

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Richard F. Ransom, Ph.D.**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Richard F. Ransom  
Citizenship: United States of America

EDUCATION

9/85 – 6/91 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Ph.D. (Biochemistry)  
9/79 – 12/83 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, B.S. (Biochemistry)  
9/75 – 6/79 Traverse City Senior High, Traverse City, Michigan

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

8/99 – 5/01 Senior Research Associate, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
8/98 – 7/99 Research Associate II, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
5/97 – 7/98 Research Associate I, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
11/96 – 4/97 Producer of fungal toxins on contract with Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed, MBI International, East Lansing, Michigan.  
1/93 – 10/96 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Energy Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.  
1/91 – 6/92 Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Riverside, California.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

6/01 – 8/05 Research Investigator, Department of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
9/05 – 10/07 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
10/07 – Principal Investigator, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio  
10/07 – Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

9/02 – 6/07 Director, Microscopic Imaging Core Facility, Department of Pediatrics, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
7/04 – 6/07 Member, Research Advisory Committee, Department of Pediatrics, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
8/05 – 6/07 Member, Information Technology Faculty Advisor Committee, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

- 8/05 – 6/07 Medical School Software Review Committee, University of Michigan  
Medical School, Ann Arbor
- 2/09 – Member, Institutional Animal Use and Care Committee, The Research  
Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
- 2/10 – Member, Research Information Technology Advisory Council, The Research  
Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

## SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

### Manuscript Reviews (most journals) :

- 2002 – Kidney International
- 2002 – European Journal of Cell Biology
- 2004 – Cell Biology and Toxicology
- 2004 – American Journal of Physiology – Renal Physiology
- 2005 – Pediatric Nephrology
- 2005 – Journal of the American Society of Nephrology
- 2005 – Proteomics
- 2005 – Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation
- 2006 – Pediatric Research

### Ad hoc reviewer:

- 2005 – National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
- 2006 – NIH Center for Scientific Review, PBKD Study Section, NIH–NIDDK
- 2009 – NIH Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 DKUS–A,  
NIH–NIDDK
- 2010 – Kids Kidney Research, UK
- 2011, 12 Italian Ministry of Health, IT
- 20

## GRANT SUPPORT

### Pending Review (October 2012)

R01 DK096228-01A1 (**Richard F. Ransom, P.I.**) 4/01/2013–3/31/2018 6.0 calendar months  
NIH–NIDDK ~\$425,000/yr

Transcriptome Analyses of Determinants of Nephrotic Syndrome and Glucocorticoid Resistance

Objective: The overall aims of the proposed studies are to identify the molecular mechanisms in specific leukocyte sub-populations that are responsible for the development of nephrotic syndrome and the therapeutic action of, and resistance to, glucocorticoids. The aims of this grant will be addressed by next-generation transcriptome sequencing of a unique set of paired patient samples obtained at presentation with disease and after the first course of glucocorticoid therapy.

R01 DK098360-01 (**Richard F. Ransom, P.I.**) 4/01/2013–3/31/2018 6.0 calendar months  
NIH–NIDDK \$250,000/yr

Mifepristone Identifies Mechanism of Glomerular Action in Nephrotic Syndrome

Objective: The overall aims of the proposed studies are to identify the molecular mechanisms in glomerular podocytes that are responsible for a significant therapeutic action of glucocorticoids in nephrotic syndrome. The aims of this grant will be addressed by studies following up on our novel observation that mifepristone, a glucocorticoid receptor

*antagonist*, is as effective as therapy for experimental nephrotic syndrome in rats as the glucocorticoid receptor *agonist* methylprednisolone.

Active

R01 DK075533-01A1 (**Richard F. Ransom, P.I.**) 8/01/2007-7/31/2012 7.2 calendar months  
NIH-NIDDK \$175,000/yr

Mechanisms of Glucocorticoid Action in Podocytes

Objective: The overall aims of the proposed studies are to measure the therapeutic action of glucocorticoids against experimental nephrotic syndrome in transgenic animals with podocyte-specific expression of a highly sensitive glucocorticoid receptor or with podocyte specific knockout of small heat shock proteins, and to determine the mechanism of small heat shock protein action in glucocorticoid therapy for nephrotic syndrome.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1985 USDA National Needs Fellow  
1979 National Merit Finalist

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2000 – American Society of Nephrology  
2006 – American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1987 – Graduate Teaching Assistant, Biochemistry 207. Anna Wilson, Instructor, Department of Biochemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.  
2001 – Mentor to Dr. Virginia Vega-Warner, Ph.D., postdoctoral researcher under my supervision. Responsible for supervision of her day-to-day laboratory work, preparation of grants, manuscripts, and presentations at international meetings, as well as for career development assistance.  
2002 – Director, Pediatric Imaging Facility. Responsible for training of all facility users, establishment of protocols for use of the Facility instrumentation, and consultations with users and potential users on methods design and implementation.  
2009 – Faculty, MCDB 800/890. Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
2011 – Instructor, IBGP 851, Integrated Biomedical Graduate Program, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
2012 – Faculty, MCDB 800/890. Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

EXTRAMURAL INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Protection from and enhanced recovery of cultured murine podocytes from PAN injury via an hsp27-dependent mechanism. Invited speaker, podium presentation. Research conference,

Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology, University of Louisville. April 26, 2002.

2. Glucocorticoids protect and enhance recovery of podocytes from PAN-induced injury via an hsp27-dependent mechanism. Invited speaker, podium presentation. 2002 Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. May 4, 2002.
3. Functional identification of the hsp27 binding protein sop2p. Invited speaker, podium presentation, 2003 American Society of Nephrology Meeting, San Diego, California. November 16, 2003.
4. Inhibition of multiple drug resistance protein (ABCB1) in podocytes results in enhancement of protective effect of glucocorticoids. Invited speaker, podium presentation. 6th International Podocyte Congress, Helsinki, Finland. June 9, 2006
5. Glucocorticoid action in podocytes. Invited speaker, podium presentation. Podocytes: In Vitro Conference, Dublin, Ireland. June 8th, 2007.
6. Glucocorticoids in nephrotic syndrome. Invited speaker, podium presentation. Children's Research Institute, Columbus, Ohio. July 27th, 2007.
7. Cell culture and rodent models of podocyte function in disease and therapy. Invited speaker. Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, IL. July 30th, 2012.
8. Transcriptome sequencing of paired samples from nephrotic children: A comparison of bioinformatic and statistical analyses to identify critical components determining steroid response. Invited speaker, podium presentation. Mathematical and Computational Medicine Conference, 2012, Xcaret, Mexico. December 2nd, 2012.

## BIOGRAPHY

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Traylor EA, Shore SH, **Ransom RF**, Dunkle LD. (1987) Pathotoxin effects in sorghum are also produced by mercuric chloride treatment. *Plant Physiol* **84**: 975-978.
2. **Ransom RF**, Hipskind J, Leite B, Nicholson RL, Dunkle LD. (1992) Effects of elicitor from *Colletotrichum graminicola* on the response of sorghum to *Periconia circinata* and its pathotoxin. *Physiol Mol Plant Path* **41**: 75-84.
3. **Ransom RF**, Wilder J, Dunkle LD. (1994) Purification and distribution of pathotoxin-enhanced proteins in sorghum. *Physiol Mol Plant Path* **45**: 385-395.
4. Brosch G, **Ransom RF**, Lechner T, Walton JD, Loidl P. (1995) Inhibition of maize histone deacetylases by HC toxin, the host-selective toxin of *Cochliobolus carbonum*. *Plant Cell* **7**: 1941-1950.

5. **Ransom RF**, Walton JD. (1996) Purification and characterization of extracellular  $\beta$ -xylosidase and  $\alpha$ -arabinosidase from the plant pathogenic fungus *Cochliobolus carbonum*. *Carbohydrate Research* **297**: 357-364.
6. **Ransom RF**, Walton JD. (1997) Histone hyperacetylation in maize in response to treatment with HC-toxin or infection by the filamentous fungus *Cochliobolus carbonum*. *Plant Physiol* **115**: 1021-1027.
7. Benndorf R, **Ransom RF**, Gilmont RR, Hayess K, Welsh MJ. (1998) Inhibition of mammalian small heat shock protein 25 (hsp25) kinase. *Emerging Therapeutic Targets* **2**(1): 147-149.
8. Wegener S, **Ransom RF**, Walton JD. (1999) A unique eukaryotic  $\beta$ -xylosidase gene from the phytopathogenic fungus *Cochliobolus carbonum*. *Microbiology* **145**: 1089-1095.
9. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**, Harris RC, Welsh MJ, Lutsch G, Benndorf R. (2000) Ischemic acute renal failure results in differential renal expression of small heat shock proteins. *J Am Soc Nephrol* **11**: 211-221.
10. Jia Y, **Ransom RF**, Shibamura M, Liu C, Welsh, MJ, Smoyer WE. (2001) Identification and characterization of hic-5/ARA-55 as an hsp27 binding protein. *J Biol Chem* **276**:39911-8.
11. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF** (2002) Hsp27 regulates podocyte cytoskeletal changes in an *in vitro* model of podocyte process retraction. *FASEB J* **16**:315-326.
12. Vega-Warner V, **Ransom RF**, Vincent AM, Brosius FC, Smoyer WE (2004) Induction of antioxidant enzymes in murine podocytes precedes injury by puromycin aminonucleoside. *Kidney Int* **66**:1881-9.
13. Eichler TE, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE (2005) Differential induction of podocyte heat shock proteins by prolonged single and combination toxic metal exposure. *Toxicol Sci* **84**:120-8.
14. Hirano S, Sun X, Deguzman CA, **Ransom RF**, McLeish KR, Smoyer WE, Shelden EA, Welsh MJ, Benndorf R (2005) p38 MAPK/HSP25 signaling mediates cadmium-induced contraction of mesangial cells and renal glomeruli. *Am J Physiol Renal Physiol* **288**:F1133-43.
15. **Ransom RF**, Vega-Warner V, Smoyer WE, Klein JB (2005) Differential proteomic analysis of proteins induced by glucocorticoids in cultured murine podocytes, *Kidney Int* **67**:1275-85.
16. **Ransom RF**, Lam NG, Hallett M, Atkinson S, Smoyer WE (2005) Glucocorticoids protect and enhance recovery of cultured murine podocytes against injury via actin filament stabilization. *Kidney Int* **28**:2473-2483
17. Eichler TE, Ma Q, Kelly C, Mishra J, Parikh S, **Ransom RF**, Devarajan P, Smoyer WE (2006) Single and combination toxic metal exposures induce apoptosis in cultured murine podocytes exclusively via the caspase 8 pathway. *Toxicol Sci* **90**:392-399
18. Reddy GR, Pushpanathan MJ, **Ransom RF**, Holzman LB, Brosius FC 3rd, Diakonova M, Mathieson P, Saleem MA, List EO, Kopchick JJ, Frank SJ, Menon RK (2007) Identification of the glomerular podocyte as a target for growth hormone action. *Endocrinology* **148**:2045-55.

19. Reddy GR, Kotlyarevska K, **Ransom RF**, Menon RK. (2008) The podocyte and diabetes mellitus: is the podocyte the key to the origins of diabetic nephropathy? *Curr Opin Nephrol Hypertens* **1**:32-36
20. Guess A, Agrawal S, Wei CC, **Ransom RF**, Benndorf R, Smoyer WE (2010) Dose- and time-dependent glucocorticoid receptor signaling in podocytes. *Am J Physiol Renal Physiol* **299**:F845-53.
21. Pengal R, Guess AJ, Agrawal S, Manley J, **Ransom RF**, Mourey RJ, Benndorf R, Smoyer WE (2011) Inhibition of the protein kinase MK-2 protects podocytes from nephrotic syndrome-related injury. *Am J Physiol Renal Physiol*. **301**:F509-19.
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2. Petrovic-Djergovic D, Popovic M, Chittiprol S, Eichler T, Chen P, **Ransom RF**. Mifepristone is as effective as methylprednisolone as therapy for experimental nephrotic syndrome. *J Am Soc Nephrol*
3. Petrovic-Djergovic D, Popovic M, Chittiprol S, Partida-Sanchez S, **Ransom RF**. Secretion of CXCL10 by podocytes coordinates trafficking of interferon- $\gamma$ -activated macrophages in puromycin aminonucleoside nephrosis in rats. *Eur J Immunol*

#### Chapters in Books

1. Walton JD, Ahn J-H, Pitkin JW, Cheng Y, Nikolskaya AN, **Ransom RF**, Wegener S. "Enzymology, molecular genetics, and regulation of biosynthesis of the host-selective toxin HC-toxin" In: Molecular Genetics of Host-Specific Toxins in Plant Disease. Edited by Kohmoto K, Yoder OC, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1997, pp. 25-34.
2. Scott-Craig JS, Apel-Birkhold PC, Gorlach JM, Nikolskaya A, Pitkin JW, **Ransom RF**, Sposato P, Ahn J-H, Tonukari NJ, Wegener S, Walton JD. "Cell wall degrading enzymes in HST-producing fungal pathogens" In: Molecular Genetics of Host-Specific Toxins in Plant Disease. Edited by Kohmoto K, Yoder OC, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, 1997, pp. 245-252.

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3. **Ransom RF**. "Podocyte Proteomics" In: Contributions to Nephrology, v. 141, Proteomics in Nephrology. Edited by Thogboonkerd V, Klein JB. Karger, Basel, Switzerland, 2004, pp 189-211.

Abstracts, Preliminary Communications, Clinical Papers

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3. Smoyer WE, Harris RC, **Ransom R**, Welsh MJ, Benndorf, RC. Differential renal expression of hsp27 and  $\alpha$ B-crystallin in rats following acute ischemia. American Society of Nephrology, San Antonio, TX, 1997.
4. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**, Harris RC, Welsh MJ, Lutsch G, Benndorf R. Ischemic acute renal failure in rats results in differential induction of hsp27 and  $\alpha$ B-crystallin. Midwest Stress Response and Chaperone Meeting, Evanston, IL, 1998.
5. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Modulation of hsp25 expression regulates PAN-induced cytoskeletal changes in differentiated cultured podocytes in an *in vitro* model of nephrotic syndrome. University of Michigan, Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, 1999.
6. **Ransom RF**, Shelden EA, Smoyer WE. Intracellular redistribution of hsp25 and actin in cultured podocytes after protamine sulfate and oxidant stress. American Society of Nephrology, Miami Beach, FL, 1999.
7. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Altered hsp25 expression regulates PAN-induced cytoskeletal changes in cultured podocytes in an *in vitro* model of nephrotic syndrome. American Society of Nephrology, Miami Beach, FL, 1999.
8. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Hsp27 protects against PAN-induced cellular injury in an *in vitro* model of podocyte spreading and retraction. Pediatric Academic Society Meeting, MN, 2000.
9. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Altered hsp27 expression regulates PAN-induced cellular injury in an *in vitro* model of podocyte spreading and retraction. Symposium on Podocyte Biology, Ann Arbor, MI, 2000.

10. Jia Y, Welsh MJ, **Ransom RF**, Liu C, Smoyer WE. Identification, characterization, and functional analysis of hic-5 as a new glomerular hsp27 binding protein. American Society of Nephrology, Toronto, Canada, 2000.
11. **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Hsp27 regulates paxillin expression and distribution after PAN in cultured podocytes. American Society of Nephrology, Toronto, Canada, 2000.
12. **Ransom RF**, Shelden EA, Smoyer WE. Protamine sulfate induces *in vitro* podocyte spreading and actin disruption reversible by heparin. American Society of Nephrology, Toronto, Canada, 2000.
13. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Altered hsp27 expression regulates PAN-induced cellular injury in an *in vitro* model of podocyte spreading and retraction. American Society of Nephrology, Toronto, Canada, 2000.
14. Lam N, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Long and short term effects of dexamethasone on the accumulation and phosphorylation states of hsp25 in murine podocyte cells. Student Biomedical Research Forum, Ann Arbor, MI, 2000.
15. Jia Y, **Ransom RF**, Liu C, Smoyer WE, Welsh MJ. Identification of hic-5 as a novel hsp27 binding protein in rat glomeruli and functional analysis of hic-5: hsp27 interactions. Cellular and Molecular Biology Graduate Program Fall Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, 2000.
16. Jia Y, **Ransom RF**, Welsh MJ, Smoyer WE. Identification, characterization, and functional analysis of hic-5 as a new glomerular hsp27 binding protein. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2000.
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19. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Hsp27 protects against PAN-induced cellular injury in an *in vitro* model of podocyte spreading and retraction. Society for Pediatric Research. Baltimore. MD, 2001.
20. Smoyer WE, **Ransom RF**. Hsp27-dependent dexamethasone protection against and enhanced recovery from PAN-induced podocyte injury. International Symposium on Podocyte Biology, Heidelberg, Germany, 2001.
21. Li Y, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Effect of toxic metals and metal mixtures on hsp27 expression and phosphorylation in cultured murine podocytes. American Society of Nephrology. San Francisco. CA, 2001.



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23. **Ransom RF**, Li Y, Lam NG, Smoyer WE. Dexamethasone induces hsp27-dependent protection against and enhances recovery from PAN-induced podocyte injury. American Society of Nephrology. San Francisco, CA, 2001.
24. Jia Y, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE, Welsh MJ. The role of hic-5 in focal adhesion formation and in hsp27-mediated actin filament stabilization. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cellular and Molecular Biology Graduate Program Fall Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2001.
25. Jia Y, **Ransom RF**, Welsh MJ, Smoyer WE. The role of hic-5 in focal adhesion formation and in hsp27-mediated actin filament stabilization. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2001.
26. Li Y, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Effect of toxic metals and metal mixtures on hsp27 expression and phosphorylation in cultured murine podocytes. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2001.
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28. **Ransom RF**, Li Y, Lam N, Smoyer WE. Glucocorticoids protect and enhance recovery of podocytes from PAN-induced injury via an hsp27-dependent mechanism. Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2002.
29. **Ransom RF**, Li Y, Lam N, Smoyer WE. Glucocorticoids stabilize podocyte microfilaments protect and enhance recovery from PAN-induced injury. American Society of Nephrology. Philadelphia, PA, 2002.
30. Vega-Warner V, **Ransom RF**, Brosius FC, Smoyer WE. Induction of antioxidant enzyme activities in podocytes precedes injury in an *in vitro* PAN model. American Society of Nephrology. Philadelphia, PA, 2002.
31. Siu B, **Ransom RF**, Vega-Warner V, Smoyer WE, Brosius FC. High glucose causes podocyte apoptosis within 12 hours. American Society of Nephrology. American Society of Nephrology . Philadelphia, PA, 2002.
32. Vega-Warner V, **Ransom RF**, Brosius FC, Smoyer WE. Induction of antioxidant enzyme (AOE) activities in podocytes precedes injury by puromycin aminonucleoside (PAN) in an *in vitro* model. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2002.
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36. Li X, **Ransom RF**, Jia Y, Welsh MJ, Smoyer WE. Functional identification of the hsp27 binding protein sop2p. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2003.
36. Eichler TE, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Single and multiple toxic metal exposure induces differential expression of heat shock proteins in cultured murine podocytes. Department of Pediatrics Annual Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2003.
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42. **Ransom RF**, Vega-Warner V, Smoyer WE, Klein J. Identification of proteins in cultured murine podocytes whose expression is altered by glucocorticoids. 5th Podocyte Conference, Seattle, WA, 2004.
43. **Ransom RF**, Vega-Warner V, Klein J, Smoyer WE. Increased hsp27 expression mimics the protection from injury and actin filament disruption caused by dexamethasone. American Society of Nephrology, St. Louis, 2004.
44. Eichler TE, **Ransom RF**, Smoyer WE. Role of metallothionein in toxic metal-induced injury to cultured podocytes. Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005.
45. Vega-Warner V, Eichler TE, **Ransom RF**, Jia Y, Smoyer WE. Regulation of podocyte focal adhesion dynamics and actin polymerization by hic-5 in cultured murine podocytes. Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005.

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47. **Ransom RF**, Eichler TE, Smoyer WE. Increases in expression of hsp25 and  $\alpha$ B-crystallin are associated with dexamethasone-induced protection of glomerular podocytes from puromycin aminonucleoside injury. Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2006.
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54. **Ransom RF**, Eichler TE.  $\beta$ -Crystallin and hsp25 modulate the protective effects of glucocorticoids on podocytes. Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, 2007.
55. **Ransom RF**. Comparative podocytomics: Analyses of conditionally-immortalized lines of cultured podocytes. American Society of Nephrology, San Diego, CA, 2009.
56. **Ransom RF**. Differential expression of markers and responses to podocyte toxins and glucocorticoids in conditionally-immortalized cultured podocytes. International Podocyte Conference, Bristol, England, 2010.
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