



Composition of AFM-Telethon's 10th Scientific Council

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- **The Presidents of the Call for Proposals Commissions.**
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Call for Proposals Commissions

The Scientific Council is organized into 8 thematic commissions. The projects submitted to the AFM-Telethon in the framework of the Call for Proposals are selected by the corresponding commissions, based on their scientific quality and their relevance to our strategy.

"Molecular & Physiopathological Basis of Muscular Dystrophies" Commission

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The Strategic and Therapeutic Development Committees (COSETs) monitor projects that extend over several years and represent important investments. A specific COSET follows each strategic project, providing advice and coaching to it. The presidents of these COSETs are members of the Permanent Committee of the Scientific Council.

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- ***President of the COSET "Comparative study of iPSC-derived myogenic precursors proposed for cell therapy in a model of Duchenne muscular Dystrophy".***
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