

**Clair Baldock** is a Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Manchester and Group Leader in the Manchester Cell-Matrix Centre. After a PhD in X-ray crystallography at the University of Sheffield, Clair was awarded a Royal Society Study Visit to the University of Auckland to develop further skills in protein biochemistry and molecular biology in Professor Ted Baker's group. Following this, Clair completed postdoctoral training in the group of Professor Cay Kielty at the University of Manchester and was subsequently awarded a Royal Society Olga Kennard Research Fellowship in 2001 to establish her independent research group with focus on the structure and function of cell-matrix assemblies and complexes, in particular elastic fibre proteins fibrillin and tropoelastin. In 2007, Clair was awarded a tenured position at the University of Manchester where her research group continues to focus on the extracellular regulation of growth factor signalling using a combination of structural, cell biological and biochemical approaches. Recently, her team has determined the structure of fibrillin microfibrils from mammalian tissue using cryo-electron microscopy to reveal the consequence of pathogenic mutations on latent TGF $\beta$  binding.