

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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2. EDUCATION

1996-2000 BSc (Hons), Biochemistry, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada
2000-2002, 2007-2009 MD (as part of MD/PhD program), University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada
2002-2007 PhD Cellular and Molecular Biology, Dept. of Medical Biophysics, University of Toronto
2009-2015 FRCPC (Medical Genetics and Genomics), University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Canada
2016 FCCMG (Fellow, Canadian College of Medical Geneticists)

3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2018 - present Clinical Assistant Professor, Medical Genetics, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary
2018 - present Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary
2015 - present Clinical Geneticist, Section of Clinical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Alberta Children's Hospital

4. RECENT AWARDS

2025 Department of Medical Genetics Clinical Teaching award
2024 Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary PGME Teaching Award.

5. CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

2026 – 2028 Co-Applicant, CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant. GeneXchange: Linking Genetic Discovery to Real World Impact. \$98,450.

2025 – 2026 **Principal Applicant**, University of Calgary VPR Catalyst Grant. Identification of RNA binding targets affected by variants associated with HNRNPK-related neurodevelopmental disorder. \$12,750.

2025 – 2026 **Principal Applicant**, Department of Pediatrics Innovation Grant. Genetic Neurodevelopmental disorder Initiative (GENie): a quality improvement project to improve care for families with Genetic neurodevelopmental disorders. \$10,500.

2025 – 2030 Co-Investigator. Expanding the use of genomics to unravel rare diseases: Care4Rare EXPAND. Genome Canada, CPHI Pillar 1: Generating population-level genomic data. ~\$20 million.

2025 – 2010 Co-Applicant. Mechanistic understanding of pathogenic autophagy and stem cell regulation in a neurodevelopmental disorder. CIHR Project Grant. \$1,585,000.

2020 – ongoing **Principal Investigator**. HNRNPK-RNDD/Au-Kline Syndrome Natural History Study. ACHRI start up funds and HNRNP Family Foundation (~\$10,000/year from HNRNP FF x 5 years).

2019 – ongoing **Principal Investigator**. Angelman Natural History Study. Funded by Boston Children's Hospital/Angelman Syndrome Foundation Canada. (~\$10,000/year)

5. PUBLICATIONS (last 5 years)

(* denotes corresponding/senior author. h-index = 30)

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2. Gillesse EH, Wan M, Ashtiani S, Suchowersky O, Parboosingh JS, Bernier FP, Lamont RE, Innes AM, **Au PYB***; Care4Rare Canada Consortium. Identification of an additional deep intronic splice variant prompts critical evaluation of SPG7 inheritance. Neurogenetics. 2026 Feb 9;27(1):12. doi: 10.1007/s10048-026-00882-7. PMID: 41656397; PMCID: PMC12883507.
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4. Asadollahi R, ... **Au PYB**, ... Rauch A, Lipstein N. Pathogenic UNC13A variants cause a neurodevelopmental syndrome by impairing synaptic function. Nat Genet. 2025 Nov;57(11):2691-2704. doi: 10.1038/s41588-025-02361-5. Epub 2025 Oct 22. PMID: 41125872; PMCID: PMC12597829.
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6. Erdogan EN, ... **Au PYB**, Dobyns WB, Aldinger KA. Further Delineation of the AUTS2 HX Repeat Domain-Related Phenotype. Am J Med Genet A. 2025 May 3:e64093. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.64093. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 40317680.
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8. Sjøstrøm E, Bruel AL, Philippe C, Delanne J, Faivre L, Menke LA, **Au PYB**, Cormick JJ, Moosa S, Bayat A. Exploring the Cognitive and Behavioral Aspects of Shprintzen-Goldberg Syndrome; a Novel Cohort and Literature Review. Clin Genet. 2025 Mar;107(3):328-334. doi: 10.1111/cge.14646. PMID: 39600231.
9. Sabeh P, Dumas SA, Maios C, Daghar H, Korzeniowski M, Rousseau J, Lines M, ...**Au PYB**, ... Parker JA, Burnett BG, Campeau PM. Heterozygous UBR5 variants result in a neurodevelopmental syndrome with developmental delay, autism, and intellectual disability. Am J Hum Genet. 2025 Jan 2;112(1):75-86. doi: 10.1016/j.ajhg.2024.11.009. PMID: 39721588.
10. Gillesse E, Wade A, Parboosingh JS, **Au PYB**, Bernier FP; C4R Consortium; Lamont RE, Innes AM. Genome sequencing identifies biallelic variants in SCLT1 in a patient with syndromic nephronophthisis: Reflections on the SCLT1-related ciliopathy spectrum. Am J Med Genet A. 2024 Nov;194(11):e63789. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.63789. PMID: 38924217.
11. Shafiq T, ... **Au PYB**...Bain J, Gillentine M et al. An expansion of the phenotype in individuals with SYNCRIP-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder. November 2024. Rare. 2(9): 100052. 10.1016/j.rare.2024.100052. PMID: n/a.
12. Colijn MA, Vrijzen S, **Au PYB**, Abou El Asrar R, Houdou M, Van den Haute C, Sarna J, Montgomery G, Vangheluwe P. Kufor-Rakeb syndrome-associated psychosis: a novel loss-of-function ATP13A2 variant and response to antipsychotic therapy. 2024 Oct;25(4):405-415. doi: 10.1007/s10048-024-00767-7. PMID: 39023817.
13. Smith CS, Riddell M, Baladalo L, **Au PYB***. Adults with Paternal UPD14 Causing Kagami-Ogata syndrome: Case Report and Review of the Literature. Am J Med Genet A. 2024 Sep;194(9):e63625. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.63625. PMID: 38741340.

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15. Rinaldi B, Bayat A, Zachariassen LG, Sun JH, Ge YH, Zhao D,...**Au PYB**... Lesca G, Møller RS, Tümer Z, Musgaard M, Gerard B, Lemke JR, Shi YS, Kristensen AS. Gain-of-function and loss-of-function variants in GRIA3 lead to distinct neurodevelopmental phenotypes. Brain. 2024 May 3;147(5):1837-1855. doi: 10.1093/brain/awad403. PMID: 38038360.
16. Vanden Broek K, Ryu J-R, Perrier R, Tyndall AV, Childs SJ, **Au PYB***. SAM domain variants of EPHB4 associated with aberrant signalling are linked to lymphatic-related fetal hydrops and facial dysmorphism. Clin Genet. 2024 Apr;105(4):386-396. doi: 10.1111/cge.14467. Erratum in: Clin Genet. 2024 Nov;106(5):664. doi: 10.1111/cge.14597. PMID: 38151336.
17. Al-Kateb H, **Au PYB**, Berland S, Cogne B....Willing M, Shinawi M. CAMTA-1 related disorder: Phenotypic and molecular characterization of 26 new individuals and literature review. Clin Genet. 2024 Mar;105(3):294-301. doi: 10.1111/cge.14464. PMID: 38044714.
18. Pijpers JA, **Au PYB**, Weeke LC, Vein AA, Smit LS, Vilan A,...Appendino JP, Peeters-Scholte CMPCD. Early recognition of characteristic conventional and amplitude-integrated EEG patterns of seizures in SCN2A and KCNQ3-related epilepsy in neonates. eizure. 2023 Aug;110:212-219. doi: 10.1016/j.seizure.2023.06.016. PMID: 37429183.
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23. Chrystal PW, Lambacher NJ, Doucette LP Allison TW*, **Au PYB***, MacDonald IM*, Arno G*, Leroux MR*. The inner junction protein CFAP20 functions in motile and non-motile cilia and is critical for vision. Nature Communications. Nat Commun. 2022 Nov 3;13(1):6595. doi: 10.1038/s41467-022-33820-w. PMID: 36329026.
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33. Johannesen KM, Iqbal S.... Klein KM, **Au PYB**, Smyth K....Moller RK, Gardella E. Structural Mapping of GABRB3 variants reveals genotype-phenotype correlations. Genet Med. 2022. 24(3):681-693
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39. Hanly C, Shah H, **Au PYB**, Murias K. Description of neurodevelopmental phenotypes associated with 10 genetic neurodevelopmental disorders: A scoping review. Clin Genet. 2021 Mar;99(3):335-346
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6. PRESENTATIONS

Selected Invited Presentations

1. Updates on the Natural History study for HNRNPK-RNDD. Invited speaker. HNRNP Family Foundation Patient and Family Meeting. July 27-30, 2025. Ponte Vedra Florida.
2. HNRNPK Natural History update. Invited speaker. HNRNP Family Foundation Meeting. July 28-30, 2024. Issaquah, WA, USA.
3. Au-Kline Syndrome, a 10-year journey. Invited speaker. University of Alberta Rare Disease Day, February 29, 2024.
4. Episignatures of the HNRNPK-RNDDs: Focus on HNRNPK. Invited speaker. HNRNP-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorders Scientific Symposia, May 4-6, 2023. Columbia University, New York.
5. Canadian position statement for genetic testing in development disorders and local initiatives. Invited speaker. April 2023. Owerko Neurodevelopmental Clinical Rounds.
6. "HNRNPK: Recent insights from human methylation and animal studies." Invited speaker. ACMG Scientific Concurrent Session: The Role of HNRNPK Gene Family in Neurodevelopmental Disorders. March 24, 2022
7. "Au-Kline Syndrome: diagnostic criteria and phenotypic spectrum." Invited speaker. HNRNP related disorders Mini Symposia. Columbia University. Virtual. June 3, 2022.

Selected Conference Presentations

1. **Au PYB***, Malaney P, Rodriguez A, Kline AD, Post S. Ribosome dysfunction in Au-Kline Syndrome. Oral Platform Presentation. David Smith Workshop Aug 16-21, 2024, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2. Burns K, Moebius Syndrome Research Consortium, Ramond F, Wei XC, Yang G, **Au PYB***. USP15 is a novel candidate gene for a neurodevelopmental syndrome associated with cranial nerve dysfunction and dysmorphic features. Oral Platform Presentation. David Smith Workshop Aug 25-30, 2023. Southbridge, MA. USA.
3. **Au PYB**, Chrystal PW, Lambacher NJ, Doucette LP, Allison TW, MacDonald IM, Arno G, Leroux MR. The inner junction protein CFAP20 functions in motile and non-motile cilia and is critical for vision. Oral Platform Presentation. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting Oct 25-29, 2022. Los Angeles CA. USA.
4. Choufani S, McNiven V, Cytrynbaum C, ... Kline AD, **Au PYB***, Weksberg R*. Au-Kline Syndrome phenotypic expansion: genome wide DNA methylation signature makes sense of missense. Oral Platform Presentation. David Smith Workshop Aug 20-23, 2022. Norfolk, VA. USA.
5. **Au PYB**, Choufani S, McNiven V... Kline AD, Weksberg R. Au-Kline Syndrome: Genome wide DNA methylation signature makes sense of missense. Poster presentation. American Society of Human Genetics, Oct 27-30. 2021. Virtual Meeting. **Selected as Reviewer's Choice Award, top 10% of abstracts.**

7. SELECTED OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Education Leadership:

June 2025 – May 2026: Co-interim program director RCPSC Genetics and Genomics Residency Program

2023 – 2025: RCPSC Genetics and Genomics Residency Competence Committee Chair

Selected Committees:

2022– current Clinical lead, Functional Genomics Lab, University of Calgary

2020– current HNRNP Family Foundation medical and scientific advisory board

2020– 2022 CCMG Neurodevelopmental working group committee

8. PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a medical geneticist and clinician investigator with a previous PhD in cell signaling biology. My clinical and research interests focus on neurodevelopmental and neurogenetic disorders. I have contributed to discovery and characterization of over 12 novel genetic diseases, most notably HNRNPK as the causative gene for Au-Kline syndrome. I am an active investigator within the national genomics network Care4Rare. I co-run the Functional

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Genomics program in Calgary, which leverages cell based assays to address genes and variants of uncertain significance. My research focuses on understanding how genetic variants drive molecular and cellular dysfunction, how this dysfunction influences clinical phenotypes and outcomes, and how these insights can be leveraged to develop therapies and improve patient management.