

Curriculum Vitae

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July, 1996 - December, 1997; Postdoctoral fellow, Dept. of Medicine, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (Prof. David A. Brenner)

June, 1994 - June, 1996; Postdoctoral fellow, Dept. of Pharmacology, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (late Prof. Ronald G. Thurman)

April, 1992 - March, 1996; Doctor course (Ph.D., Doctor of Medical Science), Dept. of Gastroenterology, Juntendo Univ. School of Medicine (Prof. Nobuhiro Sato)

April, 1985 - March, 1989; Doctor of Medicine, summa cum laude, Juntendo Univ. School of Medicine

April, 1983 - March, 1985; Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude, Juntendo University

Professional Training and Employment:

Nov. 2017 - present Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Juntendo Univ. Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo

Nov. 2016 – October 2017 Senior Associate Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Juntendo Univ. School of Medicine, Tokyo

Feb, 2011 – October 2016 Associate Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Juntendo Univ. Graduate School of Medicine

April, 2007 - January, 2011 Associate Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo

October, 2002 - March, 2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, Juntendo University School of Medicine, Tokyo

January, 1998- September, 2002 Medical Staff, Department of Gastroenterology, Juntendo University Hospital, Tokyo

July, 1993 - June, 1994 Medical Staff in Internal Medicine, Katsunan Municipal Hospital, Urayasu, Chiba, Japan

June, 1992 - June, 1993; Medical Staff in Internal Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology, Juntendo University Hospital, Tokyo

May, 1989 - May, 1992; Resident in Internal Medicine, Juntendo University Hospital, Tokyo

April, 1989; Passed the Examination of National Board in Japan

Professional Licenses:

Medical license (issued in Japan, No. 322994, dated May 26, 1989)

Occupational health consultant (issued in Japan, No. 3333)

Membership of the Societies:

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Fellow, American College of Physicians (ACP)

Fellow, International Member; **American Gastroenterological Association** (AGA)

Fellow, International Member; **American Society of Study of Liver Diseases** (AASLD)

International Member; **European Association for the Study of the Liver** (EASL)

Member; **Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver** (APASL)

Member, **International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism** (ISBRA)

Director; **Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research** (APSAAR)

Member; **American Physiological Society** (APS)

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Domestic (Japan)

Fellow; the Japanese Society of Internal Medicine
 Councilor, Fellow; the Japanese Society of Gastroenterology
 Councilor, Fellow; the Japan Society of Hepatology
 Board Certified Fellow; Japan Gastroenterological Endoscopy Society
 Director; Japanese Medical Society of Alcohol and Addiction Studies
 Board Certified Fellow; Japanese Society of Anti-aging Medicine
 Board Certified Fellow; The Japan Society for Transplantation
 Occupational Physician; the Japan Medical Association

Editorial activities:**Associate Editor**

Frontier in Internal Medicine: Gastroenterology

Editorial Board Member

Gastroenterology (since July, 2006)

American Journal of Physiology Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology

Hepatology International

Frontier in Physiology: Gastrointestinal Science

Editorial Board Member (previous appointment)

Hepatology (July, 2011 - June, 2016)

Journal of Gastroenterology

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Selected publications:

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2. [Ikejima K](#), Iimuro Y, Forman DT, Thurman RG: A diet containing glycine improves survival in endotoxin shock in the rat. *Am. J. Physiol.* 271: G97-G103, 1996. PMID: 8760112
3. Iimuro Y, [Ikejima K](#), Bradford BU, Thurman RG: Nimodipine, a dihydropyridine-type calcium channel blocker, prevents alcoholic hepatitis due to chronic intragastric ethanol exposure in the rat. *Hepatology* 24: 391-397, 1996. PMID: 8690410
4. [Ikejima K](#), Qu W, Stachelevitch R, Thurman RG: Kupffer cells contain a glycine-gated chloride channel. *Am. J. Physiol.* 272: G1581-G1586, 1997. PMID: 9227496
5. [Ikejima K](#), Enomoto N, Iimuro Y, Ikejima A, Fang D, Xu J, Forman DT, Brenner DA, Thurman RG. Estrogen increases sensitivity of hepatic Kupffer cells to endotoxin. *Am. J. Physiol.* 274: G669-G676, 1998.
6. Enomoto N, [Ikejima K](#), Bradford BU, Rivera C, Kono H, Brenner DA, Thurman RG. Alcohol causes both tolerance and sensitization of rat Kupffer cells via mechanisms dependent of endotoxin. *Gastroenterology*: 115: 443-451, 1998.
7. [Ikejima K](#), Enomoto N, Seabra V, Ikejima A, Brenner DA, Thurman RG. Pronase destroys the lipopolysaccharide receptor CD14 on Kupffer cells. *Am. J. Physiol.* 276: G591-G598, 1999.
8. Yin M, [Ikejima K](#), Wheeler MD, Bradford BU, Seabra V, Forman DT, Sato N, Thurman RG. Estrogen is involved in early alcohol-induced liver injury in rat enteral feeding model. *Hepatology* 31: 117-123, 2000.
9. Zhang Y-J, [Ikejima K](#), Honda H, Kitamura T, Takei Y, Sato N. Glycine prevents apoptosis of rat sinusoidal endothelial cells caused by deprivation of vascular endothelial growth factor. *Hepatology* 32: 542-546, 2000.
10. [Ikejima K](#), Honda H, Yoshikawa M, Hirose M, Kitamura T, Takei Y, Sato N. Leptin augments inflammatory and profibrogenic responses in the murine liver induced by hepatotoxic chemicals. *Hepatology* 34: 288-297, 2001.
11. [Ikejima K](#), Takei Y, Honda H, Hirose M, Yoshikawa M, Zhang YJ, Lang T, Fukuda T, Kitamura T, Sato N. Leptin receptor-mediated signaling regulates hepatic fibrogenesis and remodeling of extracellular matrix in the rat. *Gastroenterology* 122: 1399-1410, 2002.
12. Honda H, [Ikejima K](#), Hirose M, Yoshikawa M, Tie Lang, Enomoto N, Kitamura T, Takei Y, Sato N. Leptin is required for fibrogenic responses in the murine liver induced by thioacetamide.

- Hepatology* 36: 12-21, 2002.
13. Tsune I, [Ikejima K](#), Hirose M, Yoshikawa M, Enomoto N, Takei Y, Sato N. Dietary glycine prevents chemical-induced experimental colitis in the rat. *Gastroenterology* 125: 775-585, 2003.
 14. [Ikejima K](#), Lang T, Zhang YJ, Yamashina S, Honda H, Yoshikawa M, Hirose M, Enomoto N, Kitamura T, Takei Y, Sato N. Expression of leptin receptors in hepatic sinusoidal cells. *Comparative Hepatology* 3(Suppl D): S12, 2004.
 15. Lang T, [Ikejima K](#), Yoshikawa M, Enomoto N, Iijima K, Kitamura T, Yakei Y, Sato N. Leptin facilitates proliferation of hepatic stellate cells through up-regulation of platelet-derived growth factor receptor. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 323: 1091-1095, 2004.
 16. [Ikejima K](#), Okumura K, Lang T, Honda H, Abe W, Yamashina S, Enomoto N, Takei Y, Sato N. The role of leptin in progression of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. *Hepatol. Res.* 33(2): 151-154, 2005.
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 21. Ishikawa S, [Ikejima K](#), Yamagata H, Aoyama T, Kon K, Arai K, Takeda K, Watanabe S. CD1d-restricted natural killer T cells contribute to hepatic inflammation and fibrogenesis in mice. *J Hepatol* 54(6): 1195-204, 2011.
 22. Wang X, [Ikejima K](#), Kon K, Arai K, Aoyama T, Okumura K, Abe W, Sato N, Watanabe S. Ursolic acid ameliorates hepatic fibrosis in the rat by specific induction of apoptosis in hepatic stellate cells. *J Hepatol* 55(2): 379-87, 2011.
 23. Inami Y, Yamashina S, Izumi K, Ueno T, Tanida I, [Ikejima K](#), Watanabe S. Hepatic steatosis inhibits autophagic proteolysis via impairment of autophagosomal acidification and cathepsin expression. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* 412: 618-625, 2011. PMID: 21856284
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