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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Scientist

2017-2018

Section of Microbiology and Medical Genetics, Department of Medical Science, University of Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy

- Post-doctoral scientist investigating the changes of circadian genes expression in WT mice and Mdx mice.
- Transcriptomic and proteomic analysis of urine stem cells as a disease model for muscular dystrophy.
- Publishing scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals.
- Performing regular seminars and research updates meetings to discuss the results that we obtain from different research projects.
- Tutoring master and undergraduate student in their research project.
- Helping in the Translation of the Prenatal Genetics Counselling video into arabic version that will be soon available at the S. Anna Hospital website in the section of Medical Genetics Unit.

PhD Research

2014-2016

Department of Medical Science, University of Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy

Isolation and characterization of urine-derived stem cells as a novel modeling tool to study hereditary neuromuscular diseases

- Setting up a protocol for the isolation of stem cells from urine specimens of healthy donors and DMD patients.
- Characterization of the isolated cells by surface markers.
- Myogenic transformation of the urine stem cells.
- Evaluation of antisense treatment in native USCs and myogenic USCs using antisense oligoribonucleotide (AON) for dystrophin exon skipping and validate the efficacy of USCs as in vitro model for drug screening.
- Evaluation of the dystrophin transcripts by microfluidic card Taqman based assay in both native and myogenic urine stem cells before and after treatment.
- Verifying the presence of dystrophin protein before and after treatment using Immunofluorescence analysis and Western blotting.
- Examining the presence of other muscular genes such as collagen VI gene in urine stem cells.

- Gaining expertise in a wide range of molecular, biochemical and cultural techniques.
- Awarded ESHG 2017 - Conference Fellowship for Non-European Countries.
- Awarded EFIS-EJI South Eastern European Immunology School (SEEIS2015) fellowship in Becici, Montenegro.
- Telethon Convention 9-11 March 2015

RELEVANT RESEARCH SKILLS

- Participating in a research project by screening and sequencing POPDC1 gene that causes muscular dystrophy.
- Evaluating three different protocols (Chip high sensitivity microarray, Real-time PCR, and Nested PCR) used for the quantification of the skipping percentages of dystrophin gene on DMD immortalized myoblasts treated with antisense oligoribonucleotide, to assign the best protocol of skipping quantification.
- Participating in a project that study the regulation of T-cells by HLA-G in CMV infected heart transplanted patients by isolating peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) from peripheral blood and studying the expression of CD80 transcripts by Real time PCR and CD80 protein by ELISA technique.
- Performing different types of cell culture: myoblast from muscle biopsy and fibroblast from skin biopsy
- Comparing the gene expression between nuclear and cytoplasmic RNA.

Master Research

2011-2013

M.Sc in Medical Laboratory Sciences in Microbiology, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

Evaluation of RT-PCR Assay for Rapid Detection of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) Virus.

- Developing Conventional PCR Assay for direct detection of CCHFV from clinical specimens collected in Sudan.
- Optimizing a TaqMan-based Real time PCR for detection of CCHFV.
- Optimizing RT-loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) techniques for detection of CCHFV.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

2010-2013

Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

- Delivering practical and tutorial sessions for courses in Medical Microbiology for undergraduate students.
- Working as administrative secretary in the Department of Medical Microbiology and being responsible for organizing the time table of lectures, practical, seminars, and ordering the reagents and consumables needed for the lab.

Lecturer **2013 to 2018**
Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

- Responsible for teaching the course of Medical Microbiology and Immunology for undergraduate students and supervising their graduation research.

Assistant Professor **2018 to present**
Department of Medical Microbiology, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences, University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

- Responsible for teaching the course of Medical Microbiology and Immunology for undergraduate students and supervising their graduation research.
- Responsible for teaching the course of Immunology for postgraduate students (Master degree by courses programme) and supervising their Scientific Research papers.

Head of Basic Science Unit **2018 to present**

- Responsible for constructing and coordinating the courses of the first year students.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Medical Technologist **2009-2011**
ULTRA Clinical Laboratory, Khartoum, Sudan

- Responsible for diagnostic services: microscopic, immunologic, biologic, bacteriologic, hematologic, and chemical tests.

Medical Technologist **2008- 2009**
Institute of Endemic Diseases Immunology and Molecular Biology Lab, University of Khartoum, Khartoum Sudan

- Responsible for molecular diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis patients and serological diagnosis of visceral leishmaniasis.

EDUCATION

PhD in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacology **2014-2017**

University of Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy

M.Sc in Medical Laboratory Sciences in Microbiology **2011-2013**
University of Khartoum, Khartoum, Sudan

B.Sc (Honor) First Class **2002-2007**
University of Khartoum, Faculty of Medical Laboratory Sciences. Department of
Medical Microbiology, Khartoum, Sudan

Secondary certificate **1999-2002**
Palestine Secondary School (Abu Dhabi, UAE.)

AWARDS

Faculty Award for the second best academic performance third year (2004-2005)

RELEVANT SKILLS & COURSES

- Permanent Registration from Paramedical Council of Khartoum (2011).
- Training Course at Sudanese Training Centre for Biotechnology, Khartoum, Sudan (2013).
- Training Courses at Advanced Training and Performance Development Center, Khartoum, Sudan (2011) in:

*System and Methods of University Teaching

*Application of Instructional Technology in University Teaching

*Evaluation and Measurement.

- Training Courses at Advanced Training and Performance Development Center in Basics of Scientific Research, Khartoum, Sudan (2012).
- Languages: Arabic, English and Italian.
- Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet and Bioediting programmes.
- Team spirit and good communication skills gained through my voluntary experience as medical technologist participating with Medical Organizations to work in rural area (Al Fao and Al Dba) Sudan.

REFEREES

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PUBLICATIONS

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