

CV and publications of Dr. Alexey Larionov

PhD Oncology, MSc Bioinformatics, PgCert Academic Practices, Bachelor Medicine

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Current employment

2013-present: Research Associate (Bioinformatics)

Department of Medical Genetics, School of Clinical Medicine, Cambridge University, UK

My main responsibility is to provide bioinformatics support to diverse research projects in heritable predisposition to cancer. The specific tasks include:

- Evaluate, select and develop tools and algorithms for the bioinformatics tasks required within the research group (focusing on secondary and statistical analyses).
- Evaluate and recommend new bioinformatics resources and datasets, relevant to studies conducted by the research group.
- Evaluate and recommend IT infrastructure for the group (departmental server, HPC cluster, AWS etc).
- Support non-bioinformaticians in using my pipelines and third-party bioinformatics tools.
- Contribute to preparation of manuscripts and grant applications.
- Supervise postgraduate students and mark theses for MPhil course conducted by the department.

Working for Cambridge University I have performed analyses for a wide range of different projects: from studies of small rare disease datasets to analyses on thousands of samples from the 100-Thousand Genomes project. I designed and implemented pipelines in different computational environments including HPC clusters, cloud computing (AWS) and local servers. My pipeline for WES data analysis (from FASTQ to VCF) has been used for many hundreds of samples generated within the group. My analyses down-stream of VCF included variant annotation and prioritization, rare variant association analyses, selection of variants based on functional and biological criteria, etc. While my main practical focus within the group has been on WES and custom panels for germline sequencing, I also teach RNA-seq data analysis in the EBI Cancer Genomic course, and I follow publications on a broad range of other bioinformatics methods, with special interest in long-read sequencing technologies and machine learning. During the current employment I have contributed to a number of well cited papers in reputable journals (see publications since 2013) and completed multiple courses in different aspects of bioinformatics (ranging from High-Performance Computing to Genetic Analysis of Multifactorial Diseases, see bioinformatics training section).

My teaching tasks included supervising research projects and marking theses for the postgraduate Masters course in Genomic Medicine, provided by the Department of Medical Genetics. The last projects I supervised were focused on analysis of public datasets, such as One Thousand Genomes (in 2018) and 100-Thousand Genomes (in 2019 and 2020). The project of 2019 was presented in a Genomics England Research Conference (4th Nov 2019, London) where it won the 1st prize for student's poster presentations.

Along with tasks carried out for the present employment, I still occasionally published about hormonal and targeted treatments in breast cancer (carrying over from my previous job in Edinburgh), teaching in the Endocrine Physiology and Pharmacology Honors course at Edinburgh University (invited lectures and exam marking); and I am a Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (UK).

My academic activities also included reviewing and editing: I reviewed for multiple oncology and bioinformatics journals (see <https://publons.com/researcher/1373942/alexey-larionov/peer-review/>), edited a book for Springer (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319179711>) and I reviewed grants for CRUK and Breast Cancer Now.

Previous positions

2008-2013: Research Fellow

Edinburgh Cancer Research Centre, The University of Edinburgh, UK

My main task was to study transcriptional profiles of breast cancer biopsies to understand and predict response and resistance to aromatase inhibitors (a hormonal treatment) in breast cancer.

My specific tasks and responsibilities included:

- Selection of optimal sets of informative genes (based on differential gene expression between responders and non-responders)
- Design and validation of classification algorithms for response prediction (comparing regression models, SVM and decision tree- based algorithms)
- Low level microarray data analysis (mainly R-libraries for Illumina and Affymetrix RNA microarrays)
- Supervision and support for PhD, MSc and MD students within the research group
- Preparation of publications, grant applications and presenting results at international conferences

I reported scientific results obtained during that employment in multiple well cited papers and scientific meetings (see list of publications prior 2013). Along with bioinformatics and wet-lab tasks during that employment I completed MSc in Applied Bioinformatics (Cranefield University, 2012) and PgCert in Academic Practices (Edinburgh University, 2013), reviewed papers for multiple journals and reviewed grants for Genesis Oncology Trust (currently The Cancer Research Trust, New Zealand) and Health Research Board (HRB, Ireland).

2002 – 2007: Research Fellow

Breast Research Unit, Edinburgh Western General Hospital, HNS Lothian, UK

Tasks and responsibilities: Study mechanisms and markers of endocrine resistance in breast cancer, validate micro-array gene expression results with RT-qPCR:

- Development of real-time quantitative PCR methodology for gene expression measurements in clinical samples of breast cancer
- Organizing clinical samples storage and clinical annotations
- Extraction of RNA from tumour biopsies, design and validation of PCR primers, qPCR data analysis

During that employment I performed qPCR analysis in hundreds of samples for multiple genes pre-selected from previous micro-array results. Also, I developed and published a standard curve based method for qPCR data analysis, which has already been cited more than 900 times (Larionov et al, BMC bioinformatics, 2005).

2001 – 2002

Clinical Research Associate

PSI Pharma Support Inc., St. Petersburg, Russia

Monitoring patients' well-being and regulatory compliance in breast cancer clinical trials.

2000

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (fellowship awarded by the Royal Society)

Breast Research Unit, The University of Edinburgh, UK

Study local estrogen production in breast cancer tissue and in other peripheral tissues. Resulted into two well-cited 1-st author papers.

1992 – 1999

Postgraduate student (specialization in clinical oncology) then **PhD student** (oncology) then **Researcher**

N.N.Petrov Institute of Oncology, St. Petersburg, Russia

Education

- 2011-2013 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practices**
Edinburgh University, UK
- 2010-2012 MSc in Applied Bioinformatics** (bursary awarded by BBSRC)
Cranfield University, UK
- 2001-2002 Postgraduate Certificate in computer sciences**
State Polytechnical University, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 1994-1997 PhD in oncology** – recognized by UK NARIC
N.N.Petrov Institute of Oncology, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 1992-1994 Postgraduate specialization in medical oncology**
N.N.Petrov Institute of Oncology, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 1984-1992 Bachelor degree in medicine** (diploma with distinction) – as recognized by UK NARIC
I.P.Pavlov State Medical University, St. Petersburg, Russia

Additional bioinformatics trainings

- 2020** An Introduction to **Machine Learning** (24-26 June, Cambridge)
- 2015** CRUK Bioinformatics Summer School: Best practices in the analysis of **RNA-Seq** and **ChIP-Seq** data (27-31 July, Cambridge)
- 2015** Wellcome Trust Advanced Course in Human Genome Analysis: Genetic **Analysis of Multifactorial Diseases** (11-17 July, Hinxton)
- 2015** Variant analysis with **GATK** (23-24 April 2015, Cambridge)
- 2014** **ARCHER** Summer School: Introduction to **High Performance Computing & Programming with MPI** (30 June-4 July, Edinburgh)

Other academic activities

Teaching Lectures and practical sessions on RNA-seq data analysis

EBI Cancer Genomics course, **2018-present**

Project supervision and marking for MSc Genomic Medicine course,
Cambridge University, **2017-present**

Invited lecturer and marking for BSc Clin. Pharmacology course,
Edinburgh University, **2012-present**

Project supervision for MSc Molecular Medicine course,
Cranfield University, **2011**

Refereeing & editing Refereed papers for Genome Medicine, Breast Cancer Research, BMC Cancer, Breast Cancer Research & Treatment, BMC Bioinformatics and for other journals (see more at <https://publons.com/author/1373942/alexey-larionov#profile>); Occasionally: Refereed grants (see details in employment sections after 2008); Edited a book for Springer (<http://www.springer.com/gb/book/9783319179711>) .

Publications

Articles

These are only papers published since the start of last employment (since 2013) or cited at least 50 times.

My overall citation count is 4,014 and overall h-index is 25, as given by Google Scholar on 30Jun2021:

<https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?hl=en&user=hGLjJ-kAAAAJ>

Articles published during current employment (2013-present)

- Goldgraben M, ... **Larionov A et al (2020)** Genomic profiling of acute myeloid leukaemia associated with ataxia telangiectasia identifies a complex karyotype with wild-type TP53 and mutant KRAS, G3BP1 and IL7R. *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pbc.28354>
- Fewings E, ... **Larionov A et al (2019)** Malta (MYH9 Associated Elastin Aggregation) Syndrome: Germline Variants in MYH9 Cause Rare Sweat Duct Proliferations and Irregular Elastin Aggregations. *J Invest Dermatol*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jid.2019.03.1151> **Cited 3 times**
- Larionov AA (2018)** Current therapies for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-positive metastatic breast cancer patients. *Front Oncol*. 8:89, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fonc.2018.00089> **Cited 53 times**
- Fewings E, **Larionov A et al (2018)** Germline pathogenic variants in PALB2 and other cancer-predisposing genes in families with hereditary diffuse gastric cancer without CDH1 mutation: a whole-exome sequencing study. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-1253\(18\)30079-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-1253(18)30079-7) **Cited 54 times**
- Flageng MH, **Larionov A, et al (2017)** Treatment with aromatase inhibitors stimulates the expression of epidermal growth factor receptor-1 and neuregulin 1 in ER positive/HER-2/neu non-amplified primary breast cancers. *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsmb.2016.06.011> **Cited 5 times**
- Toi M, ... **Larionov A, et al (2015)** Personalization of loco-regional care for primary breast cancer patients. *Future Oncol*. <https://doi.org/10.2217/fon.15.65> and <https://doi.org/10.2217/fon.15.66> (parts 1 and 2) **Cited 7 times**
- Turnbull AK, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2015)** Accurate prediction and validation of response to endocrine therapy in breast cancer. *J Clin Oncol*. <https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2014.57.8963> **Cited 92 times**
- López-Knowles E ... **Larionov A et al (2015)** Integrative analyses identify modulators of response to neoadjuvant aromatase inhibitors in patients with early breast cancer. *Breast Cancer Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13058-015-0532-0> **Cited 9 times**
- Arthur LM, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2014)** Molecular changes in lobular breast cancers in response to endocrine therapy. *Cancer Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-14-0620> **Cited 30 times**
- Sokolenko AP, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2014)** High prevalence of GPRC5A germline mutations in BRCA1-mutant breast cancer patients. *Int J Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijc.28569> **Cited 25 times**
- Kuligina ESh, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2013)** Value of bilateral breast cancer for identification of rare recessive at-risk alleles: evidence for the role of homozygous GEN1 c.2515_2519delAAGTT mutation. *Fam Cancer* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10689-012-9575-x> **Cited 25 times**

Most cited earlier articles (published before 2013, cited at least 50 times)

- Turnbull AK, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2012)** Direct integration of intensity-level data from Affymetrix and Illumina microarrays improves statistical power for robust reanalysis. *BMC Medical Genomics*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1755-8794-5-35> **Cited 53 times**
- Miller WR & **Larionov AA (2012)** Understanding the mechanisms of aromatase inhibitor resistance. *Breast Cancer Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/bcr2931> **Cited 86 times**
- Miller WR, **Larionov AA, et al (2012)** Sequential changes in gene expression profiles in breast cancers during treatment with the aromatase inhibitor, letrozole, *The Pharmacogenomics Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/tpj.2010.67> **Cited 52 times**
- Sokolenko AP, ... **Larionov AA, et al (2012)** High prevalence and breast cancer predisposing role of the BLM c.1642 C>T (Q548X) mutation in Russia. *Int J Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijc.26342> **Sited 79 times**
- Hrstka R, ... **Larionov A et al (2010)** The pro-metastatic protein anterior gradient-2 predicts poor prognosis in tamoxifen-treated breast cancers. *Oncogene*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/onc.2010.228> **Cited 110 times**
- Miller WR & **Larionov A (2010)** Changes in expression of oestrogen regulated and proliferation genes with neoadjuvant treatment highlight heterogeneity of clinical resistance to the aromatase inhibitor, letrozole. *Breast Cancer Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/bcr2611> **Cited 77 times**

- Creighton CJ, ... **Larionov AA et al (2009)** Residual breast cancers after conventional therapy display mesenchymal as well as tumor-initiating features. *PNAS* <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.0905718106> **Cited 1,369 times**
- Miller WR, **Larionov A et al (2009)** Gene expression profiles differentiating between breast cancers clinically responsive or resistant to letrozole. *J Clin Oncol*. <https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2008.16.8849> **Cited 107 times**
- Miller WR, **Larionov A et al (2007)** Changes in breast cancer transcriptional profiles after treatment with the aromatase inhibitor, letrozole. *Pharmacogenet Genomics*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/FPC.0b013e32820b853a> **Cited 102 times**
- Mackay A, ... **Larionov A et al (2007)** Molecular response to aromatase inhibitor treatment in primary breast cancer. *Breast Cancer Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/bcr1732> **Cited 125 times**
- Larionov A et al (2005)** A standard curve based method for relative real time PCR data processing. *BMC Bioinformatics* <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-6-62> **Cited 907 times**
- Tomlinson VAL, ... **Larionov A et al (2005)** Translation elongation factor eEF1A2 is a potential oncoprotein that is overexpressed in two-thirds of breast tumours. *BMC Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2407-5-113> **Cited 179 times**
- Larionov A et al (2003)** Aromatase in skeletal muscle. *J Steroid Biochem Mol Biol*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0960-0760\(03\)00059-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0960-0760(03)00059-1) **Cited 74 times**
- Berstein L, ... **Larionov A et al (2002)** Neoadjuvant therapy of endometrial cancer with the aromatase inhibitor letrozole: endocrine and clinical effects. *Eur J Obstet Gynecol Reprod Biol*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0301-2115\(02\)00147-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0301-2115(02)00147-1) **Cited 77 times**

Book chapters

- Larionov A (2016)** Novel translational research of neo-adjuvant endocrine therapy. Chapter in *Personalized Treatment of Breast Cancer*. Editors: Masakazu Toi, Eric Winer, John Benson, Suzanne Klimberg. Springer, ISBN: 978-4-431-55551-3
- Larionov A & Miller WR (2015)** Prediction of Response to Aromatase Inhibitors in Breast Cancer. Chapter in *Resistance to Aromatase Inhibitors in Breast Cancer*. Editor: Alexey A Larionov, Series: *Resistance to Targeted Anti-Cancer Therapeutics*. Springer, ISBN: 978-3-319-17971-1
- Sims A, **Larionov A, et al. (2013)** Use of microarray analysis to investigate EMT gene signatures. Chapter in *Adhesion Protein Protocols*. Editor Amanda S. Coutts, Springer ISBN 978-1-62703-538-5

Book edited

- A. Larionov (editor) (2015)** Resistance to aromatase inhibitors in breast cancer. Springer, ISBN: 978-3-319-17971-1

Conference talks

- Larionov A (2014)** Recent findings from translational research of neoadjuvant endocrine therapy. Invited lecture. Kyoto Breast Cancer Consensus Conference, 20-22 February 2014, **Kyoto, Japan**
- Larionov A (2013)** An invited faculty member for biomarker discovery panel discussion. Controversies in Breast Cancer conference, 9-10 February 2013, **Kolkata, India**
- Larionov A (2010)** Molecular heterogeneity of endocrine resistance in breast cancer: profiling of clinical specimens. Oral presentation in BIT Life Sciences' 3rd World Cancer Congress-Breast Cancer Conference: 25-27 April 2010, **Shanghai, China**
- Larionov A et al (2007)** Reproducibility and interpretation of quantitative gene expression measurements in breast cancer biopsies. Oral presentation in the 10th Nottingham International Breast Cancer Conference, 18 – 20 September, 2007, **Nottingham, UK**
- Larionov A et al (2004)** Data processing in real time PCR. Oral presentation in the 1st International qPCR Symposium & Application Workshop Transcriptomics, Clinical Diagnostics & Gene Quantification, 3rd - 6th March, 2004, **Freising-Weihenstephan, Germany**