

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Miruna Nemecz (42 years old), PhD, Principal Investigator III, Biologist, Dept. of Cellular Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, Institute of Cellular Biology and Pathology ‘Nicolae Simionescu’ (ICBP ‘NS’), Bucharest, Romania.

Education:

- **Doctoral Degree**, Natural Sciences: Biology Domain, Romanian Academy (2007-2012);
- **Master of Science Degree**, Biology, University of Bucharest (2004-2006);
- **Bachelor of Science Degree**, Biology, University of Bucharest (2000-2004).

Training, Awards and Grants:

- **Postdoctoral program**, Faculty of Biology, University of Bucharest in collaboration with ICBP ‘NS’ (2014-2015);
- **“The Annual International Workshop RAMSES”**, Bucharest, Romania (2012);
- **Summer school: “Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease”**, Obergurgl, Austria (2011);
- **Training stage**, Friedrich Schiller University, Center for Molecular Biomedicine Molecular Cell Biology Lab. (Prof. Dr. F-D.Böhmer), Jena, Germany-scholarship granted by Boheringer Ingelheim Funds (2009);
- **Biomedicine workshop: “From fundamental research to therapeutic applications”**, Bucharest, Romania (2008);
- **Postgraduate course: “From cellular and molecular biology to XXI century medicine, 7th edition”**, ICBP ‘NS’ (2007) • **Anniversary workshop “From Basic Science to Therapeutic Applications”**, Romanian Society for Cell Biology at 25th Anniversary, ICBP ‘NS’ (2007);
- **Postgraduate course: “From cellular and molecular biology to XXI century medicine, 6th edition”**, ICBP ‘NS’ (2006).

Research experience:

- **ICBP ‘NS’ (2019-Present)-Principal Investigator gr.III** - Dept. of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, group of Dr. A. Georgescu;
- **ICBP ‘NS’ (2008-2019)-Scientific Researcher**-Dept. of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, group of Dr. A. Georgescu Acad. D. Popov (since May 2016, group of Dr. A. Georgescu);
- **University of Bucharest, Faculty of Biology**, in collaboration with **ICBP ‘NS’ (2014-2015)-Postdoctoral programme**, Mentor: Acad. M. Simionescu;
- **ICBP ‘NS’ (2007-2012)-PhD student**, Advisor: Acad. M. Simionescu;
- **ICBP ‘NS’ (2006-2008)-Research Assistant**-Dept. of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, group of Acad. D. Popov and in the Dept. of Genomics, Transcriptomics and Molecular Therapies, group of Dr. A. Gafencu.

Administrative and managerial competence:

- Scientific collaborations between the ICBP ‘NS’ and (1)Institute of Molecular Cell Biology, Friedrich Schiller University, Germany(2008-2009; (2)National Institute of Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Diseases, N.C.Paulescu(2019-Present);

- Co-organiser of ‘The 4th International Symposium on Adipobiology and Adipopharmacology’(2015);
- Secretary of Managerial Internal Control Commission in ICBP ‘NS’(since 2020).

Professional activities:

- Peer Review Evaluator, Frontiers, MDPI (since July 2016);
- Member of the International Society for Regenerative Medicine and Surgery (ISRMS) (since 2014);
- Member of the Romanian Society for Developmental Biology (RSDB) (since 2010);
- Member of the Romanian Society for Cell Biology (RSCB) (since 2006);
- Member of the Order of Biochemists, Biologists and Chemists in Romanian Sanitary System (OBBCSR) (since 2006).

Research record:

- published articles: **(1) 16 ISI articles(4 as first author and 12 as co-author); (2) 2 BDI articles as first author; (3) 2 book chapters (4) 10 abstracts in ISI journals (2 as first author and 7 as co-author); (5) 5 abstracts in CNCS B+ indexed journals;**
- 6 oral presentations(one as invited speaker);
- 42 poster communications at international conferences and 27 at national conferences;
- 7 national and one international award;
- 3 national and 4 international training programs;
- 12 projects as collaborator.

Published papers

ISI indexed journals with impact factor

1. **Nemecz M.**, Stefan D.S., Comarița I.K., Constantin A., Tanko G., Guja C., Georgescu A., Microvesicle-associated and circulating microRNAs in diabetic dyslipidemia: miR-218, miR-132, miR-143, and miR-21, miR-122, miR-155 have biomarker potential. *Cardiovasc Diabetol.*;22(1):260 (2023)-(IF: 9.3)
2. Constantin A., Comarița I.K., Alexandru N., Filippi A., Bojin F., Gherghiceanu M., Vilcu A., **Nemecz M.**, Niculescu L.S., Paunescu V., Georgescu A., “Stem Cell - Derived Extracellular Vesicles Reduce the Expression of Molecules Involved in Cardiac Hypertrophy - in a Model of Human-Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Cardiomyocytes", *Frontiers in Pharmacology-Translational Pharmacology*, 13:1003684 (2022)-(IF: 5.98)
3. Comarita I.K., Vilcu A., Constantin A., Procopciuc A., Safciuc F., Alexandru N., Dragan, E., **Nemecz M.**, Filippi A., Chitoiu L., Gherghiceanu M., Georgescu A., ”Therapeutic Potential of Stem Cell-Derived Extracellular Vesicles on Atherosclerosis-Induced Vascular Dysfunction and Its Key Molecular Players”, *Front. Cell Dev. Biol.*, 10: 817180 (2022)-(IF:6.68)
4. Simionescu N.*, **Nemecz M.***, Petrovici A.R., Nechifor I.S., Buga R.C, Dabija M.G., Eva L., Georgescu A., „Microvesicles and microvesicle-associated microRNAs reflect glioblastoma recurrence: microvesicle-associated miR-625-5p has biomarker potential”, *International Journal of Molecular Science*, 29;23(15):8398 (2022) - (IF: 6.20)

5. Dumitrescu M., Constantin A., **Nemecz M.**, Dragan E., Popov D., Tanko G., “Hypertension induces compensatory left ventricular hypertrophy by a mechanism involving gap junction lateralization and overexpression of CD36, PKC, and MMP-2”, *Rom J Morph Embryol*, 61(X) (2021) - (IF: 1.41)
6. Constantin A., Filippi A., Alexandru N., **Nemecz M.**, Georgescu A., “Extracellular vesicles from adipose tissue stem cells in diabetes and associated cardiovascular disease; pathobiological impact and therapeutic potential”, *International Journal of Molecular Science*, 21(24):9598 (2020) - (IF: 4.55)
7. Alexandru N., Constantin A., **Nemecz M.**, Comarita I.K., Vilcu A., Procopciuc A., Tanko G., Georgescu A., “Hypertension associated with hyperlipidemia induced different microRNA expression profiles in plasma, platelets, and platelet-derived microvesicles; effects of endothelial progenitor cell therapy”, *Frontiers in Medicine*, 6:280 (1-10) (2020) (IF: 3.9) - UEFISCDI rewored
8. **Nemecz M.**, Constantin A., Dumitrescu M., Alexndru N., Filippi A., Tanko G., Georgescu A., “The distinct effects of palmitic and oleic acid on pancreatic beta cell” *Frontiers in Pharmacology – Ethnopharmacology*, 9 (article1554):1-16 (2019) - (IF: 3.83) - UEFISCDI rewored
9. Alexandru N., Frunza S., Dragan E., Badila E., Constantin A., **Nemecz M.**, Tanko G., Georgescu A., “Platelets of healthy origins promote functional recovery of atherosclerotic endothelial progenitor cells”, *Frontiers in Pharmacology-Inflammation Pharmacology*, 10 (article 424):1-14 (2019) - (IF: 3.84) - UEFISCDI rewored
10. Constantin A., Dumitrescu M., **Nemecz M.**, Picu A., Smeu B., Guja C., Alexandru N., Georgescu A., Tanko G., “Sera of obese type 2 diabetic patients undergoing metabolic surgery instead of conventional treatment exert beneficial effects on beta cell survival and function: results of a randomized clinical study”, *Obesity Surgery*,1-13 (2019) - (IF:3.60) - UEFISCDI rewored
11. Titorencu I., Albu MG., **Nemecz M.**, Jinga VV., “Natural polymer-cell bioconstructs for bone tissue engineering”, *Current Stem Cell Research & Therapy*, 12(2): 165-174 (2017) - (IF:2.65)
12. **Nemecz M. ***, Alexandru N. *, Tanko G., Georgescu A., “Role of microRNAs in endothelial dysfunction and hypertension”, *Current Hypertension Reports* 18(12):87 (2016) - (IF: 3.11) - UEFISCDI rewored
13. Georgescu A., Alexandru N., **Nemecz M.**, Titorencu I., Popov D., “Irbesartan administration therapeutically influences circulating endothelial progenitor cell and microparticle mobilization by involvement of pro-inflammatory cytokines”, *European Journal of Pharmacology*, 711: 27-35 (2013) - (IF: 2.78) - UEFISCDI rewored
14. Georgescu A., Alexandru N., **Nemecz M.**, Titorencu I., Popov D., “Enoxaparin reduces adrenergic contraction of resistance arterioles in aging and in aging associated with diabetes via engagement of MAP kinase pathway”, *Blood Coagulation and Fibrinolysis*, 22(4): 310:316 (2011) - (IF: 1.4)
15. Georgescu A., Popov D., Constantin A., **Nemecz M.**, Alexandru N.,Cochior D.,Tudor A., “Dysfunction of human subcutaneous fat arterioles in obesity alone or obesity associated with Type 2 diabetes”, *Clinical Science*, 120(10): 463-472 (2011) - (IF: 4.613) - UEFISCDI rewored

16. Popov D., **Nemecz M.**, Dumitrescu M., Georgescu A., Böhmer F- D., “Long-term high glucose concentration influences Akt, ERK1/2, and PTP1B protein expression in human aortic smooth muscle cells”, Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, 388(1): 51-55 (2009) - (IF: 2.64)

International database indexed journals

1. **Nemecz M.**, Dumitrescu M., Constantin A., Titorencu I., Tanko G., Popov D., “Catalase reduces PDGF-mediated vascular SMCs proliferation in high glucose conditions”, Annals of RSCB, XIX(3): 95-103 (2015) - (CNCS B+ indexed)
2. **Nemecz M.**, Popov D, Georgescu A., “Phosphorylation / dephosphorylation signaling events in the aorta of streptozotocin - injected Golden Syrian Hamsters”, Annals of RSCB, XV(1): 28-34 (2010) - (CNCS B+ indexed)

Book chapters

1. Gherghiceanu M., Alexandru N., Magda S. L., Constantin A., **Nemecz M.**, Filippi A., Ioghen O. C., Ceafalan L. C., Bojin F., Tanko G., Paunescu V., Vinereanu D., Stepien E., Georgescu A.. Chapter's Title: Extracellular Vesicles as Valuable Players in Diabetic Cardiovascular Diseases. Book's Title: Extracellular Vesicles, Book edited by Dr. Ana Gil De Bona, IntechOpen, ISBN 978-1-78923-944-7, pp. 1-25, 2019.
2. Ceafalan L. C., Ioghen O. C., Marta D. S., Constantin A., Alexandru N., **Nemecz M.**, Tanko G., Filippi A., Magda S. L., Bojin F., Paunescu V., Vinereanu D., Georgescu A., Gherghiceanu M. Chapter's Title: Extracellular Vesicles as Risk Factor in Neurodegenerative Diseases. Book's Title: Extracellular Vesicles, Book edited by Dr. Ana Gil De Bona, IntechOpen, ISBN 978-1-78923-944-7, pp. 1-21, 2019

Collaborator in the projects

- (1)2023-2026”*New nanotherapeutic strategies for cardiac fibrosis targeting the mechanisms underlying the fibroblast to myofibroblast transition*”(PNRR /2022/C9/MCID/I8), project manager - Dr. Rostyslav Bilyy, Danylo Halytsky Lviv National Medical University, Liov, Ukraine;
- (2)2020-2022 “*Immune modulation of T-cells by platelets and platelet-derived microvesicles in experimental induced atherosclerosis; the role of microRNA-142-3p*”(PN-III-P1-1.1-TE-2019-0811), dir.: N. Alexandru, PhD, ICBP ‘NS’, Bucharest;
- (3)2018-2021 “*Development of BIONanotechnologies based on extracellular vesicles for early diagnosis, prognosis and therapy of atherosclerotic disease*”(PN-III-P1-1.2-PCCDI-2017-0527), dir.: A. Georgescu, PhD, ICBP ‘NS’;
- (4)2018-2021 “*Pathogenic mechanisms and personalized treatment in pancreatic cancer using multi-omics technologies*”(PN-III-P1-1.2-PCCDI-2017-0797), dir.: I.Popescu, M.D., Fundeni Clinical Institute, Bucharest;
- (5)2015-2017 “*New insights in platelet-endothelial progenitor cell interplay in atherosclerotic disease*”(PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-0523), dir.: N. Alexandru, PhD, ICBP ‘NS’;
- (6)2014-2016 “*Development of a protocol for selection of patients with obesity and type 2 diabetes mellitus who are highly prone to diabetes remission after metabolic surgery*”(PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-2154), dir.: C. Copenescu, M.D., Ponderas Hospital, Bucharest;

- (7)2014-2016** "*Biodegradable implants from magnesium alloys used in foot and knee surgery*"(PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-2267), dir.: I. Antoniac., PhD, Politehnica University of Bucharest;
- (8)2014-2016** "*Multifunctional coatings for load bearing implants made of novel titanium-based alloy*"(PN-II-PT-PCCA-2013-4-1958), dir: A. Vladescu, PhD, National Institute for Research and Development in Optoelectronics, Bucharest;
- (9)2012-2014** "*Circulating platelet microparticles and endothelial progenitor cells in vascular atherosclerosis: new pathophysiological and therapeutic implications*" (PN-II-CT-ERC-2012-1), dir: A. Georgescu, PhD, ICBP 'NS';
- (10)2008-2011** "*Vascular complications of small arteries in patients with obesity associated or not with type 2 diabetes; the endothelial dysfunction and insulin resistance*"(PNCDI-II-1159/19.01.2009)", dir: A. Georgescu, PhD, ICBP 'NS';
- (11)2008-2011**"*Ratio of circulating microparticles to endothelial progenitor cells, a new cellular marker of endothelial dysfunction induced by combined hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; anti-atherosclerotic effect of irbersartan*"(PNCDI-II-42138/1.10.2008)", dir: A. Georgescu, PhD, ICBP 'NS';
- (12)2006-2008** "*The effect of elevated levels of shed membrane microparticles on the function of pheripheral veins at patients with chronic venous insuffieciency*"(15121/2006-2008), dir: A. Georgescu, PhD, ICBP 'NS'.