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Education

- 2003 – Present **PhD**, Department of Molecular Biophysics and Physiology, Rush University Medical Center
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- 2003 **MSc**, Department of Biochemistry, University of Sao Paulo
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Employment

- 2003 – Present **PhD Student**
Thesis: Functional effects of altered expression levels of calsequestrin 1 in adult mouse muscle
Supervisor: Eduardo Rios
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Thesis: Mechanisms of the chemiluminescent reaction between peroxynitrite and carbonylic metabolites
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List of Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

1. Bannwarth M, Correa Jr IR, Fellay C, Aebischen A, Sztretye M, Pouvreau S, **Royer L**, Rios E, Johnsson K. Indo-1 derivatives for local calcium sensing. *J Biol Chem* (submitted).
2. **Royer L**, Pouvreau S, Rios E. Evolution and modulation of intracellular calcium release during long-lasting, depleting depolarization in mouse muscle. *J Physiol* (2008) 586, 4609-4629.
3. Pouvreau S, **Royer L**, Yi J, Brum G, Meissner G, Rios E, Zhou J. Ca²⁺ sparks operated by membrane depolarization require isoform 3 ryanodine receptor channels in skeletal muscle. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* (2007) 104, 5235-5240.

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5. Launikonis BS, Zhou J, **Royer L**, Shannon TR, Brum G, Rios E. Depletion “skraps” and dynamic buffering inside the cellular calcium store. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* (2006) 103, 2982-2987.
6. Zhou J, Yi J, **Royer L**, Launikonis BS, Gonzalez A, Garcia J, Rios E. A probable role of dihydropyridine receptors in repression of Ca²⁺ sparks demonstrated in cultured mammalian muscle. *Am J Physiol Cell Physiol* (2006) 290, C539-553.
7. Launikonis BS, Zhou J, **Royer L**, Shannon TR, Brum G, Rios E. Confocal imaging of [Ca²⁺] in cellular organelles by SEER, shifted excitation and emission ratioing of fluorescence. *J Physiol* (2005) 567, 523-543.
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Abstracts

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2. Pouvreau S, **Royer L**, Zorzato F, Treves S, Zhou J, Rios E. Transient expression of exogenous ryanodine receptor 1 and ryanodine receptor 3 generates different calcium release events in mouse skeletal muscle. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Long Beach, California, USA. *Biophys. J* (2008) 94, 2111.
3. Zhou J, Yi J, **Royer L**, Pouvreau S, Rios E. Distribution, responses to Ca²⁺ transients and calibration of mitochondria-targeted cameleon biosensor expressed in muscle of live mice. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Long Beach, California, USA. *Biophys. J* (2008) 94, 1245.

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9. Santiago DJ, Launikonis BS, **Royer L**, Zhou J, Yi J, Rios E, Brum G. Depletion of the sarcoplasmic reticulum upon Ca^{2+} release elicited by action potentials or voltage-clamp depolarization in skeletal muscle. 50th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. *Biophys. J* (2006) 90, 343a.
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mammalian muscle. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Long Beach, California, USA. *Biophys. J* (2008) 94, 2685.

2. **Royer L**, Pouvreau S, Yi J, Rios E, Nori A, Volpe P, Brum G, Zhou J. Functional consequences of the transient overexpression of calsequestrin (CSQ) in adult mammalian muscle. 51st Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society, Baltimore, Maryland, USA. *Biophys. J* (2007) 92, 343a.