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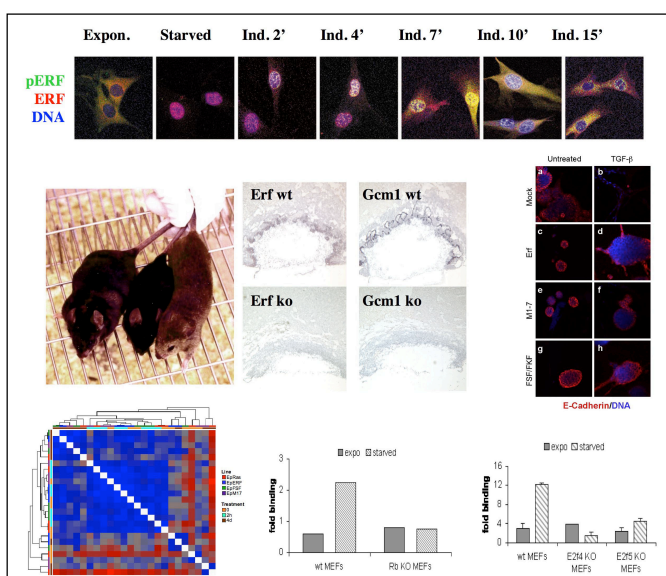
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Academic and Research appointments

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1984-1988	Postdoctoral Fellow, IMBB, Research Center of Crete, Heraklion, Crete, Greece.

Scientific Interests

We are interested in the transcriptional regulation from extracellular signals in normal and pathological development. And in particular along the RTK – MAPK - ETS, pathway, utilising cellular and animal models. We are focusing on the transcriptional repressor ERF and its balancing effects with the Class I ETS oncoproteins. Specifically, its role in embry-



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