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### About

Craig is a post-doctoral researcher investigating tyrosine kinase-based signal transduction in platelets. He is also interested in the role of platelets in development and disease.

### Qualifications

- PhD Cardiovascular Medicine 2010
- BSc (Hons) Medical Biochemistry 1<sup>st</sup> Class 2004

### Research

Craig's research focuses on the platelet receptor CLEC-2 and the novel signalling motif through which it couples to the platelet signalling machinery. He is comparing the signalling mechanism of this hemITAM motif (CLEC-2) to the more established ITAM pathway (e.g. GPVI/FcR-g chain, FcγRIIA, TCR, BCR) to understand how each receptor type utilise similar signalling pathways.

Craig is also interested in novel ITAM and hemITAM receptors, particularly on platelets, and also in snake venoms which activate platelets either through GPVI or CLEC-2 or through novel receptors

### Publications

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