

REPORT ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:

Bone and Cartilage Biology: regulations and
therapeutical targeting (BIOSCAR)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

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Michel Cosnard, President

In the name of the expert committee²:

Franz Jakob, Chairman of the committee

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Bone and Cartilage Biology: regulations and therapeutical targeting
Unit acronym:	BIOSCAR
Requested label:	
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	U1132
Head of the unit (2017-2018):	Ms Martine COHEN-SOLAL
Project leader (2019-2023):	Ms Martine COHEN-SOLAL
Number of themes:	2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Mr Franz JAKOB, University of Wuerzburg, Germany

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Mr Matthieu REFREGIERS, Synchrotron Soleil (supporting personnel)

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Mr Raymond BAZIN, Inserm

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Mr Matthieu RESCHE-RIGON, Université Paris Diderot

INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

BIOSCAR is a young unit created in 2014 by INSERM (U1132) and Paris-Diderot University. It is situated directly in the hospital Lariboisière, close to the rheumatology department.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

BIOSCAR unit is led by Ms Martine COHEN-SOLAL.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

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SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The unit develops cutting-edge translational and fundamental research in severe bone and joint diseases. Its main interests are: i) bone fragility in osteoporosis and bone tumours, and ii) joint related diseases and notably osteoarthritis and microcrystals diseases.

UNIT WORKFORCE

Unit workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors and similar positions	7	9
Assistant professors and similar positions	1	1
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	1	1
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	2	2
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	0	0
High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	8	9
TOTAL permanent staff	20	22
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	2	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	12	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	1	

PhD Students	9	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	21	
TOTAL unit	41	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

Based in the hospital, BIOSCAR main strategy is to link basic science and translational clinical research. Both the interest in the mutual interaction between bone and joints and between clinical needs and basic science renders this unit somehow unique in the European scenery of musculoskeletal research, and also worldwide. The Unit has been completely restructured since its last evaluation without any loss in scientific strength and publication output, which are both rated excellent. Not only has it published in highest ranked journals of bone and joint research, but also in highly ranked journals beyond this field. Its translational activity yielded highly ranked clinical papers as well as publication of guidelines and *ad-hoc* clinical recommendations for patient care. Scientists of the unit serve in editorial boards of esteemed journals and in advisory and program boards of national and international scientific societies. The unit is strongly involved in international research networks and also very active in teaching and education programs. The visibility of the unit is excellent both at the national and international levels, and it is steadily increasing. The future potential of this Unit is rated very high.

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