
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: **Carmina Montoliu**

Position: Director of Laboratory of Neurological impairment of INCLIVA-Health Research Institute, Valencia (Spain).

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Valencia, Spain	B.S	1989	Biology
University of Valencia, Spain	Ph.D.	1995	Biology

A. Personal Statement

Carmina Montoliu, Head, Laboratory of Neurological impairment of INCLIVA-Health Research Institute Avda. Menéndez Pelayo 46010 Valencia (Spain) Tel: 343864381; cmontoliu@incliva.es
Carmina Montoliu has authored more 113 manuscripts and more than 10 book chapters, 2 patents, Directed Ph.D. thesis: 6 defended in the last 5 years; 7 in course. Directed Master Theses:11. Dr. Montoliu has been actively involved in 5 EU projects (ENV4-CT96-0173; RANTIV; PBDE-NOTX; PINCHE, DEVNERTOX) and 1 COST Action (COST D8/0014/97). Principal Investigator of 17 grants for research projects, including 1 from the European Commission; 1 International Cooperation; 4 Spanish National Plan of I+D; 1 Spanish National Plan of I+D (The Spanish Ion Channel Initiative, CONSOLIDER); 4 Grants from Private Sources (National Foundations); 1 Regional Grant for Groups of Excellence; 12 Regional Grants (from Generalitat Valenciana).

B. Positions and Honors

Coordinator of the research program on neurological impairment of INCLIVA (Valencia), with the participation of 6 clinical and 2 basic research

Coordinator of the Euro-Mediterranean Master Program in Neuroscience & Biotechnology ISIS "ISIS TEMPUS" from University of Valencia, with the participation of the 18 Euromediterranean Universities.

Member of the Selection Committee (Comisión de Selección) for Training and Mobility of Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria del Hospital Clínico de Valencia, INCLIVA,-University of Valencia

Associate Professor, University of Valencia (Pathology and Histology Department) since 2008

Honors: Awards to research:

Extraordinary doctorate award (1996)

Participation in international activities

Coordinator of the Euromediterranean Master in Neuroscience and Biotechnology.

Director of Master thesis of Students from Morocco and Egypt in the Euromediterranean Master in Neuroscience and Biotechnology.

Partner of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) of European Commission: Action Group A3 on "Prevention and early diagnosis of frailty and functional decline, both physical and cognitive, in older people"

Participation in European Projects: Dr. Montoliu has been actively involved in 5 EU projects (ENV4-CT96-0173; RANTIV; PBDE-NOTX; PINCHE, DEVNERTOX) and 1 COST Action (COST D8/0014/97).

Invited Speaker at International Congresses (only the last 5 years are included)

International Symposium on Ionotropic Glutamate Receptors. Physiology, Pathology and Therapeutics, February 16-17, 2012 in Valencia, Spain.

1. 47th EASL (Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of the Liver), Barcelona, April 18th, 2012

2. 15th ISHEN (International Society for Hepatic Encephalopathy and Nitrogen Metabolism) Symposium Grenaa, Denmark May 29 to June 2, 2012.

3. 16th ISHEN (International Society for Hepatic Encephalopathy and Nitrogen Metabolism) Symposium, Londres, September 10-14, 2014

Referee for many International Journals in the last 5 years, including the more relevant in the field.

Teacher in the following Masters

Coordinator of the Euromediterranean Master in Neuroscience and Biotechnology

Master en Neurociencias Básicas y Aplicadas (Universidad de Valencia)

Master de Biomedicina (Universidad de Valencia)

Doctoral Courses

Teacher in Doctoral Courses on: Neurotoxicity: Molecular Mechanisms and on Neurological Impairment of the Neuroscience Doctoral Program and the Doctoral Program on Medicine at the University of Valencia

C. Contribution to Science

Our investigation focuses on the identification of the mechanisms by which chronic liver diseases (cirrhosis) lead to cognitive and motor impairment in patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy (MHE) and on the identification of new treatments and biomarkers for early diagnosis for MHE. We have made very relevant contributions to the knowledge of these mechanisms.

We have investigated the contribution of inflammation and hyperammonemia to the induction of mild cognitive impairment (or MHE) in patients with different grades of hyperammonemia and / or inflammation, and we conclude that in patients with liver diseases (cirrhosis, steatohepatitis) cognitive deterioration may appear before progression to cirrhosis, if the levels of ammonium and inflammation are sufficiently high. We have searched for blood markers that reflect the presence of MHE and/or specific neurological alterations in cirrhotic patients. We found that the MHE correlates with an increase in the activation of soluble guanylate cyclase by nitric oxide in lymphocytes and especially with an increase in the proinflammatory interleukins IL6 and IL18, whose concentration in serum allows discriminating cirrhotic patients without and with MHE. We have identified the first peripheral biomarker for early diagnosis of MHE in cirrhotic patients with high sensibility and specificity. We have obtained the patent of this (the first) diagnostic procedure in blood. We are also analyzing the brain alterations associated with MHE by neurophysiology and neuroimaging techniques. We showed that patients with MHE have reduced the area of mismatch negativity (MMN), an auditory evoked potential related to the attention analyzed by EEG, and that MMN area is useful to diagnose attention deficits in cirrhotic patients. Using brain magnetic resonance (MRI) studies in cirrhotic patients, we showed: a) a loss of cortical thickness in certain regions (eg precuneus) that correlates with cognitive alterations associated with MHE; b) blood flow measured by the arterial spin labeling (ASL) MRI, is increased in cerebellum, and correlates with alterations in the attention and visual motor coordination and allows to detect the MHE. c) a reduction in the microstructural integrity of cerebral white matter in patients with MHE that correlates with attention deficits, mental processing speed and visual motor coordination. d) MHE patients showed significant decrease of gray matter volume and lesser degree of resting-state connectivity in different networks related to attention and executive functions as compared to controls and patients without MHE. We have also shown using posturography analysis that balance patterns and limits of stability are impaired in MHE patients compared to patients without MHE and controls. This contributes to a higher risk of falls. Both attention and motor coordination deficits seem to contribute to balance impairment in patients with MHE

We are studying the role of oxidative stress in neurological disorders (cognitive, motor, attention) in MHE. We have shown that patients with MHE have an increased oxidative damage of proteins, lipids and nucleic acids and the activity of antioxidant enzymes in erythrocytes and mononuclear cells of patients. We have proposed the hypothesis that the synergistic effect of hyperammonemia and inflammation in the induction of neurological deterioration is mediated by oxidative stress and the formation of peroxynitrite.

We have also identified the changes in peripheral inflammation associated with appearance of MHE in cirrhotic patients, including: 1) increased activation of CD4+ T-lymphocytes, with increased CD69; 2) increased amount of CD4+CD28- T lymphocytes, associated with increased levels of CX3CL1 and of IL-15; 3) increased differentiation of CD4+ T lymphocytes to Th follicular and Th22. These findings help to understand the process

by which peripheral inflammation triggers MHE and will provide biomarkers for early detection and targets for treatment of MHE.

PUBLICATIONS (IF = impact factor).

Total citations: 3664; Mean of citation/year: 137; **H index: 34**

Citation/year: 2012: 180; 2013: 231; 2014: 220; 2015: 201; 2016: 236; 2017: 200

Publications in the first decile: 34; first quartile: 39; total: 134.

Forty-one articles published in international peer reviewed journals in the last 5 years: 14 articles in journals with decile 1 (D1) and 26 articles in journals with quartile 1 (Q1). Mean impact factor: 6.8 (since 2012)

Some relevant Publications

Publications (including books): 126 articles in international peer reviewed journals, including 1 Gastroenterology (IF 18.4); 1 Annals of Internal Medicine (IF 16.59); 3 in Hepatology (IF 13.2); 1 Gut (IF 16.6); 8 Journal of Hepatology (IF 12.5); 1 Antioxidants Redox Signaling (IF 6.3); 1 Neuroimage (IF 6.2), and more than 10 book chapters. The following articles are those that have contributed to the most relevant advances to knowledge in the field in the last 5 years:

1. Felipo, V, ... (7 more authors) .., Montoliu, C. Patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy show impaired mismatch negativity correlating with reduced performance in attention tests. *Hepatology* 2012; 55(2):530-9.
2. Montoliu C, ... (11 more authors) .., Cantero JL. Focal cortical damage parallels cognitive impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Neuroimage* 2012; 61(4):1165-75.
3. Felipo V, ... (8 more authors) .., Montoliu C. Serum nitrotyrosine and psychometric tests as indicators of impaired fitness to drive in cirrhotic patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Liver Int.* 2013; 33(10):1478-89.
4. Montoliu C, ... (11 more authors) .., Felipo V. Reduced white matter microstructural integrity correlates with cognitive deficits in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Gut*. 2014; 63:1028-30
5. Ampuero J, Simón M, Montoliu C, Jover R, Serra MA, Córdoba J, Romero-Gómez M. Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy and Critical Flicker Frequency are Associated with survival of patients with cirrhosis. *Gastroenterology*. 2015; 149(6):1483-9.
6. Giménez-Garzó C, ... (7 more authors) ..., Montoliu C, Felipo V. Is cognitive impairment in cirrhotic patients due to increased peroxynitrite and oxidative stress? *Antioxid Redox Signal* 2015; 1;22(10):871-7.
7. Urios A, ... (8 more authors) ..., Montoliu C. Altered postural control and stability in cirrhotic patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy correlate with cognitive deficits. *Liver Int.* 2017; 37(7): 1013-1022.
8. Giménez-Garzó C, ... (10 more authors) ..., Montoliu C. The PHES battery does not detect all cirrhotic patients with early neurological deficits, which are different in different patients. *PLoS One.* 2017; 12(2):e0171211.
9. García-García R, ... (13 more authors) ..., Montoliu C. Reduced resting state connectivity and gray matter volume correlate with cognitive impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *PLoS One* 2017; 12(10):e0186463.
10. Mangas-Losada A, ... (7 more authors) ..., Montoliu C, Felipo V. Minimal hepatic encephalopathy is associated with expansion and activation of CD4+CD28-, Th22 and Tfh and B lymphocytes. *Scientific Reports* 2017; 7(1):6683.

Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=montoliu+C>

Publications:

1. Guerri, C., **Montoliu, C.**, Vallés, S., Fornas, E. and Renau-Piqueras, J. Oxidative Changes Induced by Ethanol in Brain and Adaptative Responses After Chronic Ethanol Consumption. *Alcohol and Alcoholism* 27 (1): 36 (1992).
2. **C. Montoliu.**, I. Azorin., J. Renau-Piqueras and C. Guerri. Mechanism Involved on Ethanol Induced Lipid Peroxidation in Brain Homogenates. *Alcohol and Alcoholism* 28 (2): 220 (1993).
3. **Montoliu, C.**, Vallés, S., Renau-Piqueras, J. and Guerri, C. Ethanol-induced oxygen radical formation an lipid peroxidation in rat brain: Effect of chronic alcohol consumption. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 63: 1855-1862 (1994).
4. Guerri C, **Montoliu C**, Renau-Piqueras J. Involvement of free radical mechanism in the toxic effects of alcohol: implications for fetal alcohol syndrome. *Review: Adv Exp Med Biol.* 366:291-305 (1994).
5. **Montoliu C.**, Renau-Piqueras J. and Guerri C. Role of free radicals in the ethanol-induced brain and astrocytes damage during its development. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res.* 18 (2): 52 A (1994).
6. Valles, S., Lindo, L., **Montoliu, C.**, Renau-Piqueras, J. and Guerri, C. Prenatal exposure to ethanol induces changes in the nerve growth factor and its receptor in proliferating astrocytes in primary culture. *Brain Research.* 656: 281-286 (1994).
7. Vallés, S., Felipo, V., **Montoliu, C.** and Guerri, C. Alcohol exposure during brain development reduces ³H-MK-801 binding and enhances metabotropic-glutamate receptor-stimulated phosphoinositide hydrolysis in rat hippocampus. *LIFE SCIENCE.* 56 (17): 1373-1383 (1995).
8. Maria Sancho-Tello., Soraya Vallés., **Carmina Montoliu.**, Jaime Renau-Piqueras and Consuelo Guerri. Developmental pattern of GFAP and vimentin gene expression in rat brain and in radial glia cultures. *GLIA.* 15: 157-166 (1995).
9. **C. Montoliu.**, M. Sancho-Tello., I. Azorin., S. Vallés, J. Renau-Piqueras and C. Guerri. Ethanol increase CYP2E1 and induces oxidative stress in astrocytes. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 65 (6): 2561-2570 (1995).
10. **C. Montoliu**, I. Azorin, M. Burgal, J. Renau-Piqueras and C. Guerri. Ethanol increases CYP2E1 and induces oxidative stress in astrocytes. *Alcohol and Alcoholism.* 30 (4): 505 (1995).
11. E. Grau., G. Marcaida., **C. Montoliu.**, M.D. Miñana., S. Grisolía and V. Felipo. Effects of hiperammonemia on brain protein kinase c substrates. *Review: Metabolic Brain Disease.* 11 (3): 205-216 (1996)
12. Hermenegildo, C., Marcaida, G., **Montoliu, C.**, Grisolía, S. and Felipo, V. NMDA receptor antagonists prevent acute ammonia toxicity in mice. *Neurochemistry Research.* 21: 1237-1244 (1996).
13. M.D. Miñana., C. Hermenegildo., M. Llansola., **C. Montoliu.**, S. Grisolía and V. Felipo. Carnitine and choline derivates containing a trimethylamine group prevent ammonia toxicity in mice and glutamate toxicity in primary cultures of neurons. *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutic.* 279 (1): 194-199 (1996).
14. E. Kosenko., V. Felipo., **C. Montoliu.**, S. Grisolía and Y. Kaminsky. Effects of acute hyperammonemia in vivo on rat brain mitochondria. *Metabolic Brain Disease.* 12 (1): 68-82 (1997).
15. **C. Montoliu.**, M. Llansola., C. Cucarella., S. Grisolía and V. Felipo. Activation of the metabotropic glutamate receptor mGluR5 prevents glutamate toxicity in primary cultures of cerebellar neurons. *Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.* 281 (2): 643-647 (1997).
16. Miñana MD, Llansola M, Hermenegildo C, Cucarella C, **Montoliu C**, Kosenko E, Grisolía S, Felipo V. Glutamate and muscarinic receptors in the molecular mechanisms of acute ammonia toxicity and of its prevention. *Review: Adv Exp Med Biol.* 420:45-56 (1997).
17. M. D. Miñana., E. Kosenko., G. Marcaida., C. Hermenegildo., **C. Montoliu.**, S. Grisolía and V. Felipo. Modulation of glutamate synthesis in cultured in cultured astrocytes by nitric oxide. *Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology.* 17 (4): 433-445 (1997).
18. C. Cucarella., **C. Montoliu.**, C. Hermenegildo., R. Saez., L. Manzo., M.D. Miñana and V. Felipo. Chronic Exposure to aluminium impairs neuronal glutamate-nitric oxide-cyclic GMP pathway. *Journal of Neurochemistry.* 70: 1609-1614 (1997).
19. C. Hermenegildo; **C. Montoliu**; M. Llansola; M.D. Muñoz; J.M. Gaztelu; M.D. Miñana and V. Felipo. Chronic hyperammonemia impairs glutamate-nitric oxide-cyclic GMP pathway in cerebellar neurons in culture and in the rat in vivo. *European Journal of Neuroscience.* 10: 3201-3209 (1998).

20. M.D. Miñana., **C. Montoliu**, M. Llansola., S. Grisolía and V. Felipo. Nicotine prevents glutamate-induced proteolysis of the microtubule-associated protein MAP-2 and glutamate neurotoxicity primary cultures of cerebellar neurons. *Neuropharmacology*. 37: 847-857 (1998).
21. Felipo, V., Hermenegildo, C., **Montoliu, C.**, Llansola, M and Miñana, M.D. Neurotoxicity of ammonia and of glutamate: Molecular mechanisms and prevention. *NeuroToxicology*. 19 (4-5): 675-682 (1998).
22. **C. Montoliu**, M. Llansola., C. Hermenegildo., M.D. Muñoz., R. Saez., M.D. Miñana. and V. Felipo. Consequences of hyperammonemia in hepatic encephalopathy. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res*. 22 (3): 138 A (1998).
23. Pinazo-Durán, M.D., Azorin, I., **Montoliu, C.**, Guerri, C. and Renau-Piquerias, J. Free radical are involved in the alcoholic optic neuropathy. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res*. 22 (3): 184 A (1998).
24. Miñana, M.D., Hermenegildo, C., **Montoliu, C.**, Llansola, M., Saez, R., Muñoz, M.D. and Felipo, V. Excitatory amino acids and NMDA receptors in the molecular mechanisms of ammonia neurotoxicity. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 71: Suppl. S76 (1998).
25. Hermenegildo, C., **Montoliu, C.**, Miñana, M.D., Llansola, M., Saez, R., Monfort, P., Muñoz, M.D. and Felipo. Hyperammonemia impairs NMDA receptor - mediated signal transduction. Implications in hepatic encephalopathy. *Int J. Mol Med* 2 (Supl 1): S10 (1998).
26. Miñana, M.D., Corbalán, R., **Montoliu, C.**, Teng, C.-M. and Felipo, V. Chronic hyperammonemia in rats impairs activation of soluble guanylate cyclase in neurons and in lymphocytes. A putative peripheral marker for neurological alterations. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* 257: 405-409 (1999).
27. **C. Montoliu**; M. LLansola; R. Saez; S. Yenes; A. Messegger and V. Felipo. Prevention of glutamate neurotoxicity in cultured neurons by 3,4 -Dihydro-6-Hydroxy-7-Methoxy-2,2-dimethyl-1(2h)-Benzpyran (CR-6), a scavenger of nitric oxide. *Biochemical Pharmacology*. 58: 255-261 (1999).
28. M. Llansola., M.D. Miñana., **C. Montoliu**, R. Saez., R. Corbalán., L. Manzo and V. Felipo. Prenatal exposure to aluminium reduces expression of neuronal nitric oxide synthase ans of soluble guanylate cyclase and impairs glutamatergic neurotransmission in rat cerebellum. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 73: 712-718 (1999).
29. **C. Montoliu**, M. Llansola., E. Kosenko., R. Corbalán and V. Felipo. Role of cyclic GMP in glutamate neurotoxicity in primary cultures of cerebellar neurons. *Neuropharmacology*. 38: 1883-1891(1999).
30. P. Monfort., R. Corbalán., **C. Montoliu**, I. Fernandez., M. Llansola., R. Saez and V. Felipo. NMDA receptor-associated signal transduction is altered by hiperammonemia in the rat in vivo. Neurological implications. *Int J Mol Med*. 4 (Supl 1): S7 (1999).
31. M.D. Miñana; **C. Montoliu** and V. Felipo. A new, reliable procedure for quantification of glutamate neurotoxicity in large number of samples. *V. Analytical Pharmacology*. 1: 33-39 (2000).
32. V. Felipo., P. Monfort., I. Fernandez-Marticorena; M.L. Hernandez-Viadel., **C. Montoliu**, M. Llansola and C. Hermenegildo. Activation of NMDA in rat brain in vivo following acute ammonia intoxication. Characterization by in vivo brain microdialysis. *European Journal of Neuroscience*. 12: Sppl. 11: 40 (2000).
33. M. Llansola., **C. Montoliu**, P. Monfort., R. Corbalán., I. Fernández-Marticorena., M.L. Hernández-Viadel., J.J Canales and V. Felipo. Glutamate receptors-associated signal transduction pathways modulating phosphorylation of MAP-2 in neurons. Alterations in hiperammonemia. *Int J Mol Med*. 6 (Supl 1): S18 (2000).
34. **C. Montoliu**., P. Monfort., J. Carrasco., J. Hidalgo and V. Felipo. Metallothionein-III prevents glutamate and nitric oxide neurotoxicity in primary cultures of cerebellar neurons. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 75: 266-273 (2000).
35. P. Monfort., **C. Montoliu**., C. Hermenegildo., M.D. Muñoz and V. Felipo. Differential effects of acute and chronic hyperammonemia on signal transduction pathways associated to NMDA receptors. *Review: Neurochemistry International*. 37: 249-253 (2000)
36. **C. Montoliu**., C. Hermenegildo., M.Lansola., P.Monfort and V. Felipo. Hyperammonemia impairs glutamate-nitric oxide-cGMP pathway in neurons and in rat brain in vivo. In: *Advances in Hepatic Encephalopathy and Metabolism in Liver Disease, ISHE 1999*. 151-158 (2000). REVISAR LAS DEL 2000 EN GREC HAY 4- FALTAN 2 POR PONER
37. **C. Montoliu**., M. Llansola., P. Monfort., R. Corbalan., I. Fernandez-Marticorena., M.L. Hernandez-Viadel and V.Felipo. Role of nitric oxide and cyclic GMP in Glutamate-Induced Neuronal Death. *Neurotoxicity Research*. 3 (2): 179-188 (2001).

38. E. Kosenko., N. Venediktova., Y. Kaminsky., **C. Montoliu** and V. Felipo. Preparation and handling of brain mitochondria useful to study uptake and release of calcium. *Brain Research Protocol.* 7: 248-254 (2001).
39. Canales, J.J., Corbalán, R., **Montoliu, C.**, Llansola, M., Erceg, S., Hernandez-Viadel, M. and Felipo, V. Aluminum impairs the glutamate-nitric oxide cGMP pathway in cultured neurons and in rat brain in vivo: molecular mechanisms and implications for neuropathology. Review: *Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry.* 87: 63-69 (2001) PMID:11709215.
40. **C. Montoliu.**, M. Humet, J.J. Canales., J. Burda., R. Planells-Cases., F. Sánchez-Baeza., T. Carbonell., E. Perez-Payá., A. Messeguer., A. Ferrer-Montiel and V. Felipo. Prevention of in vivo excitotoxicity by a family of trialkylglycines, a novel class of neuroprotectants. *Journal Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.* 301: 29-36 (2002).
41. R. Planells-Cases., **C. Montoliu.**, M. Humet, A.M. Fernandez., C. Garcia-Martinez., E. Valera., J.M. Merino., E. Pérez-Payá., A. Messeguer., V. Felipo and A. Ferrer-Montiel. A novel N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor open channel blocker with in vivo neuroprotectant activity. *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.* 302: 163-173 (2002)
42. Corbalán. R., Hernandez-Viadel, ML., Llansola, M., **Montoliu, C.**, and V. Felipo. Chronic hyperammonemia alters protein phosphorylation and glutamate receptor-associated signal transduction in brain. Review: *Neurochemistry International* 41: 103-108 (2002)
43. Hernandez-Viadel, ML., **Montoliu, C.**, Monfort, P., Canales, JJ., Erceg, S., Rowan, M., Ceccatelli, S. and Felipo, V. Chronic exposure to 2,5-hexanodione impairs the glutamate-nitric oxide-cyclic GMP pathway in cerebellar neurons in culture and in rat brain in vivo. *Neurochemistry International* 42: 525-533 (2003).
44. R. Corbalan., **C. Montoliu.**, M.D. Miñana., J.A. Del Olmo., M.A. Serra., L. Aparisi., J.M. Rodrigo and V. Felipo. Altered modulation of soluble guanylate cyclase by nitric oxide in liver disease. Review: *Metabolic Brain Disease.* 17: 295-301 (2002)
45. C Montoliu, M Llansola, P Monfort, R Corbalán, M Hernández-Viadel, S Erceg, A Sánchez-Pérez, V Felipo. Alterations of the glutamate-nitric oxide-cGMP pathway in brain in hyperammonemia in vivo. Neurological implications. *Int J Mol Med.* 10 (Supl 1): S18 (2002).
46. Sánchez-Pérez AM, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Trialkylglycines: a new family of compounds with in vivo neuroprotective activity. Review: *CNS Drug Rev.* 9(3):263-74 (2003).
47. S. Erceg., M.L. Hernandez-Viadel, **C. Montoliu.**, M. Llansola and V. Felipo. Chronic exposure to 2,5-hexanodiones reversibly impairs learning of a conditional discrimination task in rats. *Acta Neurobiologiae Experimentalis.* 63:65 (2003).
48. Kosenko, E., Venediktova, N. I., Kaminsky, Y.G., **Montoliu, C.** and Felipo, V. Calcium Transport across the Inner mitochondrial membrane of rat brain in hyperammonemia. *Biol. Membr.* 20 (2): 149-159 (2003) (In Russian)
49. Kosenko, E., Llansola, M., **Montoliu, C.**, Monfort, P., Rodrigo, R., Hernandez-Viadel, m., Erceg, S., Sánchez-Perez, AM. and Felipo V. Glutamine synthetase activity and glutamine content in brain: modulation by NMDA receptors and nitric oxide. Review: *Neurochemistry International.* 43:493-499 (2003).
50. E. Kosenko., N. Venediktova., Y. Kaminsky., **C. Montoliu** and V. Felipo. Sources of oxygen radicals in brain in ammonia-induced activation of NMDA receptors in vivo. *Brain Research.* 981: 193-200 (2003).
51. E. Kosenko, **C. Montoliu**, G. Giordano, Y. Kaminsky, N. Venediktova, Y. Buryanov and V. Felipo. Acute ammonia intoxication induces an NMDA receptor-mediated increase in poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase level and NAD⁺ metabolism in nuclei of rat brain cells. *Journal Neurochemistry.* 89: 1101-1110 (2004).
52. **C. Montoliu.**, E. Kosenko., J.J. Calvete., J.A. del Olmo., M.A. Serra., J.M. Rodrigo and V. Felipo. Increased protein kinase a regulatory subunit and cGMP binding in erythrocyte membranes in liver cirrhosis. *Journal of Hepatology.* 40: 766-773 (2004).
53. R. Rodrigo., **C. Montoliu.**, N. Chatauret., R. Butterwoth., S. Behrends., J.A. Del Olmo., M.A. Serra., J.M. Rodrigo., S. Erceg and V. Felipo. Alterations in soluble guanylate cyclase content and modulation by nitric oxide in liver disease. Review: *Neurochemistry International.* 45: 947-953 (2004)
54. M. Llansola., A.M. Sánchez-Pérez., **C. Montoliu** and V. Felipo. Modulation of NMDA receptor function by cAMP in cerebellar neurons in culture. *Journal of Neurochemistry.* 4:154-161 (2004).

55. C. Montoliu., E. Kosenko., J.A. del Olmo., M.A. Serra., J.M. Rodrigo and V. Felipo. Correlation of nitric oxide and atrial natriuretic peptide changes to altered cGMP homeostasis in liver cirrhosis. *Liver International*. 25: 787-795 (2005).
56. S. Erceg, P. Monfort, M. Hernández-Viadel, R. Rodrigo, C. Montoliu and V. Felipo. Oral administration of sildenafil restores learning ability in rats with hyperammonemia and with portacaval shunt. *Hepatology*. 41(2):299-306 (2005).
57. S. Erceg, P. Monfort, M. Hernandez-Viadel, M. Llansola, C. Montoliu and Vicente Felipo. Restoration of learning ability in hyperammonemic rats by increasing extracellular cGMP in brain. *Brain Research*. 1036 (1-2):115-21 (2005).
58. G. Giordano., A.M. Sánchez-Pérez., M. Burgal., C. Montoliu., L. Costa., V. Felipo. Chronic exposure to ammonia induces isoform-selective alterations in the intracellular distribution and NMDA receptor-mediated translocation of protein kinase C in cerebellar neurons in culture. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 92: 143- 157 (2005).
59. G. Giordano., A.M. Sánchez-Pérez., C. Montoliu., R. Berezney., K. Malyavantham., L. Costa., J.J. Calvete and V. Felipo. Activation of NMDA receptors induces protein kinase A-mediated phospholilation and degradation of matrin 3. Blocking these effects prevents NMDA-induced neuronal death. *Journal of Neurochemistry*. 94: 808- 818 (2005).
60. S. Erceg, P. Monfort, M. O. Cauli, C. Montoliu, M. Llansola, B. Piedrafita and V. Felipo. Role of extracellular cGMP and of hyperammonemia in the impairment of learning in rats with chronic hepatic failure therapeutic implications. *Review: Neurochemistry International* 48: 441-446 (2006)
61. M. Llansola, S. Erceg, P. Monfort, C. Montoliu and V. Felipo. Prenatal exposure to pbde99 enhances the function of the glutamate-nitric oxide-cGMP pathway in brain in vivo and in cultured neurons. *European Journal of Neuroscience*. 25(2):373-9 (2007).
62. Llansola, R. Rodrigo, P. Monfort, C. Montoliu, E. Kosenko, O. Cauli, B. Piedrafita, N. El Mlili and V. Felipo. NMDA receptors in hyperammonemia and hepatic encephalopathy. *Review: Metab Brain Dis*. 22(3-4) 321-35. (2007)
63. M. Romero-Gómez, J. Córdoba, R. Jover, J.A. del Olmo, M. Ramírez, R. Rey, E. de Madaria, C. Montoliu, D. Nuñez, M. Flavia, L. Compañy, J.M. Rodrigo and V. Felipo. Critical Flicker Frequency for the Diagnosis and Prognosis of Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy. *Hepatology*. Red Nacional de Investigación en Encefalopatía Hepática 45:879-885 (2007).
64. C. Montoliu, B. Piedrafita, M.A. Serra, J.A. del Olmo, J.M. Rodrigo, and V. Felipo. Activation of soluble guanylate cyclase by nitric oxide in lymphocytes correlates with minimal hepatic encephalopathy in cirrhotic patients. *Journal of Molecular Medicine*. 85:233-241 (2007).
65. C. Montoliu, B. Piedrafita, M.A. Serra, J.A. del Olmo, J.M. Rodrigo, and V. Felipo. A single transient episode of hyperammonemia induces long-lasting alterations in protein kinase A. *American Journal Physiology*. 292(1):G305-14 (2007).
66. E. Kosenko, Y. Kaminsky, I. Solomadin, N. Marov, N. Venediktova, V. Felipo and C. Montoliu. Acute ammonia neurotoxicity in vivo involves increase in cytoplasmic protein P53 without alterations in other markers of apoptosis. *Journal Neurosci Research*. 85:2491-2499 (2007).
67. Y. Kaminsky, E. Kosenko, N. Venediktova, V. Felipo and C. Montoliu. Apoptotic Markers in the Mitochondria, Cytosol, and Nuclei of Brain Cells during ammonia Toxicity. *Neurochemical Journal*. 1:78-85 (2007)
68. Piedrafita, B. Cauli, O. Montoliu, C. and Felipo, V. The function of the glutamate-nitric oxide-GMP pathway in brain in vivo and learning ability decrease in parallel in mature compared to young rats. *Learning and Memory*. 14: 254-258 (2007)
69. E. Kosenko, N. Venediktova, A. Kudryavtsev, F. Ataullakhanov, V. Felipo, Y. Kaminsky and C. Montoliu. Encapsulation of glutamine synthetase in mouse erythrocytes: a new procedure for ammonia detoxification. *Biochem Cell Biol*. 86 (6):469-76 (2008).
70. Montoliu C, Urios A, del Olmo JA, Serra MA, Rodrigo JM, Felipo V.- La activacion de la guanilato ciclasa en linfocitos como marcador periferico de Encefalopatia Hepática Minima (EHM) en pacientes cirróticos. *Gastroenterol Hepatol*, 31(supl 1):108 (2008).

71. Montoliu C, Serra MA, Valero P, Urios A, Sanchez M, Pareja I, del Olmo JA, Rodrigo JM, Sanmartin J y Felipo V. Efectos de la cirrosis hepática sobre la capacidad de conducción de vehículos. *Gastroenterol Hepatol*, 31(supl 1):113 (2008).
72. C. Montoliu, B. Piedrafita, M.A. Urios, Serra, J.A. del Olmo, J.M. Rodrigo, and V. Felipo. IL-6 and IL-18 in serum may discriminate cirrhotic patients with and without minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Journal Clinical Gastroenterology*. 43(3): 272-279 (2009).
73. Cauli O, Rodrigo R, Llansola M, Montoliu C, Monfort P, Piedrafita B, El Mlili N, Boix J, Agustí A, Felipo V. Glutamatergic and gabaergic neurotransmission and neuronal circuits in hepatic encephalopathy. Review: *Metab Brain Dis*. 24(1):69-80 (2009)
74. Llansola M, Piedrafita B, Rodrigo R, Montoliu, C, and Felipo, V. Polychlorinated Biphenyls PCB 153 and PCB 126 Impair the Glutamate–Nitric Oxide–cGMP Pathway in Cerebellar Neurons in Culture by Different Mechanisms. *Neurotoxicity Research*: 16 (2): 97 (2009).
75. P. Monfort, O. Cauli, C. Montoliu, R. Rodrigo, M. Llansola, B. Piedrafita, N. el Mlili, J. Boix, A. Agustí and V. Felipo. Mechanisms of cognitive alterations in hyperammonemia and hepatic encephalopathy. Therapeutic implications. *Neurochemistry International*. 55 (2009) 106–112 (2009).
76. Llansola, M, Hernandez-Viadel, M., Erceg, S., Montoliu, C., and Felipo, V. Increasing the function of the glutamate-nitric oxide-cGMP pathway increases the ability to learn a Y maze task. *Journal of Neuroscience Research*. 87:2351–2355 (2009).
77. Burda J, Hernández Viadel M, Danielisová V, Némethová M, Montoliu C, Felipo V. Effect of L-carnitine on postischemic inhibition of protein synthesis in the rat brain. *Gen Physiol Biophys*. 2009 Sep;28(3):242-8.
78. Jover, M, Galan, J, Hoyas, E, del Campo, J. A, Montoliu, C, del Olmo, J, Baccaro, E, Guevara, M, Cordoba, J, Navarro, J. M, Martinez-Sierra, M. D. C, Grande, L, Pardo, B, Camacho, I, Ruiz, A, Romero-Gomez, M. Positional cloning in gls gene: a microsatellite in the promoter region predicts the risk of hepatic encephalopathy. *Journal of Hepatology*. 50: S277-S277 Meeting Abstract: 754 (2009).
79. C Montoliu, R Rodrigo, P Monfort, M Llansola, O Cauli, J Boix, N ElMlili, A Agusti and V Felipo. Cyclic GMP pathways in hepatic encephalopathy. Neurological and therapeutic implications. Review: *Metabolic Brain Disease*. 25:39–48 (2010)
80. Llansola, M; Montoliu, C; Boix, J and Felipo, V. Polychlorinated biphenyls PCB 52, PCB 180 and PCB 138 impair the Glutamate-Nitric Oxide-cGMP pathway in cerebellar neurons in culture by different mechanisms. *Chemical Research in Toxicology*. 23, 813–820 (2010).
81. M. Civera, A. Urios, M.L.Garcia-Torres, J.T. Real, J. Ortega, J. Martinez-Valls, N. Cassinello, J. A. del Olmo J. M. Rodrigo and C. Montoliu. Relationship between insulin resistance, inflammation and liver cell apoptosis in patients with severe obesity. *Diabetes Metabolism Research and Review*. 26(3):187-92(2010).
82. Romero-Gómez M, Jover M, Del Campo JA, Royo JL, Hoyas E, Galán JJ, Montoliu C, Baccaro E, Guevara M, Córdoba J, Soriano G, Navarro JM, Martínez-Sierra C, Grande L, Galindo A, Mira E, Mañes S, Ruiz A. Variations in the Promoter Region of the Glutaminase Gene and the Development of Hepatic Encephalopathy in Patients with Cirrhosis. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 153(5):281-8 (2010).
83. A. Urios, C. Giménez, A. Wassel, O. González, M.A Serra, R. Giner, J.A. del Olmo, J.M. Rodrigo, V. Felipo and C. Montoliu. Hyperammonemia and inflammation in the induction of Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy. *Journal of Hepatology*. 52 (1): S211-S211 (2010)
84. Jiménez B, Montoliu C, Macintyre DA, Serra MA, Wassel A, Jover M, Romero-Gomez M, Rodrigo JM, Pineda-Lucena A, Felipo V. Serum Metabolic Signature of Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy by (1)H-Nuclear. *Magnetic Resonance J Proteome Res*. 9(10):5180-7 (2010).
85. Carmina Montoliu, Omar Cauli, Amparo Urios, Nisrin ElMlili, Miguel A. Serra, Remedios Giner-Duran Olga González-Lopez, Juan A. Del Olmo, Abdallah Wassel, Jose M. Rodrigo and Vicente Felipo. 3- nitrotyrosine as a peripheral biomarker of minimal hepatic encephalopathy in patients with liver cirrhosis. *American Journal of Gastroenterology* 106: 1629-37 (2011).
86. V. Felipo, J. F. Ordoño, A. Urios, N. El Mlili, C. Giménez-Garzó, C. Aguado, O. González-Lopez, R. Giner-Duran, M.A. Serra, A.Wassel, J.M. Rodrigo, J. Salazar, and C. Montoliu. Patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy show impaired Mismatch negativity correlating with reduced performance in attention tests. *Hepatology*. 55(2):530-9 (2012). doi: 10.1002/hep.24704 PMID:21953369

- 87.** Torregrosa I, **Montoliu C**, Urios A, Elmlili N, Puchades MJ, Solís MA, Sanjuán R, Blasco ML, Ramos C, Tomás P, Ribes J, Carratalá A, Juan I, Miguel A. Early biomarkers of acute kidney failure after heart angiography or heart surgery in patients with acute coronary syndrome or acute heart failure. *Nefrologia*. 2012;32(1):44-52.
- 88.** Vicente Felipo, Amparo Urios, Encarna Montesinos, Inmaculada Molina, Maria L. Garcia-Torres, Miguel Civera, Juan A. del Olmo, Joaquin Ortega, Jose Martinez-Valls, Miguel A. Serra, Norberto Cassinello, Abdallah Wassel, Jose M. Rodrigo, Esperanza Jordá, and **Carmina Montoliu**. Contribution of hyperammonemia and inflammatory factors to cognitive impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Metabolic Brain Research*. 27:51–58 (2012).
- 89.** **Carmina Montoliu**, Gabriel Gonzalez-Escamilla, Mercedes Atienza, Amparo Urios, Olga Gonzalez, Abdallah Wassel, Roberto Aliaga, Remedios Giner-Duran, Miguel A. Serra, Jose M. Rodrigo, Vicente Belloch, Vicente Felipo, and Jose L. Cantero. Focal cortical damage parallels cognitive impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Neuroimage* 61(4):1165-75 (2012).
- 90.** Gonzalez-Lopez, O, Urios, A, Cauli, O, Piedrafita, B, Ordone, F, Gimenez-Garzo, C, El Mlili, N, Giner-Duran, R, Serra, M. A, Salazar, J, Carda, C, Belloch, V, Felipo, V and **Montoliu C**. 3- nitro-tyrosine as a peripheral biomarker of minimal hepatic encephalopathy in patients with liver cirrhosis. *Journal of Hepatology* 56(8):S253 Abstract: 638 (2012).
- 91.** Vicente Felipo, Amparo Urios, Maria L. García-Torres, Nisrin El Mlili, Juan A. del Olmo, Miguel Civera, Joaquin Ortega, Antonio Fernandez, Jose Martínez-Valls, Norberto Cassinello, and **Carmina Montoliu**. Alterations in adipocytokines and cGMP homeostasis in morbid obesity patients reverse after bariatric surgery. *Obesity* 21 (2): 229-37 (2013).
- 92.** Marta Llansola, **Carmina Montoliu**, Omar Cauli, Vicente Hernández-Rabaza, Ana Agustí, Andrea Cabrera-Pastor, Carla Giménez-Garzó, Alba González-Usano and Vicente Felipo. Chronic hyperammonemia, glutamatergic neurotransmission and neurological alterations. *Metabolic Brain Disease* 28 (2) :151-4 (2013)
- 93.** M. Belghiti, J. Estevez, C. Gimenez-Garzó, A. Gonzalez, **C. Montoliu**, A. Ferrer, V. Felipo, R. Panells. Potentiation of trpv1 receptor activity contributes to pruritogenesis and thermal hypersensitivity in a rat model of chronic liver failure. *J Biol Chem (JBC)* 288 (14): 9675-85 (2013).
- 94.** Felipo V, Urios A, Valero P, Sánchez M, Serra MA, Pareja I, Rodríguez F, Gimenez-Garzó C, Sanmartín J, **Montoliu C**. Serum nitrotyrosine and psychometric tests as indicators of impaired fitness to drive in cirrhotic patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Liver Int.* 33(10):1478-89 (2013).
- 95.** **Montoliu C**, Urios A, Forn C, García-Panach J, Avila C, Giménez-Garzó C, Wassel A, Serra M, Giner-Durán R, González O, Aliaga R, Belloch V, Felipo V. Reduced white matter microstructural integrity correlates with cognitive deficits in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Gut* 63:1028-30 (2014).
- 96.** Cauli O, González-Usano A, Cabrera-Pastor A, Gimenez-Garzó C, López-Larrubia P, Ruiz-Sauri A, Hernández-Rabaza V, Duszczak M, Malek M, Lazarewicz JW, Carratalá A, Urios A, Miguel A, Torregrosa I, Carda C, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Blocking NMDA Receptors Delays Death in Rats with Acute Liver Failure by Dual Protective Mechanisms in Kidney and Brain. *Neuromolecular Med.* 16:360-75 (2014).
- 97.** Felipo V, Urios A, Giménez-Garzó C, Cauli O, Andrés-Costa MJ, González O, Serra MA, Sánchez-González J, Aliaga R, Giner-Durán R, Belloch V, **Montoliu C**. Non invasive blood flow measurement in cerebellum detects minimal hepatic encephalopathy earlier than psychometric tests. *World J Gastroenterol.* 20(33):11815-25 (2014).
- 98.** Torregrosa I, **Montoliu C**, Urios A, Andrés-Costa MJ, Giménez-Garzó C, Juan I, Puchades MJ, Blasco ML, Carratalá A, Sanjuán R, Miguel A. Urinary KIM-1, NGAL and L-FABP for the diagnosis of AKI in patients with acute coronary syndrome or heart failure undergoing coronary angiography. *Heart Vessels.* 30(6):703-11 (2015)
- 99.** Giménez-Garzó C, Salhi D, Urios A, Ruíz-Sauri A, Carda C, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Rats with Mild Bile Duct Ligation Show Hepatic Encephalopathy with Cognitive and Motor Impairment in the Absence of Cirrhosis: Effects of Alcohol Ingestion. *Neurochem Res.* 40(2):230-40 (2015).
- 100.** Llansola M, Montoliu C, Agustí A, Hernandez-Rabaza V, Cabrera-Pastor A, Gomez-Gimenez B, Malaguarnera M, Dadsetan S, Belghiti M, Garcia-Garcia R, Balzano T, Taoro L, Felipo V. Interplay between glutamatergic and GABAergic neurotransmission alterations in cognitive and motor impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Neurochem Int.* 88:15-9 (2015)

- 101.** Gimenez-Garzó C, Urios A, Agustí A, González-López O, Escudero-García D, Escudero-Sanchis A, Serra MA, Giner-Durán R, Montoliu C, Felipo V. Is cognitive impairment in cirrhotic patients due to increased peroxynitrite and oxidative stress? *Antioxid Redox Signal* 1;22(10):871-7 (2015)
- 102.** Balaguer S, Diaz L, Gomes A, Herrera G, O'Connor JE, Urios A, Felipo V, Montoliu C. Real-time cytometric assay of nitric oxide and superoxide interaction in peripheral blood monocytes: A no-wash, no-lyse kinetic method. *Cytometry B Clin Cytom*. 2015 Mar 11. doi: 10.1002/cyto.b.21237.
- 103.** Maja Johansson, Ana Agusti, Marta Llansola, Carmina Montoliu, Jessica Stromberg, Evgenya Malinina, Gianna Ragagnin, Magnus Doverskog, Torbjorn Backstrom, and Vicente Felipo. GR3027 Antagonizes GABA receptor potentiating neurosteroids and restores spatial learning and motor coordination in rats with hepatic encephalopathy. *American Journal of Physiology - Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology*.
- 104.** Torregrosa I, Montoliu C, Urios A, Giménez-Garzó C, Tomás P, Solís MÁ, Ramos C, Juan I, Puchades MJ, Saez GT, Blasco ML, Miguel A. ELISA-measured urinary Klotho as an early biomarker of acute kidney failure in patients undergoing heart surgery or coronary angiography. *Nefrologia*. 35(2):172-178 (2015).
- 105.** Ampuero J, Simón M, Montoliú C, Jover R, Serra MA, Córdoba J, Romero-Gómez M. Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy and Critical Flicker Frequency are Associated with survival of patients with cirrhosis. *Gastroenterology*. 149(6):1483-9 (2015)
- 106.** Ana Agusti, Marta Llansola, Vicente Hernandez-Rabaza; Andrea Cabrera-Pastor, Carmina Montoliu and Vicente Felipo. Modulation of GABA receptors by neurosteroids. A new concept to Improve cognitive and motor alterations in hepatic encephalopathy. *The Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 160:88-93 (2015)
- 107.** Jofre Tenorio-Laranga, Carmina Montoliu, Amparo Urios; Vicente Hernandez-Rabaza, Hanan Ahabrach, Arturo García-Horsman, Vicente Felipo. The expression levels of prolyl oligopeptidase responds to neuroinflammation but also to systemic inflammation upon liver failure in rat models and cirrhotic patients. *Journal of Neuroinflammation* 30;12:183. (2015)
- 108.** Vicente Hernandez-Rabaza; Ana Agusti; Andrea Cabrera-Pastor; Santos Fustero; Oscar Delgado; Lucas Taoro; Carmina Montoliu; Marta Llansola, Vicente Felipo. Sildenafil reduces neuroinflammation and restores spatial learning in rats with hepatic encephalopathy. Underlying mechanisms. *Journal of Neuroinflammation* 29;12:195. (2015)
- 109.** Montoliu C, Felipo V. Current state of knowledge of hepatic encephalopathy (part II): changes in brain white matter tracts integrity are associated with cognitive deficits in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *Metabolic Brain Disease*, 31(6): 1359-1360. (2016)
- 110.** Urios A, Mangas-Losada A, Gimenez-Garzó C, González-López O, Giner-Durán R, Serra MA, Noe E, Felipo V, **Montoliu C**. Altered postural control and stability in cirrhotic patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy correlate with cognitive deficits. *Liver Int*. 37(7): 1013-1022 (2017)
- 111.** Giménez-Garzó C, Garcés JJ, Urios A, Mangas-Losada A, García-García R, González-López O, Giner-Durán R, Escudero-García D, Serra MA, Soria E, Felipo V, **Montoliu C**. The PHES battery does not detect all cirrhotic patients with early neurological deficits, which are different in different patients. *PLoS One*. 12(2):e0171211 (2017)
- 112.** Agusti A, Hernández-Rabaza V, Balzano T, Taoro-Gonzalez L, Ibañez-Grau A, Cabrera-Pastor A, Fustero S, Llansola M, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Sildenafil reduces neuroinflammation in cerebellum, restores GABAergic tone, and improves motor in-coordination in rats with hepatic encephalopathy. *CNS Neurosci Ther*. 23(5):386-394 (2017)
- 113.** Mangas-Losada A, García-García R, Urios A, Tosca J, Escudero-García D, González-López O, Giner-Durán R, Serra MA, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Minimal hepatic encephalopathy is associated with expansion and activation of CD4+CD28-, Th22 and Tfh and B lymphocytes. *Scientific Reports* 7(1):6683. (2017)
- 114.** Kosenko EA, Tikhonova LA, Alilova GA, **Montoliu C**, Barreto GE, Aliev G, Kaminsky YG. Portacaval shunting causes differential mitochondrial superoxide production in brain regions. *Free Radic Biol Med*. 113:109-118 (2017)
- 115.** García-García R, Cruz-Gómez AJ, Mangas-Losada A, Urios A, Forn C, Escudero-García D, Kosenko E, Ordoño JF, Tosca J, Giner-Durán R, Serra MA, Avila C, Belloch V, Felipo V and **Montoliu C**. Reduced resting state connectivity and gray matter volume correlate with cognitive impairment in minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *PLoS One* 2017; 12(10):e0186463

- 116.** Ampuero J, **Montoliu C**, Simón-Talero M, Aguilera V, Millán R, Márquez C, Jover R, Rico MC, Sendra C, Serra MÁ, Romero-Gómez, M. Minimal hepatic encephalopathy identifies patients at risk of faster cirrhosis progression. *Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology* 2017; *J Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 33(3):718-725. (2018)
- 117.** Balzano T, Forteza J, Borreda I, Molina P, Giner J, Leone P, Urios A, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Histological Features of Cerebellar Neuropathology in Patients With Alcoholic and Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis. *J Neuropathol Exp Neurol.* 2018;77(9):837-845
- 118.** García-García R, Cruz-Gómez ÁJ, Urios A, Mangas-Losada A, Forn C, Escudero-García D, Kosenko E, Torregrosa I, Tosca J, Giner-Durán R, Serra MA, Avila C, Belloch V, Felipo V, **Montoliu C**. Learning and Memory Impairments in Patients with Minimal Hepatic Encephalopathy are Associated with Structural and Functional Connectivity Alterations in Hippocampus. *Sci Rep.* 2018; 8(1):9664. e0186463 (2018)
- 119.** Balzano T, Forteza J, Molina P, Giner J, Monzó A, Sancho-Jiménez J, Urios A, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. The Cerebellum of Patients with Steatohepatitis Shows Lymphocyte Infiltration, Microglial Activation and Loss of Purkinje and Granular Neurons. *Sci Rep.* 8(1):3004. (2018)
- 120.** Kosenko EA, Tikhonova LA, **Montoliu C**, Barreto GE, Aliev G, Kaminsky YG. Metabolic Abnormalities of Erythrocytes as a Risk Factor for Alzheimer's Disease. *Front Neuroscience.* 11:728. (2018) Review.
- 121.** Giménez-Garzó C, Urios A, Agustí A, Mangas-Losada A, García-García R, Escudero-García D, Kosenko E, Ordoño JF, Tosca J, Giner-Durán R, Serra MA, Felipo V, **Montoliu C**. Cirrhotic patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy have increased capacity to eliminate superoxide and peroxy nitrite in lymphocytes, associated with cognitive impairment. *Free Radic Res.* 2018; 52(1):118-133. e0186463
- 122.** De Chiara F, Heebøll S, Marrone G, **Montoliu C**, Hamilton-Dutoit S, Ferrandez A, Andreola F, Rombouts K, Grønbæk H, Felipo V, Gracia-Sancho J, Mookerjee RP, Vilstrup H, Jalan R, Thomsen KL. Urea cycle dysregulation in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. *J Hepatol.* 69(4):905-915 (2018)
- 123.** Cabrera-Pastor A, Arenas YM, Taoro-Gonzalez L, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Chronic hyperammonemia alters extracellular glutamate, glutamine and GABA and membrane expression of their transporters in rat cerebellum. Modulation by extracellular cGMP. *Neuropharmacology.* 2019 Jan 11. pii: S0028-3908(19)30010-3. doi: 10.1016/j.neuropharm.2019.01.011.
- 124.** Zarantonello L, Turco M, Formentin C, Izquierdo-Altarejos P, Vuerich A, Barcenas Jimenez MJ, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V, Angeli P, Amodio P, Montagnese S. The influence of HE history, HE status and neuropsychological test type on learning ability in patients with cirrhosis. *Liver Int.* 39(5):861-870 (2019).
- 125.** Cabrera-Pastor A, Llansola M, **Montoliu C**, Malaguarnera M, Balzano T, Taoro-Gonzalez L, García-García R, Mangas-Losada A, Izquierdo-Altarejos P; Arenas YM, Leone P, Felipo V. Peripheral inflammation induces neuroinflammation that alters neurotransmission and cognitive and motor function in hepatic encephalopathy: Underlying mechanisms and therapeutic implications. *Acta Physiologica* 226(2):e13270 (2019)
- 126.** Mangas-Losada A, García-García R, Leone P, Ballester MP, Cabrera-Pastor A, Urios A, Gallego JJ, Martínez-Pretel JJ, Giménez-Garzó C, Revert F, Escudero-García D, Tosca J, Ríos MP, Montón C, Durbán L, Aparicio L, **Montoliu C**, Felipo V. Selective improvement by rifaximin of changes in the immunophenotype in patients who improve minimal hepatic encephalopathy. *J Transl Med.* 17(1):293 (2019)

D. Additional Information: Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance

Principal Investigator (PI) of 17 grants for research projects with the distribution indicated in the section A.3. Projects in the last 5 years are the following:

European Union. 1 Project ,ref: FP7-ENV-2011 Grant agreement no: 282957 Title: Developmental neurotoxicity assessment of mixtures in children, DENAMIC PI: Vicente Felipo; Investigator collaborator: Carmina Montoliu. Financial entity: European Commission. Duration: 01/01/2012-31/12/2015. Funding: 649.000 €

2 Projects: Plan Nacional I+D: Instituto de Salud Carlos III. (FIS) Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo (FIS): PI12/00884 (2013-2015) (123.420 €) and PI15/00035 (2016-2018) (159.115 €). PI: Carmina Montoliu Felix. Title: Characterization of the neurological alterations in patients with minimal hepatic encephalopathy and the responsible cerebral alterations. Contribution of oxidative stress and inflammation.

2 Projects: Program VLC-BIOCLINIC. Subprogram B. Grant for the realization of preparatory actions for the formulation of research projects in cooperation between researchers of the University of Valencia and INCLIVA. (01/09/2017-31/12/2017) PI: Carmina Montoliu (INCLIVA) // Jesus Malo (UV) (4000 €)
Project: Strategy of the Valencian Community for early detection and prevention of cognitive and functional impairment. FEDER funds for scientific equipment. Conselleria de Sanitat. Generalitat Valenciana (1,632.290 €).
2 Projects from Conselleria de Educacion. Generalitat Valenciana. ACOMP/2012/056 (2012) (12.000 euros); ACOMP/2014/O26 (2014) (10.200 €)
1 Grant for groups of proven quality, from the Gerónimo Fortea program for the hiring of support staff in research organizations of the Valencian Community of the Consellería de Educación de la Generalitat Valenciana. FPA/2012/080 (2012) (9.300 €).
1 Grant for Research Groups of Excellence –Prometeo Program 2014 Fase II, PROMETEOII/2014/033. PI: Vicente Felipo. 2014-2017. (269.000€)
1 Grants for Research Projects of the ERESA Group Foundation 2013. Expediente BF13 007. (20.000 €) PI: Carmina Montoliu.
Translacionality: Promoter of two “Post-authorization studies of prospective follow-up (EPA-SP)”. Code: MON-TAD-2014-01 and CMF-NRT-2017-01.

Contracts

1. Descriptive study of eye movements using OSCANN-TM and its value in diagnostic assistance in neurodegenerative diseases. AURA INNOVATIVE ROBOTICS, SL. Carmina Montoliu. (Fundación Investigación Clínico de Valencia Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria. INCLIVA). 12/08/2017-12/08/2018. 10.900 €

Training contracts obtained and directed in the last 5 years

1 Juan de la Cierva Contract from Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad (2013-2016)
3 Contracts: PROGRAMA VLC-BIOCLINIC. Universitat de Valencia-INCLIVA. 2 in (2016-2017) and 1 in 2016;
1 FPU Contract (Formación Profesional Universitario). Ministerio Educación, Cultura y Deporte (2013-2017); 1 Contract: PROMETEO (Grupos de Excelencia) Conselleria de Educación (2017). 1 Contract: Sara Borrell. Instituto de Salud Carlos III. Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad (2018-2020)

Patents. 2 patents, 1 in the last 8 years

1. **Authors:** Carmina Montoliu Felix; Omar Cauli; Vicente Felipo Orts. **Title:** Ex-vivo method for the early diagnostic of minimal hepatic encephalopathy through the determination of 3-nitrotyrosine in serum; application no: P201000899, 12 July 2010; International patent application no: PCT/ES2011/070509 published on 19 january 2012, with number WO2012007624; National patent granted on 1 august 2013. Publication no: 2372842. Int Cl: G01N 33/48
2. **Authors:** Vicente Felipo Orts; María del Carmen Montoliu Felix; Rosa Planells Cases; Manuel Humet; Enrique Perez Payá; Antonio Messeguer; Antonio Ferrer Montiel. P200002414. **Title:** N-alkylglycine trimers capable of protecting neurons against excitotoxic insults and compositions containing it. Spain. 06/10/2000. INCLIVA-Health Research Institute. INCLIVA/Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe.