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About

Jane McKeating is the Professor of Molecular Virology and Deputy Head of the School of Immunity and Infection.

She set up the HCV group at the Medical School in January 2005. The group occupies 3 adjoining labs on the 5th floor of the IBR, 2 cat 3 labs and have shared access to all of the facilities in the MRC Centre for Immune Regulation. The group is involved in a wide range of local and international collaborative studies.

Qualifications

- PhD 1987
- BSc (Hons) 1982

Teaching

TEACHING PROGRAMMES

- [Medical Science BMedSc \(/undergraduate/courses/med/biomedical-science.aspx\)](#)

Postgraduate supervision

The HCV group is actively involved in the supervision and mentoring of doctoral research (Ph.D.) students in the all areas of clinically relevant HCV disease.

If you are interesting in studying in this area please contact us using the contact details above, or for more general doctoral research enquiries, please email: [dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk \(mailto:dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk\)](mailto:dr@contacts.bham.ac.uk) or call +44 (0)121 414 5005.

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Research

RESEARCH THEMES

Viral hepatitis, virus entry and viral Oncology

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Our research focuses on understanding the mechanism of hepatitis C virus (HCV) entry into the liver and how the virus persists to evade the innate and adaptive immune responses. Development of multi-cellular systems comprising hepatocytes and non-parenchymal liver cells have enabled us to uncover new pathways that regulate viral replication. We are exploring the impact of viral and bacterial co-infection on HCV pathogenesis and the role persistent HCV replication plays in the development of hepatocellular carcinoma.

Other activities

Awards and Distinctions:

Herpes Vaccine Research Trust Prize, Society of General Microbiology - 1988.

Medical Research Council Senior AIDS Research Fellowship -1990

Research Fellowship of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine - 1994

Fleming Award, Society of General Microbiology - 1995.

Royal Society Wolfson Merit Award 2006

Australian ACH2 Invited Lecture 2009

Oxford University Distinguished Virology Lecture 2010

Membership of committees & boards:

NIH special study section on Virology

Veterans Administration Merit Review Subcommittee.

Editorial boards for Virology, Virology Journal, PLoS One, Hepatology

Scientific Advisory Boards for University of Essen, Astex Pharmaceuticals and Arrow Pharmaceuticals

Publications

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- **Heterogeneous claudin-1 expression in human liver.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22807091>) Harris HJ, Wilson GK, Hübscher SG, McKeating JA. Hepatology (Baltimore, Md.) 2013 57: 854-5
- **Hepatitis C virus and the brain.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22497808>) Fletcher NF, McKeating JA. Journal of viral hepatitis 2012 19: 301-6
- **Over the fence or through the gate: how viruses infect polarized cells.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22401628>) Fletcher NF, Howard C, McKeating JA. Immunotherapy 2012 4: 249-51
- **Hepatitis C virus entry: beyond receptors.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22392805>) Meredith LW, Wilson GK, Fletcher NF, McKeating JA. Reviews in medical virology 2012 22: 182-93
- **Hepatitis C virus induces CD81 and claudin-1 endocytosis.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22318146>) Farquhar MJ, Hu K, Harris HJ, Davis C, Brimacombe CL, Fletcher SJ, Baumert TF, Rappoport JZ, Balfe P, McKeating JA. Journal of virology 2012 86: 4305-16
- **A dual role for hypoxia inducible factor-1 α in the hepatitis C virus lifecycle and hepatoma migration.** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22178269>) Wilson GK, Brimacombe CL, Rowe IA, Reynolds GM, Fletcher NF, Stamataki Z, Bhogal RH, Simões ML, Ashcroft M, Afford SC, Mitry RR, Dhawan A, Mee CJ, Hübscher SG, Balfe P, McKeating JA. Journal of hepatology 2012 56: 803-9
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