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**New Perspectives in Signal Transduction:**  
**GPCRs and Beyond**

**28-30 March, 2020**



**Abstract Book**

## Greetings!

It is our pleasure to host you **online** for Second Meeting of the European Research Network on Signal Transduction (**ERNEST** COST Action CA18133) with the theme of ***New Perspectives in Signal Transduction: GPCRs and Beyond*** March 28-30, 2020.

The main scientific objective of **ERNEST** is to develop a common, comprehensive and holistic map of signal transduction that will advance development of pathway-specific chemical modulators. This unique and innovative goal will be realized by linking diverse research groups in the field through the networking activities.

In line with the scientific objectives of the ERNEST, the program of the meeting will cover different aspects of signal transduction involving, but not limited to, GPCRs: Macromolecular interactions in signaling pathways, biological roles of signal transduction, molecular modulators of signal transduction, advances in methodologies and technologies and public web resources.

This 3-day event will bring together internationally renowned scientists as well as early career researchers from all around Europe and nearby countries. It will serve as an excellent global platform for researchers from industry and academia to interact and discuss the latest scientific findings, innovations and technologies in the field of cellular signalling. We believe that the meeting will also be an exceptional stage for *virtual* congregation, *streaming* of ideas and establishing new *Skype-enabled* collaborations.

We are excited to be part of this event, and we hope that you will be able to participate and join us in this effort.

### Organizing Committee

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	15:15 - 15:30 <b>Pedard Martin</b> (Normandie University) <i>The urotensin II G protein-coupled receptor relays key neurobiological mechanisms in subarachnoid hemorrhage through a Gq-dependent pathway</i>	23
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15:45-17:15	<b>SESSION 4 GPCRdb / GPCRmd satellite meeting</b> (organizers: Jana Selent and David Gloriam) 15:45 - 16:30 GPCRdb ( <b>Albert Kooistra &amp; Christian Munk</b> ) · Demo-session ( <a href="http://www.gpcrdb.org">www.gpcrdb.org</a> ) · Questions and user-implementation wishes 16:30 - 17:15 GPCRmd ( <b>Jana Selent</b> ) · Demo-session ( <a href="http://www.gpcrmd.org">www.gpcrmd.org</a> ) · Updates on objectives and call for contributions	24
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**Combined ligand-based and structure-based approaches in rational drug design of novel 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonists #1**Milica Radan, Dusan Ruzic, Mirjana Antonijevic, Teodora Djikic, and Katarina Nikolic\*

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1. Macromolecular Interactions in Signalling Pathways,
2. Biological Roles of Signal Transduction,
3. Molecular Modulators of Signal Transduction,
4. Advanced Methodologies and Technologies
5. Public Web Resources

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The serotonin 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor plays an important role in many physiological functions.<sup>1</sup> Various neurological and psychiatric disorders are associated with certain imbalances in 5-HT neurotransmission.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, antagonists of these receptors are efficient as antipsychotics but also have a significant role in the treatment of depression, anxiety, and Parkinson disease. In order to find crucial structural features responsible for high binding affinity of 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> antagonists, we have combined structure based and ligand based drug design methods. This study was performed on wide range of structurally diverse antagonists. Based on their chemical structures they were divided into three different clusters: clozapine, ziprasidone, and ChEMBL240876 derivatives. Each cluster representative in complex with 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor was submitted to 50ns long molecular dynamics (MD) simulation in order to obtain their inactive, antagonist-bound, conformations. Subsequently, these conformations were used as templates for docking studies in order to generate virtually bioactive conformations of studied ligands. Selected conformers were used for calculation of specific molecular descriptors (Grid Independent Descriptors- GRIND) and three-dimensional quantitative structure-activity relationship (3D-QSAR) model building. The 3D-QSAR approach helps us to identify the most important structural determinants responsible for the antagonistic activity and to propose structural modification for novel antagonists of serotonin 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptors. Furthermore, the reliability and predictive potential of the created model was evaluated using an external test set compounds. Results obtained from performed 3D-QSAR, MD and molecular docking studies were analysed and used for rational drug design of novel 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor antagonists.

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