

## Curriculum Vitae: Professor Åsa Petersén, MD PhD

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### 1. Degree of Doctor

2001 PhD in Neuroscience, LU, Sweden (1997-2001).

*Title:* Effects of dopamine and excitotoxicity in experimental models of Huntington's disease.

*Date:* 2001-12-08. *Thesis Supervisor:* Prof. Patrik Brundin, LU.

*Faculty opponent:* Prof. Anne B. Young, Chair of Neurology, Harvard University, USA.

### 2. Higher education qualification

2005 MD at LU, Sweden (1994-1997, 2002-2005)

2017 Specialization in Psychiatry (2007-2017)

### 3. Present Position, since 2017

- **Professor in Medical Research** with specialization in Neuroscience, Medical Faculty, LU and **Senior Consultant in Psychiatry** (30% clinical work), Region Skåne, Sweden.
- Head of the clinical HD team at the Neurology clinic, Skåne University hospital, Lund.
- Head of the Huntington Disease Center, LU and Region Skåne ([www.huntingtoncentrum.se](http://www.huntingtoncentrum.se))

### 4. Previous positions and periods of appointment

2016-2017 Professor in Medical Research with specialization in Neuroscience, Medical Faculty, LU

2012-2016 Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience (tenured position), Medical Faculty, LU

2009-2012 Senior researcher position at LU, 50%, funded by the Swedish Research Council

2007-2009 Junior researcher position at LU, funded by the Swedish Research Council

2007-2017 Residency in Psychiatry, the Psychiatric Clinic in Lund, Region Skåne

2005-2007 Internship at Blekinge Hospital, Karlshamn (total 21 months at 100%)

1997-2001 PhD student at the Medical Faculty, Lund University

### 5. Current grant support

Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation: Wallenberg Clinical Scholar (PI: Petersen)

*Title:* *Huntington disease- towards novel treatments for psychiatric symptoms*

*Duration:* 2020-2025. Level of support: 15 000 000 SEK

Swedish Research Council (PI: Petersen)

*Title:* *Effects of hypothalamic circuitries in Huntington disease*

*Duration:* 2019-2022. Level of support: 4 800 000 SEK

ALF: Regional Clinical Research Grants (PI: Petersen)

*Title:* *Effects of hypothalamic circuits in Huntington disease*

*Duration:* 2019-2022. Level of support: 5 800 000 SEK

Swedish Brain Foundation (PI: Petersen)

*Title:* *The role of hypothalamic pathology for ALS*

*Duration:* 2020-2022. Level of support: 1 200 000 SEK

### 6. Commissions of trust: Selected

- Head of the Huntington Disease Center, Excellence Center at LU and Region Skåne (since 2017: [huntingtoncentrum.se](http://huntingtoncentrum.se))

- Member of the grant committee for the Norwegian Research Council: Translational Mental Health panel (2022)
- Member of the grant committee for the Swedish Research Council: Mental health panel (2021)
- Member of the scientific committee for the Swedish Brain Foundation (2021-)
- Member of the grant committee for the Swedish Society of Medicine (2019-2021)
- Associate Editor of *Journal of Huntington's Disease* (2019-)
- Editorial Board member of *Journal of Huntington's Disease* (2012-)
- Member of the Scientific and Bioethics Advisory Committee of the EHDN (2010-2014)

## 7. Publication list

Total number of publications: 112 (88 original research articles and 24 reviews/book chapters/commentaries)

### Selected 10 key publications

1. Soylu-Kucharz R, Khoshnan A, **Petersén Å**. IKK $\beta$  signaling mediates metabolic changes in the hypothalamus of a Huntington disease mouse model. *iScience* 25:103771 (2022).
2. Gabery S, Kwa JE, Cheong RY, Baldo B, Ferrari Bardile C, Tan B, McLean C, Georgiou-Karistianis N, Poudel GR, Halliday G, Pouladi MA, **Petersén Å**. Early white matter pathology in the fornix of the limbic system in Huntington disease. *Acta Neuropathologica* 142: 791-806 (2021).
3. Gabery S, Ahmed RM, Caga J, Kiernan MC, Halliday GM, **Petersén Å**. Loss of the metabolism and sleep regulating neuronal populations expressing orexin and oxytocin in the hypothalamus in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. *Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology* 47:979-989 (2021).
4. Cheong RY, Baldo B, Sajjad MU, Kirik D, **Petersén Å**. Effects of mutant huntingtin inactivation on Huntington disease-related behaviours in the BACHD mouse model. *Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology* 47:564-578 (2021).
5. Cheong RY, Tonetto S, von Hörsten S, **Petersén Å**. Imbalance of the oxytocin-vasopressin system contributes to the neuropsychiatric phenotype in the BACHD mouse model of Huntington disease. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* 119:104773 (2020).
6. Baldo B, Gabery S, Soylu-Kucharz R, Cheong RY, Henningsen JB, McLean C, Kirik D, Halliday G, **Petersén Å**. *SIRT1* is increased in affected brain regions and hypothalamic metabolic pathways are altered in Huntington disease. *Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology*, 45: 361-379 (2019).
7. Siebzehnruhl F, Raber KA, Urbach YK, Schulze-Krebs A, Canneva F, Mocerri S, Habermeyer J, Achoui D, Gupta B, Steindler DA, Stephan M, Nguyen H, Bonin M, Riess O, Bauer A, Aigner L, Couillard-Despres S, Paucar MA, Svenningsson P, Osmand A, Andrew A, Zabel C, Weiss A, Kuhn R, Moussaoui S, Blockx I, Van der Linden A, Cheong RY, Roybon L, **Petersén Å**, von Hörsten S. Early postnatal behavioral, cellular and molecular changes in models of Huntington disease are reversible by HDAC inhibition. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 115: E8765-E8774 (2018).
8. Hult Lundh S, Nilsson N, Soylu R, Kirik D, **Petersén Å**. Hypothalamic expression of mutant huntingtin contributes to the development of depressive-like behavior in the BAC transgenic mouse model of Huntington's disease. *Human Molecular Genetics* 22:3485-3497 (2013).
9. Hult S, Soylu R, Björklund T, Belgardt BF, Mauer T, Bruning JC, Kirik D. **Petersén Å**. Mutant huntingtin causes metabolic imbalance by disruption of hypothalamic neurocircuits. *Cell Metabolism*. 13: 428-439 (2011).
10. Gabery S, Murphy K, Schultz K, Loy CT, McCusker E, Kirik D, Halliday G, **Petersén Å**. Changes in key hypothalamic neuropeptide populations in Huntington disease revealed by neuropathological analyses. *Acta Neuropathologica* 120: 777-88 (2010).