

PERSONAL DETAILS

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OBJECTIVE

Utilize genetics and large genomic information to unravel better and more accurate drug targets for treatment of drug resistant neuropsychiatric disorders. I aim to gain knowledge needed through career opportunities and graduate programs to bring recognition to undiagnosable disorders such as limerence behavior; an abnormal disorder rooting in obsession and infatuation.

EDUCATION HISTORY

Aug. 2020 – Present **Tufts University** in collaboration with **Jackson Labs**, Neuroscience PhD Program. Bar Harbor, ME.
Sept. 2017 – May 2019 **Tufts University**, Sackler School of Biomedical Sciences, Pharmacology and drug development master's program. Boston, MA. Current GPA: 3.94
Oct. 2010 – July 2015 **Yarmouk University College**, Baghdad, Iraq, Bachelor of Pharmacy in Pharmaceutical Sciences. GPA: 3.07

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sep. 2019- July 2020 **Klaus Miczek lab**, Tufts University, Medford, MA, US
Research Technician

- Collected ultrasonic vocalization from rats for machine learning software Rat chat
- Started up Deeplabcut and SimBA tools for the lab

July 2016- May 2017 **Al Karkh General Hospital**, Baghdad, Iraq
Clinical Pharmacist
Feb. 2017- Jun. 2017 **Juman Al Harthiya Pharmacy**, Baghdad, Iraq
Pharmacist
Nov. 2016- Feb. 2017 **Arkan Sabah Pharmacy**, Baghdad, Iraq
Pharmacist

LAB EXPERIENCE

May 2021 – Current **Vivek Kumar Lab**, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor
Thesis work

- Investigating the role of Ssc4d and Kpna3 in age dependent hyperactivity disorders.

Mar. 2021 - May 2021 **Elissa Chesler Lab**, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor
Rotation

- Carried out RNA seq analysis on two brainstem nuclei to assess differential gene expression in animals with different responses to opioid induced respiratory depression.

Oct. 2020 – Jan 2021 **Vivek Kumar Lab**, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor
Rotation

- RNA seq analysis of mutant mice showing age dependent hyperactivity disorder
- Carried out drug sensitization assays on mice in open field
- Helped training social behavior classifiers for JABS machine learning tool.

Aug. 2020 – Oct. 2020 **Catherine Kaczorowski Lab**, Jackson Labs, Bar Harbor
Rotation

- Gained troubleshooting experience with electrophysiology and learned whole cell patch clamping.

- Jan. 2018 – May 2019 **Leon Reijmers Lab**, Tufts University, Boston
 Rotation + Thesis Work
- Examined local dendritic mRNA translation in CA1 neurons of hippocampus in mouse models of fragile X syndrome through RNA-sequencing
- Sep. 2017- Jan. 2018 **Klaus Miczek Lab**, Tufts University, Medford
 Rotation
- Examined chronic alcohol induced aggression in mice and tested the effects of glutamate receptor antagonists in ameliorating this behavior.

SKILLS

Languages: Arabic (Native) English (Fluent) French (Working knowledge)

Interpersonal Skills Mentoring, Team player, Able to deal with stress efficiently, Organized, Creative, strong communication skills.

Data Skills: R, DESeq, Genome wide analysis, Unix script command line, RqtI2.

Mouse Behavior: Fixed interval, mice handling, intraperitoneal injection, fear conditioning, brain harvesting, microdissection, intracardial perfusions, oral gavage.

Laboratory Skills: RNA Handling, Translating Ribosome Affinity and Purification (TRAP), cDNA Synthesis, RT-qPCR, RNA Bioanalysis, cDNA Library Preparation, Cryostat Sectioning, Immunohistochemistry.

LEADERSHIP ROLES & OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- May. 2018 – May 2019 **Student Representative**, Tufts University, Boston
 GSBS Pharmacology and drug development program
- Sep. 2018-May 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Tufts University, Boston
 Translational Pharmacology Course
- March 2020 **SimBA and Deeplabcut overview presentation**, Tufts University, Medford
 Presentation given to the Ressler Lab from Harvard University
- April 2021 **Investigating respiratory brainstem nuclei in OIRD susceptible and resistant mouse strains**
 JAX CAB-CSNA, Jackson Labs while rotating with Elissa Chesler