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**CV**

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**Research Interests**

Research interests include:

* Hypothalamic regulation of fish gonadotropins, release and subunit gene expression (signal transduction of GnRH,  PACAP and NPY).
* Spawning induction in cyprinid fish, hypophyseal and hypothalamic approaches.
* Endocrine disrupters (environmental estrogens).

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