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## **“Patient-derived neuronal models for pharmacogenetic pain treatment of sodium channelopathies”**

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1. *In vitro* electrophysiology should be used to predict lacosamide responsiveness in patients carrying *SCN9A* mutations (*this thesis*)
2. Channeling the inner pore: For the first time, the voltage-sensing domain plays a role in the binding of an anti-epileptic drug (*this thesis*)
3. Recovering patient-derived native cell qualities is critical to optimizing translational pain studies (*this thesis*)
4. Dynamic clamp allows for the functional expression of all three main painful sodium channels in stem cells (*this thesis*)
5. The incorporation of routine pharmacogenomic testing in chronic pain patients will significantly improve treatment outcomes (*valorisation*)
6. Personalized medicine will be a prelude to the end of the opioid crisis.
7. Electricity is in the air, sodium channels become Big Pharma targets
8. Back to the source: Scientists are exploring 'new' ways to treat pain, deriving drugs from plants and venomous animals
9. A life without pain is a short-lived one
10. "Quand tu crois enfin que tu t'en sors, quand il n'y en a plus, il y en a encore"  
- Stromae
11. "Everything is theoretically impossible, until it's done" - Robert A. Heinlein
12. "Every mountain top is within reach if you just keep climbing" - Barry Finlay