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Miro's PhD work was interdisciplinary. He performed extensive simulations MD in silico to make a substantial contribution to our understanding of CF pathogenesis. Chapters 4 and 5 of his PhD thesis have been peer reviewed and published in *IScience* and *The American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology* respectively. While chapter 6 is in preparation for submission to *Frontiers in Pediatrics*.

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For the in silico components, Po-chia Chen, Jeffry Setiadi, Renate Griffith and Serdar Kuyucak assisted Miro with the design and interpretation of his results and all authors on these publications assisted him with preparing the manuscripts for publication. Detailed descriptions of each author's contribution can be found in each publication.

As corresponding author on these publications, I give Miro permission to include content from these manuscripts in his PhD thesis.

I concur with A. Prof Serdar Kuyucak that Miro independently designed and executed the in silico components of each of these studies. This computational modelling contributed to our understanding of rare Cystic Fibrosis mutations and the function of the CFTR protein overall.

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