

Dear CFATG committee.

I am a 4th year PhD student in the laboratory of Svetlana Dokudovskaya at Institut Gustave Roussy, Villejuif. My project is devoted to the study of structure and function of novel upstream regulator of the TORC1 pathway – the SEA/GATOR complex. In collaboration with Dr. Nadine Camougrand we were able to show that yeast SEA complex appears as an important link between the TORC1 pathway and regulation of mitochondria quality control by the mitophagy and autophagy.

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Sincerely,

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