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UBICACIÓN/LOCATION:

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NOMBRE DEL LABORATORIO/GRUPO; RESEARCH GROUP NAME/ACRONYMS:

Laboratorio de Neurociencia Auditiva y Cognitiva

Cognitive and Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory

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BREVE DESCRIPCIÓN DE LA LÍNEA DE INVESTIGACIÓN/ RESEARCH LINE

We study the structure and function of the auditory brain. Over the last 15 years, our research has focused on the neurophysiological and neurochemical mechanisms that govern neuronal adaptation, and the relationship between the MMN (mismatch negativity, a human brain signal altered in neuropsychiatric conditions) and its neuronal correlate, the SSA (stimulus specific adaptation). Since more recently, we study the processing of auditory information at a neuronal level from the perspective of the predictive coding theory of perception. We are currently expanding the scope of our research to cover the basic neuronal mechanisms involved in auditory learning. We investigate the behavioural consequences of auditory training, in both normal and neuropsychiatric animal models of disorders such as schizophrenia or Alzheimer disease. Finally, our lab is also concerned with the understanding of activity-dependent plasticity due to hearing loss.

INVESTIGADOR RESPONSABLE O PRINCIPAL DEL GRUPO/GROUP TEAM LEADER

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PROYECTOS VIGENTES/ON-GOING RESEARCH PROJECTS (indicar nombre completo, referencia, Investigador principal, financiación y periodo):

Spanish MINECO (grant SAF2016-75803-P) to Manuel S. Malmierca (PI). PREDICTIVE CODING IN THE AUDITORY BRAIN: ANATOMICAL, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL CORRELATES.
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PUBLICACIONES/PUBLICATIONS

(indicar hasta un máximo de las 10 publicaciones más significativas):

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Journal of Neuroscience. 35 - 35, pp. 12261 - 12272.

NIETO-DIEGO, J; MALMIERCA MS (2016). Topographic Distribution of SSA across the Auditory Cortex Reveals Enhanced Change Detection in Higher-Order Auditory Fields.
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Nature Communications, DOI: 10.1038/s41467-017-02038-6.

CARBAJAL GV, MALMIERCA MS. (2018) The Neuronal Basis of Predictive Coding Along the Auditory Pathway: From the Subcortical Roots to Cortical Deviance Detection.
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