

Curriculum Vitae

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Work experience

1. Employer: State Institute for Drug Control (SIDC) / Štátny ústav pre kontrolu liečiv (ŠÚKL_SK), Bratislava
 - Start date: 09/2017
 - End date: till today
 - Position: Clinical and non-clinical scientific assessor
 - Activities: Scientific assessor at the nonclinical and clinical assessors' department for the centralised procedure, national procedure, the decentralised procedure of medicinal products registration.
 - Country: Slovakia
2. Employer: Slovak Academy of Science, Centre of Experimental Medicine, organisation unit: Institute of Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology, Bratislava
 - Start date: 07/2018
 - End date: till today
 - Position: Senior research fellow
 - Activities: The main interest is focused on the preclinical research and study of chronic inflammatory diseases, emphasising anti/pro_inflammatory processes to develop new therapeutic approaches. Pharmacodynamic, pharmacokinetic, and toxicological mechanisms of action of biologically active substances with anti-inflammatory and anti-radical properties are investigated in an animal model. Writing scientific papers, book chapters, presentations, etc. Supervision of pharmacy/medicine/natural science students and participation in current scientific projects. Planning, preparing and organisation of scientific projects, supervision of PhD students.
 - Country: Slovakia
3. Employer: Slovak Academy of Science, Centre of Experimental Medicine, organisation unit: Institute of Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology, Bratislava
 - Start date: 09/2012
 - End date: 06/2018
 - Position: Junior research fellow
 - Activities: The main interest was focused on the preclinical research and study of chronic diseases, emphasising anti/pro_inflammatory processes. Pharmacodynamic, pharmacokinetic, and toxicological mechanisms of action of biologically active substances with anti-inflammatory and anti-radical properties are investigated in an animal model. Writing of scientific papers and book chapters. Supervision of students of pharmacy/medicine and participation in current scientific projects. Unpaid leave from March 2013 to January 2015 - see below (point 4.).
 - Country: Slovakia
4. Employer: ICRC _ FNUSA, Brno
 - Start date: 05/2013
 - End date: 01/2015
 - Position: Junior foreign research fellow
 - Activities: The main focus was studying experimental onco_diseases, emphasising new pharmacotherapeutic principles through ultrasound diagnosis. Pharmacodynamic mechanisms of action of newly synthesized substances have been investigated on animal and cellular levels and the medicinal standard comparison.
 - Country: Czechia
5. Employer: Public Pharmacy, Bratislava and Western Slovakia
 - Start date: 06/2009
 - End date: 08/2017
 - Position: General Pharmacist
 - Activities: General pharmaceutical public healthcare, writing healthcare papers for the public, participation in a national healthcare campaign. Patient's consultation of posology, interactions, side effects and other relevant aspects involved in clinical pharmacy.
 - Country: Slovakia
6. European Medicines Agency, Amsterdam
 - Start date: 09/2017
 - End date: till today
 - Position: SK member of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) at the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
 - Activities: Slovak member of the CHMP; The (co)rapporteur for the centralised procedure.
 - Country: Netherlands

Education and training

1. Subject: Faculty of Public Health, Slovak Medical University, Bratislava
 - Start date: 09/2015
 - End date: 06/2018
 - Qualification: Master of Public Health (MPH)
 - Organisation: The study of the MPH programme is harmonized with directives of the European Union to impart graduates with the necessary skills and qualifications to practice as health care experts. The qualification management study program involves behavioural health, epidemiology, management and health economics, health protection, and preventive and clinical medicine.
 - Country: Slovakia
2. Subject: Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martin, Comenius University in Bratislava

- Start date: 09/2009
 - End date: 08/2012
 - Qualification: PhD degree in Pharmacology (PhD.)
 - Organisation: Pharmacology, patho-biochemistry, experimental rheumatology, etc.
 - Country: Slovakia
3. Subject: Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University in Bratislava
- Start date: 09/2010
 - End date: 04/2011
 - Qualification: Doctoral degree in Pharmacy (PharmDr.)
 - Organisation: Pharmacology, patho-biochemistry, experimental diabetology.
 - Country: Slovakia
4. Subject: Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University in Bratislava
- Start date: 09/2004
 - End date: 06/2009
 - Qualification: Master's degree in Pharmacy (Mgr.)
 - Organisation: Pharmacology and toxicology, pharmacognosy, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutical technology, social pharmacy, legislation and pharmacoeconomics, experimental diabetology, etc.
 - Country: Slovakia

Additional information

Publications

Publication in the clinical fields:

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- ŠÍMA, Martin - LASLOP, Andrea - BORG, John Joseph - PONIŠT, Silvester - MELCHIORRI, Daniela - DRÁFI, František**. Editorial: Pharmacology of autoimmune and neuroinflammatory disease from a preclinical and clinical perspective. In *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, **2023**, vol. 14, june, art. no. 1228406. (2022: 5.600 - IF, Q1 - JCR, 1.064 - SJR, Q1 - SJR).
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Publication in the field of experimental arthritis and in vitro hyaluronic acid radical degradation (incl. abstracts):

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- PRUŽINSKÁ, Katarína - SLOVÁK, Lukáš - DRÁFI, František - PONIŠT, Silvester - JURÁNEK, Ivo - CHRASTINA, Martin - ŠVÍK, Karol - STROJNÝ, L. - AMBRO, Ľuboš - BAUEROVÁ, Katarína**. Enhanced Anti_Inflammatory Effect of the Combination of Lactiplantibacillus plantarum LS/07 with Methotrexate Compared to Their Monotherapies Studied in Experimental Arthritis. In *Molecules*, **2023**, vol. 28, no. 1, art. no. 297.
- CHRASTINA, Martin - PONIŠT, Silvester - DRÁFI, František - ŠVÍK, Karol - KHADEMNEMATOLAH, Sasan - PRUŽINSKÁ, Katarína - TCHORBANOV, Andrey - BAUEROVÁ, Katarína. Effect of Saffron Extract, Astaxanthin, and Carnosine Acid on the Levels of Matrix Metalloproteinase-9 and on Body Weight Changes in Arthritis Experiments. In *European Pharmaceutical Journal*, **2022**, vol. 69, no. 2, p. 26-33. (2021: 0.138 - SJR, Q4 - SJR). ISSN 1338-6786.
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Projects

The projects I am involved in are in general/basic pharmacological research of natural compounds and products in the academic sector without any private or pharmaceutical companies' involvement. This basic research is performed at the Slovak Academy of Science only and funded by academic grants and national research agencies, e.g. VEGA and APVV.

Current and previous research academic projects where I am involved are:

VEGA_2/0091/23 (national academic grant, 2023-2026), principal investigator.

APVV_SK_CN_21_0039 (bilateral project Slovak _ China, 2022_2023), research team member.

Previous research academic projects where I was involved were:

APVV_SK_PT_18_0022 (bilateral project Slovak - Portugal, 2019_2022), research team member.

Anti-inflammatory effects of natural compounds isolated from Vietnam medical plants (bilateral academic Slovak - Vietnam, 2020_2023), research team member.

VEGA2/0136/20 "NOVÉ PRÍSTUPY K LIEČBE KACHEXIE, ZÁPALU A OXAČNÉHO STRESU V EXPERIMENTÁLNEJ ARTRITÍDE: ÚČINOK RÓZNYCH RASTLINNÝCH EXTRAKTOV Z OLIVOVÝCH LISTOV, RHODIOLA ROSEA, TRIBULUS TERRESTRIS A EXTRA PANENSKÉHO OLIVOVEHO OLEJA" (2019_2021), research team member.

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VEGA no. 2/0044/15: Investigation of influencing inflammation, chronic autoimmune reaction and redox regulation of the organism in experimental arthritis using new substances for adjuvant therapy of rheumatoid arthritis. (2015_2018), research team member.

VEGA no. 2/0045/11: Study of combination of immunosuppressive treatment and substances affecting redox balance of organism on animal models of rheumatoid arthritis, research team member.

SAV_CNR: Evaluation of Quercetin and Green Tea in combination with Methotrexate for arthritis therapy, research team member.

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In all these projects, I do not have or did not ever have direct or indirect interests in pharmaceutical, medical device companies or notified bodies.

Memberships

Slovak Chamber of Pharmacy (since 2010).

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Slovak Medical Association (SkMA; since 2023).

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Other Relevant Information

In summary, my h-index reached the value of h = 12 (according to Scopus.com in 2024), and the number of citations as the first and co-author articles is more than 425 (according to <https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=36552220700> in 2023). I am currently a principal investigator for the national VEGA project (No.: 2/0091/23) and a member of the research team of ongoing national research projects funded by VEGA and APVV in Slovakia's academic sector. All projects are government-founded only.