratory**
 Extrinsic control of growth and differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells
 Human pluripotent stem cell and mouse models of neurodevelopmental gene disorders and repair in the adult central nervous system
 Functional analysis of candidate susceptibility alleles for macular degeneration

Other Research Achievements

- 1974 - 1979 **Ph.D. Student, Department of Pharmacology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.**
 Studied the pharmacology and toxicology of the antitumour agent cisplatin; demonstrated protection from renal toxicity and an improved therapeutic index when the drug was used in combination with diuretics in rodent model systems.
- 1979-1982 **N.I.H. National Research Service Award, Institute of Cancer Research, London, U.K.**
 Carried out molecular pharmacological studies of cisplatin, which provided strong evidence for the role of DNA binding and repair in the response of normal and tumour cells to the drug.
- 1982-1984 **Postdoctoral Fellow, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, U.K.**
 Developed a new culture system for normal mouse keratinocytes and keratinocytes from preneoplastic and malignant stages of skin carcinogenesis in the mouse. Proved that immortality and reduced growth factor dependence preceded malignant transformation in skin tumour development. Showed that resistance to the induction of terminal differentiation by tumour promoting phorbol esters was a characteristic of premalignant keratinocytes derived from papillomas.
- 1984-1989 **Cell Biologist, Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton, U.K.**
 Established and characterized a panel of cell lines from human germ cell tumours, which constitute a unique resource for the study of growth and differentiation in early human embryogenesis and in testicular tumours. Produced new monoclonal antibodies for the analysis of cell differentiation lineage in these neoplasms. Obtained evidence for the critical role of the serum adhesion protein vitronectin in the growth of human germ cell tumours. Demonstrated that germ cell tumours were inherently sensitive to DNA damage induced by cisplatin. Collaborated on the development and characterization of a panel of human lung carcinoma cell lines.
- 1989-1996 **Group Leader, Department of Zoology, Oxford University, Oxford, U.K.**
 Played a major role in international collaborative studies on the phenotypes and cell lineages of human germ cell tumours, and on the basis of their sensitivity to cytotoxic drugs. Discovered a new keratan sulphate proteoglycan expressed in human embryonal carcinoma, other tumours, and foetal tissues; reported on the purification, biochemical characterization, and tissue distribution of this new

pericellular matrix molecule; showed its potential use as a serum tumour marker. Carried out cell and molecular studies of gene expression during retinoic acid-induced differentiation of multipotent human embryonal carcinoma stem cells into endoderm. Characterised a novel polypeptide factor, which promotes growth and inhibits differentiation of multipotent embryonal carcinoma stem cells. Identified CD30 and CD30 ligand as potential autocrine regulators of human embryonal carcinoma stem cells. Collaborated with several groups to examine the expression of activin and related molecules in human germ cell tumours, work which led to the identification of human GDF-3 as a stem cell marker and possible growth regulator.

- 1996-2006 **Senior Research Fellow Associate Professor, and Research Professor Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria**
 Developed novel assay for human multipotent stem cell factor, which will allow expression cloning of this molecule. Completed studies on induction of differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells by BMP-2. Completed collaborative study on novel forms of Leukemia Inhibitory Factor produced by human germ cell tumours. Completed collaborative study on cytogenetic changes in cell lines from human germ cell tumours. Carried out further studies elucidating role of CD30 and its ligand in human germ cell tumours, which demonstrated production of truncated form of the receptor in these cells and established a role of CD30 in stem cell survival. Directed and participated in project which resulted in establishment and characterization of human embryonic stem cell lines from blastocysts and the derivation of pure cultures of neuronal progenitors there from. Carried out research on spontaneous differentiation of human embryonic stem cells identifying BMP-2 as a molecular mediator and noggin as an inducer of stem cell differentiation.

Research Funding Since 1996

Grants obtained at Monash University

- Chief Investigator, "In vitro model for investigating the effects of genetic abnormalities on early human development." Rebecca L. Cooper Medical Research Foundation. \$10,695
- "Increasing IVF success rates by optimisation of culture conditions to produce viable blastocysts for transfer and cryopreservation."* Monash IVF. \$2,500
- 1997 Chief Investigator, Stem Cell Sciences Pty. Ltd. Research Agreement. \$75,000.
- 1998 Chief Investigator, Stem Cell Sciences Pty. Ltd. Research Agreement. \$75,000.
- 1998 Wellcome Foundation Equipment Grant. \$200,000.
- 1998 Chief Investigator, "Cell biology of human peri-implantation development." Monash IVF. \$20,000.
- 1998 Chief Investigator, ARC, APAI award. \$20,502.
- 1999 Chief Investigator, NHMRC Project Grant. "Combinatorial Regulation of Human Multipotent Stem Cells by Membrane Bound and Soluble Factors." \$110,000.
- Monash University Special Research Fund. Centre for Animal Clonal Genomics for Biomedicine. \$160,000.
- 1999 Chief Investigator, "Human embryonic stem cells in biology and medicine," Monash University Special Research Fund. \$160,000.
- 2000-2001 Chief Investigator, "Growth and Differentiation of human embryonic stem cells." ESI. \$525,000
- 2001-2003 Chief Investigator, "Growth and Differentiation of human embryonic stem cells." ESI. \$900,000: per annum.
- 2001-2006 "Creating Islet cells to cure Type I diabetes," NHMRC/JDRF Program Grant. \$852,000 per annum.
- 2002-2005 Chief Investigator, "Control of growth and differentiation of normal and malignant pluripotent human stem cells," NHMRC Project Grant. \$160,000 per annum.
- 2001 Chief Investigator, Monash University SMURF 2, "Development of square wave technologies for human embryonic stem cells and other cell types," Equipment grant, \$30,000.

- Chief Investigator, National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Infrastructure Grant, with ES Cell International.
- 2002-2005 Chief Investigator, National Institute of Health (NIH) Research Grant, “*Towards Renal Regeneration*,” US \$99,000.
- 2003 – 2006 Chief Investigator, National Institute of Health (NIH) Research Grant, “*Regulation of Embryonic Stem Cells*,” US \$232,674.
- 2002-2006 Chief Investigator, Biotechnology Centre of Excellence Award, ARC & Biotechnology of Australia-Commonwealth Government. A \$43.5M.
- 2004-2006 Chief Investigator, Biotechnology Centre of Excellence Award, ARC & Biotechnology of Australia-Commonwealth Government. \$500K per annum
- 2004-2006 Biotechnology Innovation Fund: Nephrogenix Pty Ltd, Project Number: BIF03275, “*Developing Cell based therapies for kidney disease*.”
- 2005-2006 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, “*Characterization of novel embryonic stem cell lines*,” US \$125,248.

Grants obtained at the University of Southern California

- 2008-2011 Principal Investigator, CIRM USC Center for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, Shared Research Laboratory and Course in Current Protocols in Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research, \$3,523,244
- 2007-2009 Principal Investigator, NIH USC, Center for Liver Disease Pilot Grant, US \$63,309/2 years.
- 2007 -2009 Principal Investigator, CIRM Seed Grant : RS1-00222-1, “*Therapeutic Potential of Retinal Pigment Epithelial Cell Derived from HES cells for Retinal Degeneration*,” \$653,661.
- 2007-2008 CIRM Major Facilities Grant, \$26.9 million, authored grant on behalf of the Provost of the University of Southern California.
- 2008-2011 Principal Investigator, CIRM New Cell Lines Award RL1-00667-1, “*New technology for the derivation of human pluripotent stem cell lines for clinical use*,” \$1,387,508.
- 2008-2010 Principal Investigator, Whittier Foundation Award, “*Cancer Stem Cells Leading the Way*,” \$72,800.00.
- 2009-2014 Associate Investigator, NIH/NIDDK 5U01DK084538-02 (Wang) Establishment of CHLA’s Children Clinical Center, \$1,413,458 (9/10/2009-5/31/14).
- 2009-2013 Co-Principal Investigator, CIRM Disease Team Award, “*Stem cell based treatment strategy for age-related macular degeneration (AMD)*,” \$15,914,317.
- 2009-2012 Principal Investigator, CIRM Basic Biology Award RB1-01372, “*The stem cell microenvironment in the maintenance of pluripotency and reprogramming*,” \$1,440,822.

Grants obtained at The University of Melbourne

- 2011-2018 ARC, “Special Research Initiative in Stem Cell Science,” \$21,000,000.
- 2012-2015 Human Science Frontiers Program RGP0001/2012, “*Stem Cell Dynamics in Time and Space*,” CI US \$900,000.
- 2012-2014 Australia-India Strategic Research Fund BF060012, “*Novel Cell Surface Markers for Endodermal Progenitor Cells in Health and Disease*,” CI \$297,000.
- 2014-2016 NHMRC 2014 Project Grant 1059369, “*Uncovering the pathogenesis of age-related macular degeneration using induced pluripotent stem cells*,” CIC \$552,000.
- 2016-2018 NHMRC 2015 Project Grant 1106027, “*Modelling epileptic encephalopathies using induced stem cells*,” CIB \$506,489.

Grants obtained at the Jackson Laboratory

- 2021-2024 Principal Investigator, BR-CMM-0321-0804-JAXLAB-FFA-02, “*Precision Functional Genomics for Modeling Pathogenesis of Age Related Macular Degeneration*,” Foundation Fighting Blindness (3/1/2021-2/29/2024)
- 2020-2025 Demonstration Project Lead, 1U54OD030187-02, “*DMU Core: AMD Project*,” NIH/ORIP (9/1/2020-8/31/2025)
- 2019-2021 Principal Investigator, THOME-2019-MP, “*Functional genomics analysis of the impact of disruption of extracellular matrix genes in early stages of AMD*,” The Edward N. & Della L. Thome Memorial Foundation (2/1/2019-1/31/2021)
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- ***Pera, M.F.** Invited guest, Berkeley Stem Cell Conference, San Francisco, February 6, 2008
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- *Pera, M.F.** The Many States of Pluripotency. Institute for Molecular Medicine, University of Texas-Houston, January 2010
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- *Pera, M.F.** Human ES Cell Culture : A Practical Approach, Animal Models for Stem Cell Therapy Workshop, The Jackson Laboratory, Maine, USA, 1st – 4th May, 2010
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- *Pera, M.F.** Embryonic Stem Cells and Induced Pluripotency, International Society for Cellular Therapy, Sydney, Australia, 2nd November, 2011,
- *Pera, M.F.** Dana Forbes Cancer Institute, Boston, 18th November, 2011
- *Pera, M.F.** A Close Look at Human Pluripotent Stem Cells, Indo-Australia Biotechnology Conference on “Stem Cell Biology” December, 2011, Bangalore, India
- Pera, M.F.** Stem Cells Australia Inaugural Retreat, April, 2012
- Pera, M.F.** Panel Member for the External Review of the University of Minnesota Stem Cell Institute, Minneapolis April, 2012.
- Pera, M.F.** Stem Cell Bank, Pokrovsky, Russia, April, 2012
- Pera, M.F.** ISSCR, 10th Annual Meeting, Yokohama, Japan, June, 2012
- *Pera, M.F.** 1st International Conference on BioNano Innovation (ICBNI), QLD, Australia, July, 2012
- Pera, M.F.** 9th Australia-China Symposium on Healthy Ageing; New approaches from genomics, stem cells and smart technologies, Canberra, Australia, 2012
- Pera, M.F.** ComBio2012 (Co- Chair) Symposium on Stem Cells & Regeneration; Adelaide, Australia September 2012
- *Pera, M.F.** UNIST 2nd International Symposium on Reprogramming and Stem Cells; Busan, South Korea, October 2012
- *Pera, M.F.** Annual Meeting, Australian and New Zealand Spinal Cord Society, Melbourne, Australia, October 2012
- *Pera, M.F.** Ausbiotech 2012 National Conference, Panel Chair, Melbourne, Australia
- *Pera, M.F.** European Commission, DG Research & Innovation - Consensus meeting in Brussels , November 2012
- Pera, M.F.** Stem Cells Australia Annual Retreat, Victoria, Australia, November 2012

- *Pera, M.F. Hunter Cellular Biology Annual Meeting, NSW, Australia, March 2013
- *Pera, M.F. WEHI Student Meeting, Healesville, Australia, April 2013
- *Pera, M.F. Australian Veterinary Association National Conference, Cairns, Australia, May 2013
- *Pera, M.F. ISSCR June, 2013
- *Pera, M.F. ISCI, Bar Harbour, June, 2013
- *Pera, M.F. GPCME, New Zealand, June, 2013
- *Pera, M.F. Bootes Course for Translational Medicine, ANU College of Medicine, Canberra, Australia July, 2013
- *Pera, M.F. Centre for Stem Cell Research, The University of Adelaide, Australia, July 2013
- *Pera M.F. International Congress of Pediatrics, Melbourne, Australia, August, 2013,
- *Pera, M.F. Centre for Eye Research Australia, Annual Retreat, Victoria, Australia, October, 2013
- *Pera, M.F. Stem Cells Australia Annual Retreat, Queensland, Australia, November 2013,
- *Pera, M.F. CIRM Review, San Francisco, USA, November 2013
- *Pera, M.F. NSW Stem Cell Network Workshop, Australia, November 2013
- *Pera, M.F. 13th Congress Japanese Society for Regenerative Medicine – Kyoto, Japan. 2nd March – 7th March 2014
- *Pera, M.F. International Expert Advisory Panel - Canadian Stem Cell Strategy, Toronto, Canada. 9th March – 11th March 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Cell Reprogramming Australia Inc. 2nd Annual Collaborative Conference –5th and 6th June 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. 11th June 2014
- *Pera, M.F. ISSCR 2014 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada Invited panellist – Focus Session. 18th June – 21st June
- *Pera, M.F. Human Frontier Sciences Project 14th HFSP Awardees Meeting, Lugano, Switzerland. 4th July
- *Pera, M.F. Taiwan Review Review the proposals of Stem Cell Research Program funded by Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan, R. O. C. 20th July
- *Pera, M.F. International Conference on Systems Biology 2014 – Melbourne. 8 September 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Palo Alto NHLBI Progenitor Cell Biology Consortium (PCBC) Cell Characterization Futures Workshop, California. September 28, 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Epilepsy Genetics in the Era of Precision Medicine, California. September 29-30, 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Nature Conference--Nuclear Reprogramming Guangzhou. October 31-November 2, 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine. Fifth Margaret River Region Conference. N Busselton, Western Australia. November 3-5, 2014
- *Pera, M.F. Young Investigators Symposium, Stem Cell Society of Singapore, Singapore, June 2015
- Pera, M.F. International Society of Stem Cell Research Stockholm, Sweden 24-27 June 2015
- *Pera, M.F. Human Science Frontiers Program Grantees Meeting, La Jolla CA, 2015 (abstract)
- Pera, M.F. Chair. Theo Murphy Think Tank The Stem Cell Revolution: Lessons for Australia. Australian Academy of Sciences, Sydney 2015
- Pera, M.F. New South Wales Stem Cell Network Sydney 6 April 2016. Stem Cells Back to the Future.
- *Pera, M.F. IPITA IXA CTS Joint Conference Melbourne November 2015. Stem cells and regenerative medicine: the future is now.
- *Pera, M.F. International Tissue Transplantation Society Hong Kong The promise of stem cells: nullius in verba
- *Pera, M.F. Taiwan International Stem Cell Conference Taipei 16-17 October Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Mammalian Embryo
- *Pera, M.F. Ausbiotech Melbourne October 25 2016. Stem cells and regenerative medicine: the future is now.
- Pera, M.F. Hong Kong Conference on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine

***Pera, M.F.** UK Inaugural Regenerative Medicine Meeting London 19 December. Human pluripotent stem cells: biology matters.

Pera, M.F. Hong Kong and Guangzhou International Conference on Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Hong Kong December 2016. Regulation of cell therapy and stem cell research.

***Pera, M.F.** The Vernon Plueckhahn Oration, Barwon Health, Geelong 14 February 2017. The Genome Editing and Stem Cell Revolutions: Over the Horizon.

***Pera, M.F.** Inhibition of DYRK1A disrupts neural lineage specification in human pluripotent stem cells.

ISSCR Regional Conference on Translational Opportunities in Stem Cell Research, Basel, 27 February 2017.

***Pera, M.F.** Human pluripotent stem cells and human embryogenesis. Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium. 28-29 April 2017.

***Pera, M.F.** Human pluripotent stem cells and the embryo. Ivan Damjanov Lecture, University of Kansas 1 June 2017.

***Pera, M.F.** Human pluripotent stem cells and the embryo. Physical Concepts in Stem Cell Biology, Tisvildeleje, Denmark Aust 6-8 2017.

***Pera, M.F.** Genetic and epigenetic stability of human pluripotent stem cells. 4th Cell Therapy Conference: Manufacturing and Testing of Pluripotent Stem Cells.

The International Alliance for Biological Standardization, Los Angeles CA 5-6 June 2018.

***Pera, M.F.** Biological Biological Effects of Recurrent Genetic Variants in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells. Nature Round Table: Challenges in Ensuring hPSC Quality. London, 17 September 2018.

***Pera, M.F.** Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo. Academia Sinica, Taiwan, October 2018.

***Pera, M.F.** Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo. 14th Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society for Stem Cell Research. October 26-27 2018

Pera, M.* Human pluripotent stem cells and the human embryo. Keynote speaker, 3rd Annual University of Buffalo Stem Cells in Regenerative Medicine Symposium

Pera, M.* HESI CT-TRACS Meeting Tumorigenicity International Multi-Site Study Focus Day 27 Washington DC September 2019 Genomic Instability.

Pera, M.* UKRMP / BPS Joint Meeting Safety for Stem Cell Edinburgh October 2019. Recurrent Genetic Variants in Human Pluripotent Stem Cell Culture and Their Biological Significance

Pera, M.* Invited Speaker, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute Frontiers Seminar Series, JAN 2020 Human pluripotent stem cells from a developmental perspective.

Pera, M. Co-Chair and Invited Speaker. National Academy of Sciences Workshop on Examining the State of the Science of Mammalian Embryo Model Systems, Washington D.C., 17 January 2020.

Pera, M. SMA Foundation Axon and Muscle Health Workshop, New Orleans, LA, 23-24 January 2020.

Pera, M. Invited Speaker, Human Pluripotent Stem Cells, the Human Embryo, and the Self-Renewing State, Stanford Cardiovascular Institute, Palo Alto, 4 February 2020.

Pera, M. MAGIC Consortium Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and Germ Cell Tumors, 29 April 2020.

Pera, M. Session Chair and Invited Speaker, Unique Properties of a Subset of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells with a High Capacity for Self-Renewal, ISSCR 2020 Virtual Meeting, 23-27 June 2020.

Pera, M. "Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo," UTSW Seminar Series. 1 September 2020

Pera, M. Organizer and Invited Speaker. Undefined Defined Medium: ISCI/ISCBI Discussion Topic. ISCI/ISCBI Satellite Workshop (Canadian Stem Cell Network, Till and McCulloch Meeting), 25 October 2020.

Pera, M. Organizer and Invited Speaker. Biological Consequences of Recurrent Genetic Variants in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells. ISCI/ISCBI Satellite Workshop (Canadian Stem Cell Network, Till and McCulloch Meeting), 25 October 2020.

Pera, M. "Human pluripotency past present and future." Thorsten Boroviak Lab, University of Cambridge, 5 November 2020.

Pera, M. Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo, ASHBI Bioethics and Biology Fusion Seminar Series, Kyoto University, 3 February 2021.

Pera, M. Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo, Tufts University, Department of Genetics, 17 February 2021.

Pera, M. Human Pluripotent Stem Cells and the Human Embryo, Institute Genetics and Biophysics, CNR Seminar Program, Naples, Italy, 19 April 2021.

Pera, M. International Symposium and Workshops on Development of hPSC for Clinical Application, PS Conference 2021, Bridging Session: engaging Chinese Networks and International Groups, Beijing, China, 26 May 2021.