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INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Stanford University, Stanford, CA	B.S.	1977	Biology
Yale Univ. School of Medicine, New Haven, CT	Ph.D.	1984	Cell Biology
Yale Univ. School of Medicine, New Haven, CT	M.D.	1984	Internal Medicine

### **A. Positions and Employment**

1984-85 Internship, Internal Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
1985-87 Resident, Internal Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
1987-90 Fellow, Clinical and Research, Internal Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
1990-91 Clinical Fellow in Gastroenterology, University of California, Los Angeles, California  
1991-98 Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine and Physiology  
University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
1994-2002 Assistant Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute  
University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
1998-2002 Associate Professor, Internal Medicine and Molecular and Integrative Physiology  
University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
2003-present Professor, Internal Medicine and Molecular and Integrative Physiology,  
University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
1993-present Faculty, Graduate Program in Cellular and Molecular Biology  
University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan

### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

1996 Editorial Board, Digestive Diseases and Sciences  
1998 Editorial Board, Gastroenterology  
2000 Editorial Board, American Journal of Physiology (GI)  
2001 Councilor, American Society for Clinical Investigators (ASCI)  
2003 Chair, GMA2 and GCMB Study Section  
2004 Editorial Board, Journal of Clinical Investigation  
2005 NIDDK Council (DKNAC)

### **Honors**

1984 Henry J. Kaiser Award, Yale School of Medicine  
1984 Alpha Omega Alpha, Yale School of Medicine  
1984 Medical Scientist Award, Yale School of Medicine  
1987 Robert Wood Johnson Minority Faculty Development Award  
1992 Munn Endowment Cancer Award, University of Michigan  
1994 University of Michigan, Faculty Career Development Award  
1998 R.Robert and Sally Funderburg Gastric Cancer Award  
1998 American Society for Clinical Investigators  
1998 Jerome Conn Award for Research Excellence UM Internal Medicine  
2005 Association of American Physicians (AAP)  
2008 H. Marvin Pollard Professor of Gastrointestinal Sciences  
2008 National Academy of Science, Institute of Medicine

## **B. Selected peer-reviewed publications: (selected)**

1. Bai L and **Merchant JL**. Transcription factor ZBP-89 cooperates with histone acetyltransferase p300 during butyrate activation of p21 waf1 transcription in human cells. *J Biol Chem*. 2000; 275:30725-33.
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5. Zavros Y, Rieder G, Ferguson A, Samuelson L and **Merchant JL**. Hypergastrinemia in response to gastric inflammation suppresses tissue somatostatin and D-cell numbers *Am J Physiol*. 2002; 282:G175-83.
6. Bai L, Logsdon C, **Merchant JL**. Regulation of epithelial cell growth by ZBP-89: potential relevance in pancreatic cancer. *Int J Gastrointest Can*. 2002; 31(1-3):79-88.
7. Rathinavelu S, Zavros Y, **Merchant JL**. *Acinetobacter Iwoffii* infection and gastritis. *Microbes Infect* 2003; 5:651-7.
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9. Zavros Y, Rathinavelu S, Kao JY, Todisco A, Del Valle J, Weinstock JV, Low MJ, **Merchant JL**. Treatment of *Helicobacter* gastritis with interleukin-4 requires somatostatin. *Proc Nat Acad Sci* 2003; 100:12944-9.
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12. Bai L, Yoon SO, King PD, **Merchant JL**. ZBP-89-induced apoptosis is p53-independent and requires JNK. *Cell Death and Differ*. 2004; 11:663-73.
13. Smith JL, Freebern WJ, Collins I, De Siervi A, Montano I, Haggerty CM, McNutt MC, Butscher WG, Dzekunova I, Petersen DW, Kawasaki E, **Merchant JL**, Gardner K. Kinetic profiles of p300 occupancy in vivo predict common features of promoter structure and coactivator recruitment. *Proc Natl Acad Sci*. 2004; 101(32):11554-9.
14. Shiotani A, Iishi H, Uedo N, Ishiguro S, Tatsuta M, Nakae, Kumamoto M, **Merchant JL**. Evidence that loss of Sonic hedgehog is an indicator of *Helicobacter pylori*-induced atrophic gastritis progressing to gastric cancer. *Am J Gastroenterology*, 2004; 100: 581-587.
15. Shiotani A, Iishi H, Uedo N, Ishiguro S, Tatsuta M, Nakae, Kumamoto M, **Merchant JL**. Epithelial cell turnover in relation to ongoing damage of the gastric mucosa of patients with early gastric cancer: Increase of cell proliferation in paramalignant lesions. *J Gastroenterology*., 2005; 40: 337-344.
16. Zavros Y, Eaton K, Kang W, Rathinavelu S, Katakuri V, Kao JY, Samuelson LC, **Merchant JL**. Chronic Gastritis in the hypochlorhydric gastrin-deficient mouse progresses to adenocarcinoma. *Oncogene*, 2005; 24: 2354-2366.
17. Rieder G, Tessier A, Qiao XT, Madison B, Gumucio DL, **Merchant JL**. Intestinal Metaplasia in the Stomach from *Helicobacter pylori* Correlates with Elk-1 and Serum Response Factor Induction of Villin. *J Biol. Chem*. 2005; 280: 4906-4912.
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19. Rieder G, **Merchant JL**, Haas R., *Helicobacter pylori* cag-Type IV secretion system facilitates corpus colonization to induce precancerous conditions in Mongolian Gerbils. *Gastroenterology*, 2005; 128: 1229-1242.

20. **Merchant, JL.** Inflammation, atrophy, gastric cancer: Connecting the molecular dots. *Gastroenterology*. 2005; 129:1079-1082.
21. Kao JY, Pierzchala A, Rathinavelu S, Zavros Y, Tessier A, **Merchant JL.** Somatostatin inhibits dendritic cell responsiveness to *Helicobacter pylori*. *Regulatory Peptides*, 2005; 134:23-29.
22. Kao JY, Rathinavelu S, Eaton KA, Bai L, Zavros Y, Takami M, Pierzchala A, **Merchant JL.** *Helicobacter pylori*-secreted factors inhibit dendritic cell IL-12 secretion: a mechanism of ineffective host defense. *Am J Physiology Gastrointest Liver Physiol* 2006; 291:G73-G81.
23. Okada M, Tessier A, Bai L, **Merchant JL.** p53 Mutants Suppress ZBP-89 Function. *Anticancer Research* 26:2023-2028, 2006.
24. Law DJ, Labut EM, Adams RD, **Merchant JL.** A ZBP-89 isoform predisposes the colon to colitis. *Nuc Acids Res*, 34: 1342-1350, 2006.
25. Lopez-Diaz L, Hinkle KL, Jain RN, Zavros Y, Brunkan CS, Keeley T, Eaton KA, **Merchant JL,** Chew CS, Samuelson LC. Parietal Cell Hyperstimulation and Autoimmune Gastritis in Cholera Toxin Transgenic Mice. *Amer. J. Physiol.- Gastrointest Liver Physiology*. 2006; 290:G970-G979.
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28. Shiotani A, Iishi H, Uedo N, Ishihara R, Ishiguro S, Tatsuta M, Nakae Y, Kumamoto M, Hinoi T, **Merchant JL.** *Helicobacter pylori*-induced atrophic gastritis progressing to gastric cancer exhibits sonic hedgehog loss and aberrant CDX2 expression. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther*. 2006 Dec;24 Suppl 4:71-80.
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30. Shiotani A, Uedo N, Iishi H, Tatsuta M, Ishiguro S, Nakae Y, Kamada T, Haruma K, **Merchant JL.** Re-expression of sonic hedgehog and reduction of CDX2 after *Helicobacter pylori* eradication prior to incomplete intestinal metaplasia. *Int J Cancer*. 2007 Sep 15;121(6):1182-9.
31. Bai L, **Merchant JL.** ATM phosphorylates ZBP-89 at Ser202 to potentiate p21<sup>waf1</sup> induction by butyrate. *Biochem Biophys Res Comm*. 2007 359:817-821.
32. Zavros Y, Maghray M, Tessier A, Bai L, Todisco A, Gumucio DL, Samuelson LC, Dlugosz A, **Merchant JL.** Reduced pepsin A processing of Sonic Hedgehog in parietal cells precedes gastric atrophy and transformation. *J Biol Chem*. 2007, 282(46):33265-33274.
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37. Kang W, Saqui-Salces M, Zavros Y, **Merchant JL.** Induction of follistatin precedes gastric transformation in gastrin deficient mice. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun*. 2008 Nov 21;376(3):573-7. Epub 2008 Sep 17. PMID: PMC2577233
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## **C. Research Support**

### **ACTIVE**

#### **MERIT Award R37 DK045729-16, Merchant (PI)**

09/30/2007 – 08/31/2012

*NIH/NIDDK*

Transcriptional Control of Gastrin

The overall goal of this proposal is to understand how menin regulates gastrin gene expression through its interaction with JunD.

#### **R01 DK055732-10, Merchant (PI)**

03/01/2005 – 02/28/2010

*NIH/NIDDK*

Mechanisms of Gastrointestinal Growth and Transformation

The overall goal of this proposal is to identify and characterize novel paradigms of gastrointestinal transformation. The specific aims of this proposal are to examine how ZBP-89 regulates cell growth through its ability to partner with tumor suppressors ATM and p53. In addition, how ZBP-89 mediates butyrate regulation of transcription by recruiting p300 subsequently inducing histone acetylation will also be examined.

#### **P01 DK062041-07, Merchant (PI)**

08/01/2008 – 07/31/2013

*NIH/NIDDK*

Cellular Decisions of Differentiation in the GI Tract

Overall, this Program Project Grant will further our understanding of how cells make decisions of identity and differentiation in the stomach and intestine. The specific subproject supported examines how the parietal cell identity becomes altered in pathological conditions, e.g., chronic inflammation.

#### **P30 DK 34933 Owyang (PI)**

12/01/2005 – 11/30/2010

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Michigan Gut Peptide Research Center

The University of Michigan's Digestive Disease Center is focused in the area of peptide biology and its role in GI function and pathology.

Role: Center, Associate Director

Director, Molecular Biology Core

### **RECENTLY COMPLETED**

#### **R01 DK061410-05, Merchant (PI)**

02/01/2003 – 07/31/2008

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Altering Gastric Epithelial Cell Differentiation

The overall goal is to understand how parietal cell atrophy resulting in the loss of specific epithelial-mesenchymal cross talk contributes to the increase in mucous cell proliferation and subsequently transformation in the gastric antrum.