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Research profile

Currently a final-year PhD student at Keele University based in the Spinal Studies group at The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital. Spinal cord injury (SCI) is damage to the spinal cord due to trauma, degeneration or disease that results in a temporary or permanent change to its neurological function, recovery from which is highly variable. SCI can lead to devastating consequences for both the physical and mental health of patients, particularly due to the uncertainty of neurological outcomes in the first two weeks post-injury. The variability of recovery has also stymied development of novel therapies as it makes powering clinical trials extremely difficult.

I endeavour to discover novel biomarkers of SCI outcomes, both to minimise this uncertainty and to expand our understanding of the underlying pathology of neurological recovery. I use a combination of modelling historic patient data and proteomic techniques to this end, and have found evidence of a relationship between markers of liver health and SCI recovery. I am currently validating our prior models with external datasets and seeking to carry out a metabolomics experiment to better elucidate the link between the liver and SCI.



EDUCATION

2016



Lancaster University

BSc in Biological Sciences, 2:1

📍 Lancaster, UK

Dissertation: 5-prime genotyping of Enterovirus 71

2017

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present
(Expected
submission
2021)



Keele University

PhD Student

📍 Oswestry, UK

Thesis: Exploring the serum proteome of spinal cord injured patients:
Identifying prognostic biomarkers and new treatment targets

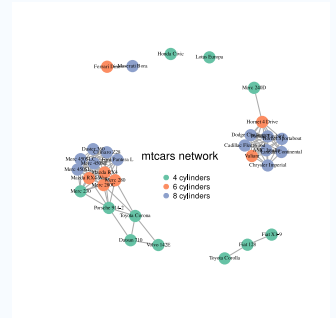


SKILLS



Experience in:

- Statistical learning models
- Proteomics
- Patient data
- Electronic health data
- Use of super computers for modelling
- Submission for ethical approval of research
- Working under the jurisdiction of the Human Tissue Act
- Technical and lay-friendly science communication via oral and poster presentations at conferences, career guidance at local schools and booth presentations at science fairs.
- Highly skilled in R, Bash, Python, LaTeX, SQL, Linux
- Web lab work including 3D tissue culture, microscopy and research animal handling



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[Personal website](#)

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awarded £4,000 consumable grant from the Centre for Doctoral Training for metabolomics experiments, 2021

Awarded travel grant from the Keele Postgraduate Research Committee to attend an international conference, 2020 (switched to a virtual setting owing to COVID-19)

[Duke of Edinburgh](#) silver award, 2010

Last updated on 2021-03-28.



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016
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2017



Graduate Research Internship

Bionics Institute

📍 Melbourne, Australia

- Began initial work towards building a next-generation cochlea implant
- Established the viability of using a viral vector for optogenetic modification of mouse cochlea
- Gained extensive experience in immunohistochemistry, cryosectioning, imaging, research animal handling



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2020



[A Preliminary Cohort Study Assessing Routine Blood Analyte Levels and Neurological Outcome after Spinal Cord Injury](#)

Journal of Neurotrauma 2020 Jan 9

Sharon J. Brown, **Gabriel Mateus Bernardo Harrington**, Charlotte H. Hulme, Rachel Morris, Anna Bennett, Wai-Hung Tsang, Aheed Osman, Joy Chowdhury, Naveen Kumar, and Karina T. Wright

2020



[Routinely Measured Hematological Markers Can Help to Predict American Spinal Injury Association Impairment Scale Scores after Spinal Cord Injury](#)

Journal of Neurotrauma 2020 Aug 28

📍 **Gabriel Mateus Bernardo Harrington**

Gabriel Mateus Bernardo Harrington, Paul Cool, Charlotte Hulme, Aheed Osman, Joy Roy Chowdhury, Naveen Kumar, Srinivasa Budithi, and Karina Wright



ORAL PRESENTATIONS

2018



Biomarkers for SCI

Postgraduate Conference, 2018

📍 Keele University

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2019



Reproducible Research

[Centre for Doctoral Training \(CDT\)](#) Conference, 2019

📍 Manchester University

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2021



[SCI and the liver](#)

Research day, 2021

📍 The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Virtual

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2020



[Proteomic analysis of bloods from SCI patients](#)

CDT Joint conference, 2020

📍 Virtual

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