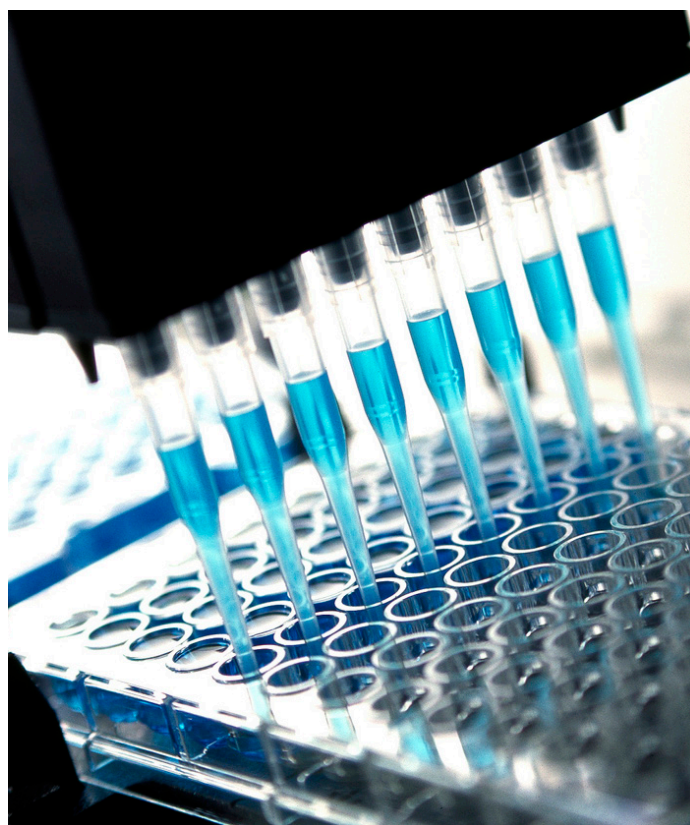


SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP IN CENTRAL LABORATORIES

In an increasingly complex clinical development environment, access to highly-qualified PhDs who can provide insights to formulate testing strategies are instrumental in delivering seamless and efficient service.

Medpace is known for putting scientific guidance at the forefront of client relationships. Our team of PhD scientists bring specialized knowledge in a variety of testing methodologies and therapeutic clinical development including:

- Biochemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Clinical assay development
- Clinical chemistry
- Coagulation
- ELISA
- Enzyme kinetic assays
- Flow cytometry
- Histology
- Immunoassay systems
- Ligand binding assays
- Molecular oncology
- Nephelometry assays
- Next Gen Sequencing
- PCR, RTPCR
- Sanger Sequencing
- Toxicology
- Translational immunology
- Urinalysis
- Virology



With scientific expertise embedded in each study, we provide a tailored solution from start to finish in a way that isn't readily available elsewhere. We believe that the science of each study comes first, and these leaders help facilitate that philosophy.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



Traci Turner, MD
Vice-President, MRL
Operations & MARC



Chris Daniels, PhD
Senior Director,
Laboratory and
Scientific Operations



Paul Thiam Joo Tan, PhD
Director, Clinical
Laboratory Services



El Mustapha
Bahassi, PhD
Director, Clinical
Laboratory



Robert McGee, MD PhD
Senior Medical Director,
Clinical Laboratory



Santica Marcovina,
PhD, ScD FAHA
Senior Director,
Clinical Laboratory



Evan Stein, MD, PhD
Director Emeritus

LAB LEADERSHIP

Traci Turner, MD

Vice-President, MRL Operations & MARC

Dr. Traci Turner is board certified in internal medicine and brings 15 years' experience in central laboratory operations in drug development.

Experience Summary

- Board-certified in Internal Medicine and is a Diplomate with the American Board of Clinical Lipidology
- Principal Investigator for over 50 clinical trials with lipid modifying therapies, encompassing Phase 1-3 trials
- Has overseen the successful completion of >250 lipid trials with multiple indications such as hypertriglyceridemia, dyslipidemia, non-FH and FH hypercholesterolemia, lipodystrophies, and FCS, including providing efficacy analyses for PCSK9 inhibitors that supported acceptance of FDA BLAs, European and global filings, and subsequent approvals
- Active member of the American Heart Association, National Lipid Association, and holds certification in Medical Technology from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists

Education Summary

- Doctor of Medicine, University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH
- Residency, Internal Medicine, University Hospital – Cincinnati, OH
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH

Christopher Daniels, PhD

Senior Director, Laboratory and Scientific Operations, US

Dr. Daniels is a PhD scientist specialized in clinical chemistry, ligand binding assays, and biochemistry and brings six years of clinical research experience to Medpace.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in clinical laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data is being generated
- Experienced in CAP/CLIA, GCP, GCLP, and GLP regulatory environments
- Strong background in biomarker development in ligand binding assays
- Served as Principle Investigator in several pre-clinical studies
- Extensive experience in the molecular and cellular basis of heart failure
- Strong background in molecular cell signaling and targeted therapies for cardiovascular diseases
- Well-published in several peer-reviewed scientific journals and posters
- Member of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, James H. Quillen College of Medicine – Johnson City, TN
- Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Health Sciences, East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, TN



Paul Thiam Joo Tan, PhD

Director, Clinical Laboratory Services, Asia-Pac

Dr. Tan is an experienced PhD scientist specialized in next-generation sequencing in pathology and oncology in clinical research.

Experience Summary

- 10+ years' experience in the direct research and development within a clinical laboratory
- Experienced in the direct management and operations of multi-country laboratories to ensure safe, cost-effective productivity and quality in all laboratory operations
- Previously served as laboratory director for laboratories in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Indonesia
- Pioneered and streamlined whole-genome sequencing workflow for the discovery of novel pathogens and infectious biomarkers using Roche 454 Junior Next Generation Sequencing platform
- Therapeutic area experience includes next-generation sequencing in pathology and oncology, genomics, immunology, blood stem cell banking, infectious diseases, and molecular diagnostics
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters
- Member of the College of American Pathologists

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics, National University of Singapore – Singapore
- Bachelor of Applied Science National University of Singapore – Singapore

El Mustapha Bahassi, PhD

Director, Clinical Laboratory, US

Dr. Bahassi brings 20 years of clinical laboratory research experience specialized in molecular oncology to Medpace.

Experience Summary

- 20 years of experience in the direct research and development within a clinical laboratory
- Served as Laboratory Director and Principal Investigator for ten years with the University of Cincinnati in both the department of Cancer Biology and department of Internal Medicine, division of hematology/oncology in Cincinnati, OH
- Developed a translational line of research where he worked closely with clinical oncologists to develop new companion diagnostics using cutting-edge genomic technologies
- Experienced in biomarker development in liquid biopsies using both circulating tumor cells and circulating tumor DNA
- Strong background in molecular cell signaling and targeted therapies for breast, lung and brain tumors
- Strong experience in immune-therapy modalities especially CAR-T based therapies
- Well-published in numerous peer-reviewed scientific journals and posters
- Member of several organizations including the American Association of Neurosurgeons and the American Association for Cancer Research

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
- Master of Science in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology



Robert McGee, MD PhD

Senior Medical Director, Clinical Laboratory, US

Dr. McGee is board certified in both anatomic and clinical pathology, and brings 24 years of combined experience in diagnostic and central laboratory anatomic pathology/histology to Medpace.

Experience Summary

- Board certified in both anatomic and clinical pathology, Diplomate of the American Board of Pathology, and Fellow with the College of American Pathologists and American Society of Clinical Pathology
- 20+ years of experience as Laboratory Medical Director in anatomic pathology/histology diagnostic and central laboratories
- Has overseen the successful design, validation and implementation of IVD IHC and ISH based assays for diagnostic purposes and global clinical trials, including companion diagnostic assays, and other histology-based assays used in exploratory biomarker research and development
- Active committee member of the College of American Pathologists, with assignments to the Digital and Computational Pathology Committee and Reproductive Medicine Committee

Education Summary

- Doctor of Medicine, Wake Forest University - Winston-Salem, NC
- Residency, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center – Winston Salem, NC
- Doctor of Philosophy in Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of Virginia – Charlottesville
- Post-doctoral Research Fellowship, NIH, Research Triangle Park, NC



KOL LEADERSHIP

Santica M Marcovina, PhD, ScD, FAHA

Senior Director, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, US

Dr. Marcovina is a scientist with an international reputation for her research in Lipoprotein(a), production of monoclonal antibodies and assay development, lipoprotein and apolipoprotein method standardization and laboratory management.

Experience Summary

- 35+ years of experience in performing research in academic setting
- Principal Investigator for >60 NIH-funded, multi-center clinical studies primarily on diabetes, obesity, and diabetes complications both in youths and adults and Phase 1-3 trials
- Strong experience in assay standardization having been the chairman of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) working group for the standardization of apo AI and apo B, member of the American Diabetes Association working group for the standardization of insulin, member of the NIDDK consortium for the standardization of GAD-65 and IA-2 autoantibodies, and director of one of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reference laboratories for standardization of lipids
- Fellow American Heart Association, member of the American Diabetes Association, Clinical Chemistry Association, European Atherosclerosis Society, National Lipid Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes
- Author of 550 papers published in peer-reviewed Journals, >150 of which on Lipoprotein(a)

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences with major in Biochemistry of Proteins, University of Pavia – Pavia, Italy
- Doctor of Science in Sociology with major in Sociology of Communication, University of Urbino – Urbino, Italy
- Bachelor in Medical Technology, School for Medical Technologists, Ospedale Umberto I – Ancona, Italy

Evan Stein, MD, PhD

Director Emeritus

Dr. Stein, a founder of Medpace's laboratories, is considered a foremost expert on the study of lipids.

- Founded and built Medical Research Laboratories in 1987
- Founded Medpace Labs in 2006 with the same experienced team
- Has been part of the central lab for virtually all lipid lowering agents approved and marketed since 1986
- Member of the NIH NCEP Lab Committee for methods and standardization of lab guidelines
- Advisor to the NIH NHLBI and CDC Lipid Standardization branch
- Served on FDA Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Advisory Panel
- Consults with biopharma companies on the development programs for lipid-lowering drugs and participates in Scientific Advisory Boards



MEET THE PhD TEAM



Ali Aldhumani, PhD
Scientist



Serena Allen, PhD
Principal Scientist



Paige Bolcas, PhD
Scientist



Priscilla Bresler, PhD
Scientist



Fary Diop, PhD
Scientist



Sumita Elendran, PhD
Scientist



Eric Hugo, PhD
Scientist



Anne-Charlotte
Jonckheere, PhD
Scientist



Kritika
Kachapati, PhD
Scientist



Ilwook Kim, PhD
Bioinformatics
Scientist



Kyle Lewis, PhD
Scientist



Mauricio Macossay
Castillo, PhD
Scientist



Loriana G.
Mascali, PhD
Scientist



Phuong Nguyen, PhD
Scientist



Andre Olsson, PhD
Senior Scientist



Rudy Pelicaen, PhD
Bioinformatics
Scientist



Ranju Pokhrel, PhD
Scientist



Reddy V.
Ponaka, PhD
Senior Scientist



Wenyi Qin, PhD
Bioinformatics
Scientist



Jie Qu, PhD
Scientist



John Robbins, PhD
Principal Scientist



Jason Small, PhD
Scientist



Spensor Smith, PhD
Scientist



Wooi Keong Teh, PhD
Scientist



Victor Van
Puyenbroeck, PhD
Scientist



Layne
Weatherford, PhD
Scientist



Mary Wingard, PhD
Scientist

Ali Aldhumani, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Aldhumani is a PhD scientist with experience in biochemistry, compound screening assays, computational modeling and simulations.

Experience Summary

- Preparation of Next Generation RNA samples
- RNA based in vitro assay development for compound screening
- Experience in various biochemical techniques including plasmid preparation, polymerase chain reactions (PCR), nucleic acid isolation/preparation/purification, and protein isolation/purification
- Prior experience in RNA based computational modeling, simulations, and compound screening
- Publications and posters in multiple journals and conferences

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Ohio University – Athens, OH
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Gannon University – Erie, PA

Serena Allen, PhD

Principal Scientist, US

Dr. Allen is a PhD principal scientist experienced in pharmacology and toxicology clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Experienced in research and development with direct oversight of assay validation and implementation
- Specialized in development of in-house analytical chemistry methodologies
- Drove preclinical research projects to successfully characterize the in-vivo pharmacology and toxicology of synthetic drug compounds in animal models
- Member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and the American Chemical Society
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, TN
- Master of Science in Medicinal and Biological Chemistry, University of Edinburgh – Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- Bachelor of Science in Pre-Medicine, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga – Chattanooga, TN



Paige Bolcas, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Bolcas is a PhD scientist with experience in basic and translational immunological research.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in murine models of asthma and allergic disease with a focus on the immunological mechanisms
- Well-versed in assay development and optimization for in vitro cell culturing, ELISA, PCR, Western Blotting, and Flow Cytometry testing
- Previously studied the effects of a single amino acid substitution on the photoreduction of cryptochrome and the effects of magnetism on plant growth at the University of Paris VI: Pierre et Marie Curie in France
- Well published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology, University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH
- Bachelor of Science in Biology, Xavier University – Cincinnati, OH

Priscillia Bresler, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Bresler is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in immunology and analytical assay development using flow cytometry.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data
- Experienced in the management of laboratory research and clinical development
- Extensive experience investigating neuroinflammation on microglial cells and hiPSC (human induced Pluripotent Stem Cells)
- Strong background investigating the role of microglial cells in neurodegenerative diseases at UCB Pharma in Braine-L'Alleud, Belgium
- Specialized experience in mucosal immunology by studying the development and characteristics of innate lymphoid cells at the Necker-Enfants Malades Institute in Paris, France
- Previously studied the inhibitory activity of patient's neutrophils in response to Aspergillus Fungus at Pitié-Salpêtrière University Hospital in Paris, France
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters
- Holds a Master of Animal Experimentation certificate

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology, Paris Descartes University – Paris, France
- Master of Science in Technologies and Health, Pierre et Marie Curie University – Paris, France
- Master of Science in Molecular & Cellular Biology, Pierre et Marie Curie University – Paris, France
- Master of Science in Cancerology, Paris-Sud XI University – Paris, France
- Bachelor of Science in Cellular Biology & Physiology, University of Sherbrooke – Quebec, Canada



Fary Diop, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Diop is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in hematology and clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data
- Extensive experience researching activities on hematological diseases through a next-generation sequencing approach
- Previous experience with diagnostic activities on hematological diseases using molecular biology techniques
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Science and Medical Biotechnologies, University of Eastern Piedmont – Novara, Italy
- Master of Science in Medical Biotechnologies, University of Eastern Piedmont – Novara, Italy
- Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, University of Eastern Piedmont – Alessandria, Italy

Sumita Elendran, PhD

Scientist, Singapore

Dr. Sumita Elendran is a PhD scientist specialized in pharmaceuticals, drug delivery systems and pharmacology and brings three years of clinical research laboratory experience to Medpace.

Experience Summary

- Skilled in extracting, isolating and characterizing phytochemicals with potential nutraceutical and pharmaceutical content
 - Well-versed in developing successful drug delivery systems for phytochemicals to address challenges such as bioavailability subsequently enhancing their therapeutic potential for pharmaceutical applications
 - Drove pre-clinical research projects to successfully characterize the in-vivo pharmacology and toxicology of bioactive compounds in animal models
 - Experiences in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, timely and medically reliable data
 - Six years of experience in academic setting
 - Well-published in scientific journals, posters and oral presentations at international meetings
- Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmacology, Monash University, Australia
- Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, Monash University, Australia



Eric Hugo, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Hugo is a PhD scientist with over 20 years specialized experience in adipocyte and cancer biology clinical research and leadership roles in academia.

Experience Summary

- Expertise in multiple scientific areas including cell and molecular biology, with in-depth knowledge of cancer biology
- Participated in drug discovery using high throughput screening with in-house developed bioassays
- Developed immunohistochemical procedures for identifying new tumor biomarkers in breast and head and neck cancers
- Extensive knowledge of adipocyte biology including human cell line creation
- Skilled with CRISPR-based genomic editing and recombinant lentivirus design and production
- Extensively published in multiple scientific journals and posters
- Over 15 years' experience as a grant reviewer for NIH, GACR, and ANR
- Postdoctoral training in protein biophysics at Washington University School of Medicine
- Postdoctoral training in endocrinology, metabolism and cancer biology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- Member of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Genetics, The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH
- Master of Science in Microbiology, The Ohio State University – Columbus, OH
- Bachelor of Science in Biology, Northern Kentucky University – Highland Heights, KY

Anne-Charlotte Jonckheere, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Jonckheere is a PhD scientist with experience in fundamental research, immunology, flow cytometry as well as in vivo murine models.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in murine models for non-allergic asthma with a focus on immunological mechanisms
- Well-versed in ELISA, PCR and Flow Cytometry testing
- Extensive experience in mucosal immunology by investigating innate lymphoid cells and regulatory T cells in asthma at the KU Leuven, Belgium
- Experience in patient recruitment and setting up clinical trial to characterize innate lymphoid cells in asthma patients at UZ Leuven, Belgium
- Well-versed in laboratory operations and experimental design
- Experienced in management of lab research
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters and oral presentations at several international meetings

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology, UC-Leuven Limburg, Leuven, Belgium
- Master of Animal Experimentation certificate, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium



Kritika Kachapati, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Kachapati is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in immunology and clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data
- Experienced in the management of laboratory research and clinical development
- Previously conducted research on the role of soluble CD137 producing T regulatory cells mediated diabetes suppression at The University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, OH
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Post-Doctorate Degree in Immunology, University of Cincinnati – Cincinnati, OH
- Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology, University of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, PA
- Bachelor of Science in Biology, Hood College – Frederick, MD

Ilwook Kim, PhD

Bioinformatics Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Kim is a PhD scientist with experienced in cancer genomics, next-generation sequencing (NGS) and molecular biology.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in the analyzation of clinical data produced by next-generation sequencing
- Experience in the machine learning and biomarker discovery
- Strong background in both computational biology and experimental biology
- Experience in the development of R packages for the next-generation sequencing analysis

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biology, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena – Jena, Germany
- Master of Science in Biology, Kyonggi University – Suwon, Korea

Kyle Lewis, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Lewis is a PhD scientist with experience in immunology, hepatology, and stem cell biology.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in laboratory operations and experimental design
- Expertise in designing and conducting complex flow cytometry assays
- Deep understanding of the fields of immunology, hepatology, and iPS cell derived therapeutics
- Well-published in scientific journals as well as poster and oral presentations at international meetings

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine – Houston, TX
- Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, Wright State University – Dayton, OH

Mauricio Macossay Castillo, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Macossay Castillo is a PhD scientist with experience in fundamental research, as well as in the hospital clinical laboratory and clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Experienced in the study of the relationship between protein structure and function through bioinformatics approaches
- Well-versed in several areas of the hospital clinical laboratory, such as hematology, coagulation, microscopy, clinical chemistry, urinalysis, immunoassay, nucleic acid extraction, viral load, and T-cell count
- Participated in the development of a molecular test for the detection of viremia and genotyping of the hepatitis C virus
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Bioengineering Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Brussels, Belgium
- Master of Science in Molecular Biology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Brussels, Belgium
- Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy, Chemistry and Biology, Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan – Merida, Mexico



Loriana G. Mascali, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Mascali is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in endocrinology, neuro-immunology and analytical assay development using flow cytometry.

Experience Summary

- Expertise in multiple scientific areas including cell and molecular biology, with in-depth knowledge of neuro-immunology
- Well-versed in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data
- Experienced in the management of laboratory research
- Strong background investigating the role of Tregs cells in brain diseases
- Developed immunohistochemical procedures for identifying immune cells activation and interaction in brain diseases
- Skilled with CRISPR-based genomic editing
- Strong background in molecular cell signaling and targeted therapies for T1DM and T2DM
- Well-published in numerous peer-reviewed scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Endocrinological Science, University of Catania – Catania, Italy
- Master of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Catania – Catania, Italy
- Bachelor of Science in Biology, University of Catania – Catania, Italy
- Master of Animal Experimentation certificate, KU Leuven – Leuven, Belgium

Phuong Nguyen, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Nguyen is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in molecular pharmacology, cancer biology, and cancer immunobiology.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experiences in multiple scientific areas including molecular pharmacology and molecular biology with a focus on cancer biology and cancer immunobiology
- Well versed in designing and conducting polychromatic- flow cytometry assays for immunotyping of T cells, B cells, plasma cells including CD4, CD8, and Treg cells
- Expertise in investigating the role of tumor-intrinsic Cdc42, an oncogene in regulation of T cells activity, which involves in tumor immunogenicity in the Department of Hematology, Cancer and Blood Diseases at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Well-published in top reputable scientific journals and several poster presentations at international meetings in her field

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Chosun University – Kwangju, South Korea
- Master of Pharmacy in Molecular Pharmacology, Chosun University – Kwangju, South Korea
- Bachelor of Pharmacy, Hanoi University of Pharmacy – Hanoi, Vietnam



Andre Olsson, PhD

Senior Scientist, US

Dr. Olsson is an experienced PhD senior scientist specialized in experimental hematology as well as immunobiology.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in multiple scientific areas including cell and molecular biology with focus on myeloid cell fate
- Well versed in developing multiparametric flow cytometry assays for detection of hematopoietic cell populations
- Previously combined flow cytometry sorting with single cell RNA-seq and single cell ATAC seq for novel discovery of cell lineage decisions
- Well-published in top tier scientific journals and have made several poster and oral presentations at international meetings in his field

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Hematology, Lund University – Lund, Sweden
- Master of Science in Molecular Biology, Lund University – Lund, Sweden

Rudy Pelicaen, PhD

Bioinformatics Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Pelicaen is a PhD scientist with specialized experiences in bioinformatics and microbiome research.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in the analysis of experimental data produced by next-generation sequencing
- Developed genome-scale metabolic models of bacterial species and bioinformatic pipelines for microbiome data analysis
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters
- Previous experience with the Université Catholique de Louvain as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Louvain Drug Research Institute

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Sciences and Bioengineering Sciences, Université libre de Bruxelles and Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium
- Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Modeling, Université libre de Bruxelles
- Master of Science in Bioengineering Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Ranju Pokhrel, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Pokhrel is a PhD scientist with specialized experience in biochemistry, analytical chemistry and assay development.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in laboratory operations ensuring accurate, precise, and medically reliable data
- Expertise in basic microbiology and molecular biology techniques
- Previous experience with protein purification and characterization, peptide synthesis and purification and designing and development of binding assays
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry and Biochemistry, Ohio University – Athens OH
- Master of Science in Microbiology, Tribhuvan University – Kathmandu, Nepal



Reddy V Ponaka, PhD

Senior Scientist, US

Dr. Ponaka is a PhD senior scientist experienced in genomics reagent development, lean six sigma methodologies, molecular diagnostic assay design and development for infectious disease diagnosis and human genotyping assays.

Experience Summary

- Expertise in extraction, extraction free and amplification-based sample preparation methods from different types of clinical samples for downstream molecular diagnostic applications
- Design, verification, and optimization of Combinatorial Pharmacogenomics assays using multiplex-PCR, MassARRAY detection along with capillary electrophoresis systems
- Worked on the development of the several molecular assays that successfully received US-IVD/CE-IVD/EUA approval, ASR or RUO status for tests including C. difficile, Group B Streptococci, Group A Streptococci, M. pneumoniae, HSV 1&2, Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, Malaria, Borrelia (Lyme disease), Babesia, Kingella kingae, H. pylori and SARS-CoV-2
- Designed and developed a multiplex nucleic acid amplification assay for the detection of GI infections based on both allele-specific PCR, and fluorescent LAMP along with drug-resistance determination using ambient stored reagents
- Led multiple projects for the development of PCR and DNA sequencing related genomic reagents and DNA polymerases for Pharmaceutical and Life science industry customers. Evaluated different isothermal amplification technologies for diagnostic and research applications. Led the ambient temperature stable genomic reagent projects using lyophilization methods

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy from Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, AL. Studies focused on DNA fingerprinting using Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms (RFLP) and PCR based markers
- Master of Science in Microbiology, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, A.P., India

Wenyi Qin, PhD

Bioinformatics Scientist, US

Dr. Qin is a PhD scientist with specialized experienced in bioinformatics and clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in the analyzation of experimental data produced by next-generation sequencing
- Developed novel data integration statistical framework in identifying disease-related genes and pathways
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters
- Previous experience with the Yale University School of Medicine as a Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Genetics

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics, the University of Illinois at Chicago – Chicago, IL
- Bachelor of Science in Biological Science, Fudan University – Shanghai, China

Jie Qu, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Qu is a PhD scientist specialized in lipid metabolism and metabolic disorders.

Experience Summary

- Extensive research experience in murine models of obesity, type II diabetes, and fatty liver diseases
- Strong background in lipid absorption, lipid and lipoprotein metabolism
- Strong proficiency in murine metabolic phenotyping, such as lipid profiling, body composition, energy expenditure, glucose insulin tolerance test
- Well versed in immunological, cellular and biochemical assays, such as ELISA, immunoprecipitation, western blotting, cell based assays, protein and nucleic acids purification and characterization

Education Summary

- Post-Doctorate Fellow in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- Doctor of Philosophy from The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Studies focused on characterization and functional studies of protein-RNA interaction
- Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China



John Robbins, PhD

Principal Scientist, US

Dr. Robbins is an experienced PhD scientist specialized in clinical assay development, enzyme kinetics, protein dynamics, molecular biology, ELISA, hematology, coagulation, and urinalysis.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in the research and development of assay validation and implementation
- Previously conducted research aimed at the development of novel biocatalysts by complementing data-driven protein engineering processes with traditional mechanistic and kinetic enzymology techniques and analyses
- Registered Agent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Member of the American Chemical Society, American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and National Association for Patent Practitioners

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry, Auburn University – Auburn, AL
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Hampden-Sydney College – Hampden-Sydney, VA

Jason Small, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Small is a PhD scientist with experience in infectious disease, gastrointestinal biology, and stem cell culture.

Experience Summary

- Experience in hiPSC (human induced pluripotent stem cell) culture and differentiation
- Strong background in bacterial pathogenesis, and host-pathogen interactions
- Well versed in assay development and optimization for in vitro cell culture, ELISA, and immunofluorescence techniques
- Previous experience with in-vivo and ex-vivo skin microbiome modeling in a R&D environment
- Member of the American Society for Microbiology

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry, and Microbiology, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine – Cincinnati, OH
- Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry, Trine University – Angola, IN

Spenser Smith, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Smith is a PhD scientist specialized in skeletal, cellular, and molecular biology.

Experience Summary

- Extensive experience in molecular and cell signaling regulation, including microRNAs, mRNA stability, and post-transcriptional regulation
- Strong background in assay development, and experimental optimization and validation.
- Well versed in genetic experimental techniques and modifications
- Experienced in several molecular assays, including Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), RNA sequencing, plasmid and viral design and cloning, protein purification, immunohistochemistry, RNA-immunoprecipitation, and reporter assays
- Well published in several scientific journals and numerous poster and oral presentations at international meetings in his field

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Science, University of Connecticut – Farmington, CT
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology and History, The College of Idaho – Caldwell, ID



Wooi Keong Teh, PhD

Scientist, Singapore

Dr. Teh is a PhD scientist with experience in high-throughput sequencing and molecular biology specialized in bacteriology and functional genomics.

Experience Summary

- Extensive research experience in functional genomics studies using a wide-range of molecular and biochemistry techniques, next-generation sequencing and bioinformatics approaches
- Skilled in assay development, testing and optimization for a variety of assays including colorimetric, chemiluminescence, bioluminescence and fluorescence-based assays for functional genomics studies and antibacterial compound screening
- Experienced in the management of both research and clinical studies, including liquid biopsy-based biomarkers discovery projects on early cancer screening
- Well-published in several peer-reviewed scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Microbiology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, Nilai University, Malaysia

Victor Van Puyenbroeck, PhD

Scientist, Belgium

Dr. Van Puyenbroeck is an experienced PhD scientist specialized in virology and chemotherapy clinical research.

Experience Summary

- Well-versed in laboratory operations to verify that accurate, precise, and medically reliable data are being generated
- Experienced in conducting DNA vaccine method development and validation, upscaling throughput of antiviral drug screening methods
- Previously worked at KU Leuven in the Translational Research Laboratory for Virology and Chemotherapy
- Well-published in several scientific journals and posters

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, KU Leuven – Leuven, Belgium
- Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering/ Cell and Gene Technology, KU Leuven – Leuven, Belgium



Layne Weatherford, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Weatherford is a PhD scientist experienced in immunology and cancer biology basic and translational research.

Experience Summary

- Broad experience in cell and molecular biology with a focus on mechanisms related to carcinogenesis and resistance to therapy
- Experienced in performing translational research using primary tumor cells and analyzing biomarker data from cancer immunotherapy clinical trials
- Strong background in molecular signaling pathways dysregulated in cancers
- Postdoctoral training in cancer biology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Postdoctoral training in immunology and cancer biology at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Cancer Biology, Wayne State University – Detroit, MI
- Bachelor of Science in Biology, Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI

Mary Wingard, PhD

Scientist, US

Dr. Wingard is a PhD scientist with specialized experienced in cardiovascular science.

Experience Summary

- Expertise in multiple scientific areas including cardiovascular physiology
- Extensive experience in cellular and molecular basis of cardiac dysfunction
- Developed and conducted studies identifying sex specific effects of western-type diet on cardiac outcomes in ATM deficient mice
- Experienced in the management of laboratory research
- Well published in several scientific journals and conferences
- Member of the American Heart Association

Education Summary

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, James H. Quillen College of Medicine – Johnson City, TN
- Bachelor of Science, Charleston Southern University – Charleston, SC



GLOBAL CENTRAL LABORATORIES

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