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**EDUCATION**

1. 1989 MSc., Petrozavodsk State University
2. 1995 PhD, St.-Petersburg State University

1998 Adjunct professor (docent) in biochemistry and molecular biology, Petrozavodsk State University

2014 Adjunct professor (Docent) in molecular biology, University of Helsinki

1. **PRESENT POSITION**

2013- Senior Research Scientist, Wihuri Research Institute, Helsinki;

**PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

1989-1991 Junior Research Associate, Karelian Research Center, Petrozavodsk, Russia;

1991-1994 Post-graduate fellowship in biochemistry, Petrozavodsk State University, Russia;

1994-1996 Research associate, Petrozavodsk State University, Russia;

###### 1996-2000 Senior researcher, Petrozavodsk State University, Russia;

2001-2003 Research scientist, Unicrop LTD, Helsinki;

2003-2007 Senior research scientist, Unicrop LTD, Helsinki;

2007-2013 Senior Research Scientist, University of Helsinki;

2013-present Senior Research Scientist, Wihuri Research Institute

**HONORS, AWARDS**

2011 Medix prize for the best Finnish scientific paper in molecular biology;

2013 Aesculap EANS Research Prize for the best clinical research paper of the year

2015 **Best paper Award in the category of Basic Science in Circulation**

**ACADEMIC GRANTS**

1996   5.000 € - Grant # 95-0-10.0-187 (RSCI - Center for Basic Research at St.-Petersburg State University);

1996   10.000 € - Grant # 96-04-49873 (RFBR - Russian Fund for Basic Research);

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**PUBLICATIONS**

40 original publications in peer-reviewed journals, 3 reviews.Publications cited times according to the Institute of Scientific Information. H-index:

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1. Raissadati A, Tuuminen R, Dashkevich A, Bry M, Kivelä R, Anisimov A, Syrjälä S, Arnaudova R, Rouvinen E, Keränen MA, Krebs R, Nykänen AI, Lemström KB. Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-B Overexpressing Hearts Are Not Protected From Transplant-Associated Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury. Exp Clin Transplant. 2016 Sep 1. doi: 10.6002/ect.2016.0181. [Epub ahead of print]
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7. Marbacher S, Frösén J, Marjamaa J, Anisimov A, Honkanen P, von Gunten M, Abo-Ramadan U, Hernesniemi J, Niemelä M. Intraluminal cell transplantation prevents growth and rupture in a model of rupture-prone saccular aneurysms. *Stroke.* 2014; 45(12):3684-3690.
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**ISSUED PATENTS**

6 patents with my participation as an inventor were granted and can be found from the US patent DB by numbers: 7,790,950; 7,728,192; 7,115,733; 7,238,853; 7,285,657 and 7,495,148. In addition, 6 patent applications.

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**OTHER SCIENTIFIC MERITS**

**Administration and leadership tasks:** in the past several years and currently I am the responsible person in AAV Gene Transfer and Cell Therapy Core Facility, which provides national as well as world-wide service in manufacturing adeno-associated viruses for gene therapy applications.

**REVIEWING MANUSCRIPTS AND EVALUATING GRANT PROPOSALS**

Peer-reviewed more than 40 manuscripts for various scientific Journals.

Evaluation of the grant proposal by Andrea Casazza for Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO). Title of the proposal: Unraveling the role of Neuropilin 1 in tumor-associated macrophages: implications for therapy. Evaluation was submitted 8.4.2013.