

Achilleas D. Theocharis, Ph.D., Professor

Short CV



Achilleas D. Theocharis is Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the University of Patras. I am member of the Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Hellenic Connective Tissue and Matrix Biology Research Society. My research interests are focused on the areas of matrix pathobiochemistry, cell signaling and molecular targeting. I am co-author in 115 publications in peer review international journals. My work is cited more than 12700 times and my H-index is 54 (*Google Scholar*).

Education, degrees & scientific carrier

- 1994 Diploma in Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras.
- 1995 Visiting scientist, Department of Experimental Medical Sciences, Lund University.
- 1999 Visiting scientist, Karolinska Institute, Department of Immunology, Microbiology, Pathology and Infectious diseases.
- 2000 Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras.
- 2000-2002 Post-doctoral researcher, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras.
- 2002-2003 Post-doctoral researcher, Karolinska Institute, Department of Immunology, Microbiology, Pathology and Infectious diseases.
- 2003-2008 Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras.
- 2008-2014 Assistant Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Patras.
- 2008-2009 Visiting Professor, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2012 Visiting Professor, Laboratory CRRET, University Paris 12 (UPEC), Paris, France.
- 2014-2019 Associate Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Patras.
- 2019- Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Patras.

Indicators of Research Activity

- 115 Publications in peer-review journals
- 8950 Citations (Scopus, June 2024)
- 12700 Citations (Google Scholar, June 2024)
- h-index= 47 (Scopus, June 2024)
- h-index= 54 (Google Scholar, June 2024)
- 115 International Conference Publications
- 60 National Conference Publications
- 26 Invited Lectures

Honors & Awards

- Fellowship of Hellenic Scholarship Foundation (1995-1999).
- Fellowship from University of Lund, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, Section for Connective Tissue Biology (1996).
- Fellowship from Karolinska Institute, Department of IMPI (1999).
- Award from Leonidas Zervas Foundation (1999).
- Award from Hellenic Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2000).
- Post-doctoral Fellowship of Hellenic Scholarship Foundation (2002).
- Fellowship from Federation of European Biochemical Societies (2002).
- Fellowship from Federation of European Biochemical Societies (2008).

A number of awards have been conferred by various Scientific Societies, among them the Biochemical & Molecular Biology Society, Society for Anticancer Research, Federation of European Connective Tissue Societies, etc.

Research proposal evaluator

Evaluation of Research Proposals in French National Research Agency (2022).

Evaluation of Research Proposals in "The American University of Beirut - Collaborative Research Stimulus (CRS) grants" Lebanon (2015).

Evaluation of Research Proposals in National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Hungary, (NKFIH) (2014).

Reviewer in peer-review journals: Nature Communications, Nature Reviews Urology, FEBS Journal, BBA Reviews on Cancer, Matrix Biology, Matrix Biology Plus, Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology, Molecules, Biomolecules, International Journal of Molecular Sciences, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Molecular Biology reports, Archives Biochemistry and Biophysics, Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews, The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, Mechanisms of Ageing and Development, European Journal of Cell Biology, Gene, PlosOne, Inflammation Research, Connective Tissue Research, Andrology, BMC Cancer, BBA-General Subjects, BBA-Molecular Cell Research, Breast Cancer Research, Biomed Research International, Experimental Cell Research, Experimental Gerontology, Cogent Biology, Journal of Histochemistry & Cytochemistry, Bioscience Reports, Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Journal of Experimental & Clinical Cancer Research, Veterinary Pathology, Journal of Physiology and Biochemistry, Frontiers in Oncology, Biomaterials, Journal of Biomedical Science, Cell and Tissue Research, Seminars in Cancer Biology, etc).

Editorial board: American Journal of Physiology – Cell physiology, Biomolecules, Molecular Biology Reports, Matrix Biology, Matrix Biology Plus, Cancers

Associate Editor: Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology

Guest Editor: Special Issue: "Cellular Microenvironment in Human Pathologies" in BioMed Research International.

Book editor: "The Extracellular Matrix: Methods and Protocols In Series "Methods in Molecular Biology" Springer Science (2018) D. Vigetti, A.D. Theocharis (eds).

Book Section Editor: In Extracellular Matrix: Pathobiology and Signaling, edited by N. Karamanos, DeGruyter 2012.

Organization of workshops, meetings/symposia

- European Training Program in Microseparation Techniques (ECOSEP 1). An environmental imperative on microscale analytical techniques Patras, Greece (1998).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Patras, Greece (2007).
- 2th Congress of Biosciences in University of Patras, Patras, Greece (2007).
- 33rd FEBS Congress - 11th IUBMB Conference Athens, Greece (2008).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Patras, Greece (2009).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Spetses, Greece (2011).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Kos, Greece (2013).

- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Rhodes, Greece (2015).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Spetses, Greece (2017).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Extracellular Matrix: Cell Regulation, Epigenetics and Modeling, September 27th-October 2nd, Patras (2018).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Porto Heli, Greece (2019).
- FEBS Advanced Lecture Course: Matrix Pathobiology, Signaling & Molecular Targets, Crete, Greece (2022).
- 72th Congress of Hellenic Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (HSBMB), Patras, Greece (2022).

Teaching experience-Trainees

Undergraduate teaching: Basic Elements of Biology and Physiology, General Biology, Clinical Chemistry, Biochemistry I, Biochemistry II (laboratory practice).

Graduate teaching: Courses M.Sc. & Ph.D.: Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Molecular Biology & Molecular Biotechnology, Clinical Biochemistry, Analytical Chemistry & Clinical Biochemistry, Advanced Biochemistry, Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology (laboratory practice), Genetic and Molecular Basis of Diseases- Molecular Medicine.

Trainees: Supervisor / advisor for 9 Ph.D. and 40 M.Sc. students.

Member of the evaluation board for Ph.D. students at the University of Tromso (second opponent: Ph.D. Nabin Malla, Department of Medical Biology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Tromso-2011) and University of Oslo (first opponent: Ph.D. Trine Marita Reine, Department of Nutrition, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo-2013).

Administrative experience

Member of the General Assembly of the Division of Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Natural Products at the Department of Chemistry (2004-)

Member of the General Assembly at the Department of Chemistry (2004-)

Head of the Division of Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Natural Products at the Department of Chemistry (2019-2020)

Head of the Department of Agriculture, University of Patras (May to August 2019)

Head of the Department of Chemistry, University of Patras (2020-)

Member of the Senate of the University of Patras (2020-)

Member /departmental coordinator of the committee of Erasmus Programme (2004-2019)

Member of the Erasmus Programme Coordination at the University of Patras (2010-2012)

Member of the committee of Hygiene and Safety at the Department of Chemistry (2006-2019)

Member of the Board of Directors at the Company of Exploitation and Management for the Property of the University of Patras (2014-2017)

Member of the Board of Hellenic Society of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (2020- / 2020-2022, General Secretary / 2024- Vice President)

International Collaborations and Research Networks

University of Paris 12, France (Prof. S. Menashi, E. Huet).

Karolinska Institute, School of Medicine, Sweden (Prof. A. Hjerpe, K. Dobra).

University of Uppsala, Sweden (Prof. C.H. Heldin, A. Moustakas, P. Heldin).
University of Lund, Sweden (Prof. A.M. Blom).
University of Trondheim, Norway (Prof. M. Borset, A. Sundan).
University of Oslo, Norway (Prof. S. Kolset, K. Prydz, H. Tveit).
University of Tromso, Norway (Prof. J.O. Winberg, E. Knutsen).
University of Muenster, Germany (Prof. M. Gotte).
University of Varese, Italy (Prof. A. Passi, D. Vigetti).
Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA (Prof. RV Iozzo).

Research Project

Principal Investigator/ Co-investigator in 19 International / National Research Projects.

List of Peer-Reviewed Publications

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1. Labropoulou VT, Manou D, Ravazoula P, Alzahrani FM, Kalofonos HP, **Theocharis AD**. Expression of CD44 is associated with aggressiveness in seminomas. *Mol Biol Rep*. 2024 May 25;51(1):693.
2. Manou D, Golfinopoulou MA, Alharbi SND, Alghamdi HA, Alzahrani FM, **Theocharis AD**. The Expression of Serglycin Is Required for Active Transforming Growth Factor β Receptor I Tumorigenic Signaling in Glioblastoma Cells and Paracrine Activation of Stromal Fibroblasts via CXCR-2. *Biomolecules*. 2024 Apr 10;14(4):461.
3. Siatis KE, Giannopoulou E, Manou D, Sarantis P, Karamouzis MV, Raftopoulou S, Fasseas K, Alzahrani FM, Kalofonos HP, **Theocharis AD**. Resistance to hormone therapy in breast cancer cells promotes autophagy and EGFR signaling pathway. *Am J Physiol Cell Physiol*. 2023 Sep 1;325(3):C708-C720.
4. Piperigkou Z, Bainantzou D, Makri N, Papachristou E, Mantsou A, Choli-Papadopoulou T, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Enhancement of mesenchymal stem cells' chondrogenic potential by type II collagen-based bioscaffolds. *Mol Biol Rep*. 2023 Jun;50(6):5125-5135.
5. Karagiorgou Z, Fountas PN, Manou D, Knutsen E, **Theocharis AD**. Proteoglycans Determine the Dynamic Landscape of EMT and Cancer Cell Stemness. *Cancers*, 2022, 14(21), 5328
6. Grigoropoulou S, Manou D, Antoniou AI, Tsirogianni A, Siciliano C, **Theocharis AD**, Athanassopoulos CM. Synthesis and Antiproliferative Activity of Novel Dehydroabietic Acid-Chalcone Hybrids. *Molecules*. 2022 Jun 5;27(11):3623. doi: 10.3390/molecules27113623.
7. Tellez-Gabriel M, Tekpli X, Reine TM, Hegge B, Nielsen SR, Chen M, Moi L, Normann LS, Busund LR, Calin GA, Mælandsmo GM, Perander M, **Theocharis AD**, Kolset SO, Knutsen E. Serglycin Is Involved in TGF- β Induced Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition and Is Highly Expressed by Immune Cells in Breast Cancer Tissue. *Front Oncol*. 2022 Apr 14;12:868868. doi: 10.3389/fonc.2022.868868.
8. Piperigkou, Z. Manou, D. Bainantzou, D. **Theocharis, A.D.** Karamanos, N.K. The microRNA-Extracellular Matrix Interplay in Breast Cancer. *Biology of Extracellular Matrix*, 2022, 11, pp. 421–436.
9. Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**, Piperigkou Z, Manou D, Passi A, Skandalis SS, Vynios DH, Orian-Rousseau V, Ricard-Blum S, Schmelzer CEH, Duca L, Durbeej M, Afratis NA, Troeberg L, Franchi M, Masola V, Onisto M. A guide to the composition and functions of the extracellular matrix. *FEBS J*. 2021 Dec;288(24):6850-6912. doi: 10.1111/febs.15776.

10. Iozzo RV, **Theocharis AD**, Neill T, Karamanos NK. Complexity of matrix phenotypes. *Matrix Biol Plus*. 2020 May 28;6-7:100038.
11. Manou D, Bouris P, Kletsas D, Götte M, Greve B, Moustakas A, Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**. Serglycin activates pro-tumorigenic signaling and controls glioblastoma cell stemness, differentiation and invasive potential. *Matrix Biology Plus* in press (doi.org/10.1016/j.mbplus.2020.100033)
12. Manou D, Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**. Tumorigenic functions of serglycin: Regulatory roles in epithelial to mesenchymal transition and oncogenic signaling. *Semin Cancer Biol*. 2019 Jul 4. pii: S1044-579X(19)30040-9. doi: 10.1016/j.semcancer.2019.07.004.
13. **Theocharis AD**, Manou D, Karamanos NK. The extracellular matrix as a multitasking player in disease. *FEBS J*. 2019 Aug;286(15):2830-2869.
14. Manou D, Caon I, Bouris P, Triantaphyllidou IE, Giaroni C, Passi A, Karamanos NK, Vigetti D, **Theocharis AD**. The complex interplay between extracellular matrix and cells in tissues. *Methods Mol Biol*. 2019;1952:1-20.
15. Vigetti, D. **Theocharis, A.D.** Preface. *Methods in Molecular Biology*, 2019, 1952, pp. v–vi.
16. Karamanos NK, Piperigkou Z, **Theocharis AD**, Watanabe H, Franchi M, Baud S, Brézillon S, Götte M, Passi A, Vigetti D, Ricard-Blum S, Sanderson RD, Neill T, Iozzo RV. Proteoglycan Chemical Diversity Drives Multifunctional Cell Regulation and Therapeutics. *Chem Rev*. 2018 Sep 26;118(18):9152-9232.
17. Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**, Neill T, Iozzo RV. Matrix modeling and remodeling: A biological interplay regulating tissue homeostasis and diseases. *Matrix Biol*. 2018 Aug 18. pii: S0945-053X(18)30356-1. doi: 10.1016/j.matbio.2018.08.007.
18. Bouris P, Manou D, Sopaki-Valalaki A, Kolokotroni A, Moustakas A, Kapoor A, Iozzo RV, Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**. Serglycin promotes breast cancer cell aggressiveness: Induction of epithelial to mesenchymal transition, proteolytic activity and IL-8 signaling. *Matrix Biol*. 2018 May 26. pii: S0945-053X(18)30163-X. doi: 10.1016/j.matbio.2018.05.011.
19. Piperigkou Z, Manou D, Karamanou K, **Theocharis AD**. Strategies to Target Matrix Metalloproteinases as Therapeutic Approach in Cancer. *Methods Mol Biol*. 2018;1731:325-348.
20. Piperigkou Z, Götte M, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Insights into the key roles of epigenetics in matrix macromolecules-associated wound healing. *Adv Drug Deliv Rev*. 2018 Apr;129:16-36.
21. **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Proteoglycans remodeling in cancer: Underlying molecular mechanisms. *Matrix Biol*. 2017 Nov 8. pii: S0945-053X(17)30313-X. doi: 10.1016/j.matbio.2017.10.008.
22. Afratis NA, Nikitovic D, Multhaupt HA, **Theocharis AD**, Couchman JR, Karamanos NK. Syndecans - key regulators of cell signaling and biological functions. *FEBS J*. 2017 Jan;284(1):27-41.
23. Afratis NA, Bouris P, Skandalis SS, Multhaupt HA, Couchman JR, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. IGF-IR cooperates with ER α to inhibit breast cancer cell aggressiveness by regulating the expression and localisation of ECM molecules. *Sci Rep*. 2017 Jan 12;7:40138.
24. Piperigkou Z, Bouris P, Onisto M, Franchi M, Kletsas D, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Estrogen receptor beta modulates breast cancer cells functional properties, signaling and expression of matrix molecules. *Matrix Biol*. 2016 Dec; 56:4-23.
25. Afratis NA, Karamanou K, Piperigkou Z, Vynios DH, **Theocharis AD**. The role of heparins and nano-heparins as therapeutic tool in breast cancer. *Glycoconj J*. 2016 Oct 24.

26. Asimakopoulou AP, Malavaki C, Afratis NA, **Theocharis AD**, Lamari FN, Karamanos NK. Validated capillary electrophoretic assays for disaccharide composition analysis of galactosaminoglycans in biologic samples and drugs/nutraceuticals. *Methods Mol Biol.* 1229, 129-41, (2015).
27. Bouris P, Skandalis SS, Piperigkou Z, Afratis N, Karamanou K, Aletras AJ, Moustakas A, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Estrogen receptor alpha mediates epithelial to mesenchymal transition, expression of specific matrix effectors and functional properties of breast cancer cells. *Matrix Biology*, Apr;43:42-60 (2015).
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29. Giannopoulou E, Nikolakopoulos A, Kotsirilou D, Lampropoulou A, Raftopoulou S, Papadimitriou E, **Theocharis AD**, Makatsoris T, Fasseas K, Kalofonos HP. Epidermal growth factor receptor status and Notch inhibition in non-small cell lung cancer cells. *J Biomed Sci.* Oct 24;22:98. doi: 10.1186/s12929-015-0196-1. (2015).
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31. **Theocharis AD**, Skandalis SS, Neill T, Multhaupt HA, Hubo M, Frey H, Gopal S, Gomes A, Afratis N, Lim HC, Couchman JR, Filmus J, Ralph D S, Schaefer L, Iozzo RV, Karamanos NK. Insights into the key roles of proteoglycans in breast cancer biology and translational medicine. *Biochim Biophys Acta.* Mar 28;1855(2):276-300 (2015).
32. **Theocharis AD**, Skandalis SS, Gialeli C, Karamanos NK. Extracellular matrix structure. *Adv Drug Deliv Rev.* 2015 Nov 10. pii: S0169-409X(15)00257-4.
33. Milia-Argeiti E, Mourah S, Vallée B, Huet E, Karamanos NK, **Theocharis AD**, Menashi S. EMMPRIN/CD147-enriched membrane vesicles released from malignant human testicular germ cells increase MMP production through tumor-stroma interaction. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, General Subjects*, 1840, 2581-8 (2014).
34. Ellina MI, Bouris P, Aletras AJ, **Theocharis AD**, Kletsas D, Karamanos NK. EGFR and HER2 exert distinct roles on colon cancer cell functional properties and expression of matrix macromolecules. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, General Subjects*, 1840, 2651-61, (2014).
35. Skandalis SS, Afratis N, Smirlaki G, Nikitovic D, **Theocharis AD**, Tzanakakis GN, Karamanos NK. Cross-talk between estradiol receptor and EGFR/IGF-IR signaling pathways in estrogen-responsive breast cancers: Focus on the role and impact of proteoglycans. *Matrix Biol.* Apr;35:182-93. (2014).
36. Gialeli C, Nikitovic D, Kletsas D, **Theocharis AD**, Tzanakakis GN, Karamanos NK. PDGF/PDGFR Signaling and Targeting in Cancer Growth and Progression: Focus on Tumor Microenvironment and Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts. *Curr Pharm Des.* 20(17):2843-8 (2014).
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39. Barbouri D, Afratis N, Gialeli C, Vynios DH, **Theocharis AD**, Karamanos NK. Syndecans as Modulators and Potential Pharmacological Targets in Cancer Progression. *Front Oncol.* 2014 Feb 3;4:4. eCollection 2014.
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55. Milia-Argeiti E, Huet E, Labropoulou VT, Mourah S, Fenichel P, Karamanos NK, Menashi S, **Theocharis AD.** Imbalance of MMP-2 and MMP-9 Expression Versus TIMP-1 and TIMP-2 Reflects Increased Invasiveness of Human Testicular Germ Cell Tumors. *International Journal of Andrology* 2012, 35, 835-44.
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