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**Education:**

1991 – 1996 M.D. Southeast University (Former Nanjing Railway Medical College),  
 Nanjing, P.R.China  
 1997 – 2002 Ph.D. School of Public Health, Medical Center of Fudan University  
 (Former Shanghai Medical University), FuDan University  
 Shanghai, P.R.China.

**Postgraduate training:**

2002 – 2008 Postgraduate, Division of Clinical Immunology & Allergy,  
 UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles

**Faculty Appointments:**

2012.08 Research Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Medicine,  
 University of Southern California  
 2010 Assistant Researcher of Division of Endocrinology, Department of Pediatrics,  
 UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles  
 2008 Assistant Researcher of Division of Pulmonary & Critic Care, Clinical Immunology & Allergy,  
 UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles

**Administrative Appointments:**

2011 Director of Novel Immunoassay Development Core, Division of Endocrinology, Department of  
 Pediatrics, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles  
 2012 Director of Aging Biomarker and Service Core, USC School of Gerontology

**Awards, Honors and Membership in Honorary Societies:**

2001 Young Scientists Excellent Paper Award. 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Chinese Society of Toxicology.  
 P.R.China.  
 2003 Hangzhou Science and Technology Progress Award. P.R.China.  
 2003 Ma'an'shan Science and Technology Award. P.R.China.  
 2004 Wu Zhizhong Occupational Medicine Awards. P.R.China.

**Membership in Professional and Scientific Societies**

Member of: The American Association of Immunologists

**RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED:****Active**

<b>P30AG068345 Verdin, Lithgow, Cohen and Curran, MPI</b>	07/01/2020 – 06/30/2025
NIA	\$800,000
The University of Southern California and Buck Institute Nathan Shock Center	

Goals: This project will create training and research infrastructure for biology of aging research in California

**R01AG061834 Cohen (PI)** 09/01/2018 – 08/31/2023

NIA \$395,000/year

Humanin is an AD resilience factor through its interaction with APOE4

We will define the physical and genomic interactions between humanin and APOE4 in AD models.

**P01AG034906 Longo (PI)** 04/01/11-07/31/23

NIA

Dietary Restriction, GH/IGF-I & Mechanisms of Differential Cellular Protection

The major goals of this project are to understand the role of diet in aging and longevity.

Role: Co-Investigator, in charge of assays about IGFs and their BPs, and MDPs, etc.

**R01EY27363 Kenney (PI)** 09/01/2018 - 08/31/2023

NEI \$25,000/yr sub to Cohen

Protective Effects of Humanin on AMD Mitochondria

This project will determine the role of mitochondrial peptides in AMD prevention.

Role: subcontract co-investigator

**R01AG061834 Cohen (PI)** 09/01/2020 - 08/31/2025

NIA \$250,000/year

Metformin-Regulated Mitochondrial Peptides and their Effects on Aging

We will assess the roles of novel peptides on aging phenotypes and determine if mtDNA variants affect them

### **Finished:**

**5P30DK063491 Olefsky (PI)** 05/1/2003 – 4/30/2013

NIDDK

UCSD/UCLA Diabetes & Endocrinology Research Center

The major goals of this project are to promote endocrine research at the 2 Universities.

**1P01AG027734 Barzilai (PI)** 09/1/2007 – 7/31/2012

NIA

Role of genes in humans with exceptional longevity

Goals of this project are to identify genes involved in longevity in the AECOM centenarian cohort.

**1DP1OD004073-01 Cohen (PI)** 08/1/2009 – 7/31/2013

NIA

Eureka Award: Mitochondrial Peptides and their role in aging

The goals of this project are to identify alterations in the levels of humanin and related peptides at the mt-DNA levels and in the circulation of humans with exceptional longevity and mouse models of aging.

**1R01GM090311 Cohen (PI)** 10/1/2009 to 9/31/2014

NIGMS

Transformative-RO1 “Novel Mitochondrially Derived Peptides and Their Role in Health and Disease”

The goals of this project are to understand the function of novel mitochondrial peptides

**1R01ES020812-01 Cohen (PI)** 10/1/2011 – 9/30/2016

NIEHS

**“Plasma Mitochondrial Peptide Assays as Biomarkers of Environmental Toxin Exposure”**

The goals of this project are to measure humanin and SHLP levels in mice exposed to environmental toxins to identify a peptide signature for mitochondrial damage

**1R21DK089447** Cohen (PI)

09/01/2011 – 08/30/2013

NIDDK

“Humanin and Type 2 Diabetes”

The goals of this project are to measure humanin and SHLP levels in patients with diabetes and pre-diabetes in order to assess their predictive value

**Supplement to P01AG034906** Cohen (PI)

08/01/2018 - 07/31/2020

NIA

\$249,984

Humanin Mito-nutri-genomic Interaction in Alzheimer’s Disease

This supplement will expand our studies of humanin and its interactions with diet on cognition.

**W81XWH-17-1-0612** Cohen (PI)

09/01/2017 – 08/31/2020

DoD

\$200,000/year

Ethnic Disparity of Mitochondrial Peptides and Prostate Cancer Risk.

This project evaluates MDPs levels as predictors of prostate cancer health disparity.

Role: Co-Investigator.

**AFAR BIG AWARD** Cohen (PI)

07/01/2017 – 06/30/2020

AFAR

\$100,000/year

Characterization of the Healthspan Promoting Activity of the Mitochondrial Peptide Humanin.

This project will measure humanin levels in studies of diet and exercise.

Role: Co-Investigator

**U54CA233465** Carpten (PI)

11/01/2018 – 10/30/2021

Florida-California Cancer Research, Education &amp; Engagement Health

Equity Center

NCI

Project-1: Disparities in Mitochondrial Peptidomics and Transcriptomics in Prostate Cancer

Role: Co-Investigator

**LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Analysis of gene expression profile in bronchial epithelial cells in response to diesel exhaust particles exposure using cDNA microarray. *The Toxicologist (supplement to toxicological sciences)*. Mar.7, 2006 45th Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting. San Diego, U.S.A.

Impact of NQO1 and GSTT1 genotypes on risks of chronic benzene poisoning. Paper compilation of 3rd National Conference of Chinese Society of Toxicology. Oct. 18, 2001. National Conference of Chinese Society of Toxicology. Nanjing, P.R.China.

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