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The Abu-Remaileh Lab is interested in identifying novel pathways that enable cellular and organismal adaptation to metabolic stress and changes in environmental conditions. We also study how these pathways go awry in human diseases such as cancer, neurodegeneration and metabolic syndrome, in order to engineer new therapeutic modalities.

To address these questions, our lab uses a multidisciplinary approach to study the biochemical functions of the lysosome in vitro and in vivo. Lysosomes are membrane-bound compartments that degrade macromolecules and clear damaged organelles to enable cellular adaptation to various metabolic states. Lysosomal function is critical for organismal homeostasis—mutations in genes encoding lysosomal proteins cause severe human disorders known as lysosomal storage diseases, and lysosome dysfunction is implicated in age-associated diseases including cancer, neurodegeneration and metabolic syndrome.

By developing novel tools and harnessing the power of metabolomics, proteomics and functional genomics, our lab will define 1) how the lysosome communicates with other cellular compartments to fulfill the metabolic demands of the cell under various metabolic states, 2) and how its dysfunction leads to rare and common human diseases. Using insights from our research, we will engineer novel therapies to modulate the pathways that govern human disease.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Chemical Engineering
- Assistant Professor, Genetics
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Institute Scholar, Sarafan ChEM-H
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Pew-Stewart Scholar, The Pew Charitable Trusts (2022)
- The NIH Director's New Innovator Award, NIH (2021)
- Cancer Innovation Award, Stanford Cancer Institute (2020)

- Terman Faculty Fellow, Stanford University (2019)
- Innovators Under 35 MENA, MIT Technology Review (2018)
- NCL-Stiftung Foundation Research Award, NCL-Stiftung (2018)
- The Charles A. King Trust Award, The Medical Foundation (2018)
- The EMBO Fellowship, EMBO (2014- 2016)
- Adams Fellowship, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2009-2013)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Molecular Genetics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem , Gene Regulation in Development and Cancer (2014)
- Postdoctoral training, Whitehead Institute/ MIT , Subcellular Metabolism (2019)

LINKS

- Lab website: <http://www.abu-remaileh.com>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

We study the role of the lysosome in metabolic adaptation using subcellular omics approaches, functional genomics and innovative biochemical tools.

We apply this knowledge to understand how lysosomal dysfunction leads to human diseases including neurodegeneration, cancer and metabolic syndrome.

Teaching

COURSES

2024-25

- Chemical Engineering Laboratory B: CHEMENG 185B (Win)

2023-24

- Chemical Engineering Laboratory B: CHEMENG 185B (Win)
- Metabolism in Health and Disease: From Technological Advances to Novel Insights: CHEMENG 480 (Spr)

2022-23

- Chemical Engineering Laboratory B: CHEMENG 185B (Spr)

2021-22

- Chemical Engineering Laboratory A: CHEMENG 185A (Win)
- Chemical Engineering Laboratory B: CHEMENG 185B (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Med Scholar Project Advisor

Aswini Krishnan

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Zoe Cook, Hana Ghanim, Magdalena Murray, Kayla Vodehnal, Chris You

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Aleksandra Levina, Jian Xiong, Zhijun Zhu

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Hisham Alsohybe, Natalia Avina Ochoa, Cindy Lin, Nicholas Manfred, Matthew Matrongolo, Austin Murchison, Shadler Nguyen, Kwamina Nyame, Anastasiia Safronova, Sam Scharenberg, George Walters-Marrah

Doctoral (Program)

Austin Murchison

Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Jian Xiong

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Biophysics (Phd Program)
- Cancer Biology (Phd Program)
- Genetics (Phd Program)
- Neurosciences (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Cell-Type Resolved Protein Atlas of Brain Lysosomes Identifies SLC45A1-Associated Disease as a Lysosomal Disorder.** *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*
Ghoochani, A., Heiby, J. C., Rawat, E. S., Medoh, U. N., Di Fraia, D., Dong, W., Gastou, M., Nyame, K., Laqtom, N. N., Gomez-Ospina, N., Ori, A., Abu-Remaileh, M.
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- **CLN3 is required for the clearance of glycerophosphodiester from lysosomes.** *Nature*
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- **Isotope tracing in health and disease.** *Current opinion in biotechnology*
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- **Cellular and organismal function of choline metabolism.** *Nature metabolism*
Kenny, T. C., Scharenberg, S., Abu-Remaileh, M., Birsoy, K.
2025
- **Rapid phagosome isolation enables unbiased multiomic analysis of human microglial phagosomes.** *Immunity*
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- **MFSD1 with its accessory subunit GLMP functions as a general dipeptide uniporter in lysosomes.** *Nature cell biology*
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2024
- **Sharing is caring: TMEM165 a Golgi calcium importer used by the lysosome.** *Trends in biochemical sciences*
Murchison, A. K., Abu-Remaileh, M.
2024
- **Organelle proteomic profiling reveals lysosomal heterogeneity in association with longevity.** *eLife*
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