

Research evaluation

## FINAL RESUME ON THE RESEARCH UNIT: Cell Biology and Infection Department (BCI)

# UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:

Institut Pasteur Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique – CNRS

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## EVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2018-2019 GROUP E

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In the name of the experts committee<sup>2</sup>:

llan Rosenshine, Chairman of the committee

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### **UNIT PRESENTATION**

Unit name:	Cell Biology and Infection Department
Unit acronym:	BCI
Requested label:	UMR
Application type:	Renewal
Current number:	
Head of the unit (2018-2019):	Ms Chiara Zurzolo
Project leader (2020-2024):	Ms Chiara Zurzolo
Number of teams and/or themes:	14

### **EXPERTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Chair:	Mr IIan Rosenshine, Faculty of Medicine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
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## **HCÉRES REPRESENTATIVE**

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### INTRODUCTION

#### HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

The Cell Biology and Infection department was created at the Institut Pasteur in 2002. Among the founding teams were Mr Philippe Sansonetti and Ms Pascale Cossart, both world leaders in microbiology and cellular microbiology, Mr Alain Israel with expertise in signaling, Ms Alice Dautry as fundamental cell biologist and Ms Nancy Guillen who worked on the cell biology of parasitic ameobea. This department became one of the finest in the field worldwide, if not the best.

In the last couple of years, and years to come, the founders of the department are gradually retiring and the department landscape is transforming with the younger generation taking the leadership and the active recruitment of young promising PIs. Currently the BCI includes 14 teams. The department is not located at specific buildings/floors. Instead, the teams are scattered in six different buildings around the campus of the Institut Pasteur.

#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

Director Department: Ms Chiara Zurzolo; Deputy Director: Mr Jost Enninga.

#### HCÉRES NOMENCLATURE

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#### SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

The department vision is developing an integrated, comprehensive and quantitative understanding of the cell in physiological conditions, during infection and in other cellular-based pathologies such as cancer and neurodegenerative diseases.

#### **UNIT WORKFORCE**

	Unit workforce	
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Active staff	Number 30/06/2018	Number 01/01/2020
Full professors and similar positions	2	2
Assistant professors and similar positions	0,2	0,2
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	14	14
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	12	16
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)	37,1	36,3
Permanent staff	65,3	68,5
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	2	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	25	
PhD Students	40	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	12	
Non-permanent staff	79	
Total	144,3	68,5

### **GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT**

The Cell Biology and Infection department was created at the Institut Pasteur in 2002. Among the founding teams were world leaders in microbiology, cell biology and signaling. Since then this department maintained its reputation as one of the finest in the field worldwide. The department vision is developing an integrated, comprehensive and quantitative understanding of the cell in physiological conditions, during infection and in other cellular-based pathologies such as cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. Today the department includes 14 teams, which are engaged in three major research themes: fundamental cell biology, infection biology and embedding mathematical and physics approaches to study biological processes, including the development of imaging tools. Each of the department's team is led by either established, mid carrier, or brilliant young principle investigator. The department exhibits outstanding performances in publishing in top journals, competing for national and international grants, and disseminating the produced data through scientific meeting and publications. In addition to basic research, department members established ties with industry and are involved in clinical trials. The department fosters the training of young scientists and provides excellent, vivid and exciting scientific environment that attracts brilliant PhD students and post-doctoral fellows, nationally as well as internationally.

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