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CERTIFICATES

Degree of Biologist obtained at the RijksUniversiteit Gent in September 1980 with ‘Distinction’
Master in Science and Molecular Biology at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in June 1981 with ‘Great Distinction’
Doctor in Science, “Distinction between M1- and M2- Muscarinic acetylcholine receptors”, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 1987 with ‘Greatest Distinction’

CAREER

Former positions:

- ‘Assistant Associé’ at the Department d’Allergopharmacologie, (Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, F) in 1988.
- ‘Chercheur Associé’ from C.N.R.S. at the Department de Neuroendocrinologie, (Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, F) from 1988 to 1990.
- ‘Research Scientist’ at the CNS Department, Organon nv, Oss (NL) from 1990 to 1995.
- IUAP Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Department of Molecular and Biochemical Pharmacology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel from 1995-2001

Actual position and tasks:

- Research Fellowship in the framework of the “Vrije Universiteit Brussel Research Contingent” from 2001
- Coordinator of the Research Group on Experimental Pharmacology (EPHAR) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Lecturer of the course “Molecular Pharmacology” (3rd year Bio Engineer in Cell and Gene Biotechnology, Medical Biotechnology) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Coordination and organisation of the practicals related to the courses “Molecular Pharmacology” and “Regulation of cellular processes” for students of Applied Biological Sciences, at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Member of the presidency of the Institute for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Secretary of the Educational committee of the Department of Applied Biological Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Promotor of graduate and Ph.D. thesis students

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Characterisation of receptors / enzymes involved in the renin-angiotensin system

Biochemical and molecular pharmacology of G-protein coupled receptors

Development and validation of screening tests

Development of functional assays for G-protein coupled receptors in cultured cells

Expression and characterization of recombinant native and mutated receptors in cell lines

RECENT SCIENTIFIC CONGRESSES

Invited speaker

- ➔ symposium on Future Trends in Phytochemistry, 10-13 mei, 1998, Rolduc, Nederland
- ➔ UNIDO training course: Screening Technologies for Industrial Exploitation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, 30 november - 5 december 1998, Panama City
- ➔ International Forum on Candesartan cilexetil: From Concept to Clinic, 9-10 april 1999, Praag, Tjechië
- ➔ Hypertension Investigators Meeting, 14-17 januari 2000, Amelia Island, Florida, USA

Selected to participate

- ➔ Gordon Research Conference on Angiotensin, 11-16 march 2001, Ventura, California, USA
- ➔ Gordon Research Conference on Angiotensin, 5-10 may 2002, Il Ciocco, Italy
- ➔ Gordon Research Conference on Angiotensin, 29 february -5 march 2004, Ventura, California, USA
- ➔ Gordon Research Conference on Angiotensin, 10-15 septembre 2006, Aussois, France

PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

Before 1986

Andre, C., De Backer, J. P., Guillet, J. C., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Vauquelin, G., and Strosberg, A. D. Purification of muscarinic acetylcholine receptors by affinity chromatography. EMBO J 2:499-504. 1983. (impactfactor 13.999)

Andre, C., Guillet, J. G., De Backer, J. P., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Hoebeke, J., and Strosberg, A. D. Monoclonal antibodies against the native or denatured forms of muscarinic acetylcholine receptors. EMBO J 3:17-21. 1984. (impactfactor 13.999)

Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Andre, C., de Backer, J. P., and Vauquelin, G. Agonist mediated conformational changes of solubilized calf forebrain muscarinic acetylcholine receptors. Biochem Pharmacol 33:2981-7.1984. (impactfactor 2.975)

1986

Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Ebinger, G., Kanarek, L., and Vauquelin, G. Epinephrine and norepinephrine stimulation of adenylate cyclase in bovine retina homogenate: evidence for interaction with the dopamine D1 receptor. Life Sci 38:1221-7. 1986. (impactfactor 1.808)

Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Kanarek, L., and Vauquelin, G. Molecular distinction between calf heart and brain muscarinic receptors: different N-ethylmaleimide modulation of agonist binding. Eur J Pharmacol 125:127-34. 1986. (impactfactor 2.236)

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Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Ebinger, G., Dierckx, R., and Vauquelin, G. Muscarinic cholinergic receptor subtypes in normal human brain and Alzheimer's presenile dementia. *J Neurol Sci* 82(1-3), 257-69. 1987. (impactfactor 1.678)

Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Ebinger, G., and Vauquelin, G. Different agonist binding properties of M1 and M2 muscarinic receptors in calf brain cortex membranes. *Biochem Pharmacol* 36(23), 4119-24. 1987. (impactfactor 2.975)

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Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Ebinger, G., and Vauquelin, G. Characterization of M1- and M2-muscarinic receptors in calf retina membranes. *Vision Res* 28(2), 247-50. 1988. (impactfactor 2.000)

De Keyser, J., Ebinger, G., De Backer, J. P., Convents, A., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., and Vauquelin, G. Subtypes of adrenergic and dopaminergic receptors in bovine cerebral blood vessels. *Neurosci Lett* 85(2), 272-6. 1988. (impactfactor 2.091)

De Keyser, J., Dierckx, R., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Ebinger, G., and Vauquelin, G. D1 dopamine receptors in human putamen, frontal cortex and calf retina: differences in guanine nucleotide regulation of agonist binding and adenylate cyclase stimulation. *Brain Res* 443(1-2), 77-84. 1988. (impactfactor 2.526)

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Ebinger, G., Herregodts, P., Michotte, Y., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., and Vauquelin, G. Alzheimer's disease: biological diagnosis. *Acta Neurol Belg* 89(3-4), 132-4. 1989. (impactfactor 0.697)

Gies, J.P., Bertrand, C., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Waeldele, F., Dumont, P., Pauli, G., and Landry, Y. Characterization of muscarinic receptors in human, guinea pig and rat lung. *J Pharmacol Exp Ther* 250(1), 309-15. 1989. (impactfactor 3.452)

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Hamann, M., Desarmenien, M., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Piguet, P., and Feltz, P. Electrophysiological study of tert-butylbicyclicphosphorothionate-induced block of spontaneous chloride channels. *Mol Pharmacol* 37(4), 578-82. 1990. (impactfactor 5.678)

Vanderheyden, P.M.L., Gies, J.P., Ebinger, G., De Keyser, J., Landry, Y., and Vauquelin, G. Human M1-, M2- and M3-muscarinic cholinergic receptors: binding characteristics of agonists and antagonists. *J Neurol Sci* 97(1), 67-80. 1990. (impactfactor 1.678)

Vauquelin, G., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., and Ebinger, G. Dual effect of N-ethylmaleimide on agonist binding to bovine heart muscarinic receptors. *Arch Int Pharmacodyn Ther* 307, 5-10. 1990. (impactfactor 1.265)

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Peeters, B. W. and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. In vitro and in vivo characterization of the NMDA receptor-linked strychnine-insensitive glycine site. *Epilepsy Res* 12(2), 157-62. 1992. (impactfactor 2.866)

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Peeters, B. W. and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. Modulation of the NMDA receptor by the strychnine-insensitive glycine site. *Neuropsychopharmacology* 9,PS152. 1993. (impactfactor 4.579)

De Boer, T., Stam, N.J., van Huizen, F. and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. Pharmacological characterization of cloned human 5-HT1A, 5-HT1C and 5-HT2 receptors in 3T3 cells. *Journal of Neurochemistry* 61, PS90. 1993. (impactfactor 4.900)

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Kooyman, A.R., Zwart, R., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., van Hooft, J.A. and Vijverberg, H.P.M. Functional interaction between enantiomers of mianserin and ORG 3770 at 5-HT3 receptors in cultured mouse neuroblastoma cells. *Neuropharmacology* 33, 501-507, 1994, (impactfactor 4.125)

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Stam, N. J., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., van Alebeek, C., Klomp, J., de Boer, T., van Delft, A. M., and Olijve, W. Genomic organisation and functional expression of the gene encoding the human serotonin 5-HT2C receptor. *Eur J Pharmacol* 269(3), 339-48. 1994. (impactfactor 2.236)

Peeters, B. W., van der Heijden, R., Gubbels, D.G., and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. Effects of chronic antidepressant treatment on the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis of Wistar rats. *Ann N Y Acad Sci* 746, 449-52. 1994. (no impactfactor)

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Konings, P. N., Shahid, M., van Alebeek, C., Makkink, W. K., Stam, N. J., Ruigt, G. S., and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. Combined in situ hybridisation, northern blot analysis, and receptor binding studies in clones expressing different levels of the human 5-HT1A receptor. *J Recept Signal Transduct Res* 15(1-4), 443-55. 1995. (impactfactor 1.915)

Reijmers, L. G., Vanderheyden, P.M.L., and Peeters, B. W. Changes in prepulse inhibition after local administration of NMDA receptor ligands in the core region of the rat nucleus accumbens. *Eur J Pharmacol* 272(2-3), 131-8. 1995. (impactfactor 2.236)

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Sleight, A. J., Stam, N. J., Mutel, V., and Vanderheyden, P.M.L. Radiolabelling of the human 5-HT2A receptor with an agonist, a partial agonist and an antagonist: effects on apparent agonist affinities. *Biochem Pharmacol* 51(1), 71-6. 1996. (impactfactor 2.975)

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Van Liefde I., Vanderheyden P.M.L., Fraeyman N., De Backer J.-P. and Vauquelin G. (1998) Human Neuropeptide Y Y1 receptors elicit unequal control on the extracellular acidification rate in different cell lines. *Eur. J. Pharmacol.* 346, 87-95. (impactfactor 2.236)

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