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### **SUMMARY**

Analytical/ Research and Development Chemist with 10 years in QC/QA. An innovator in environmental science and drug delivery. Develops solutions for clean water, healthcare, and green technologies. A published researcher and collaborator, advancing scientific knowledge.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## **Chemistry Teacher/Laboratory Assistant**

# Academics Ltd, Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom | 2023 - Present

- Taught Chemistry and conducted Chemistry laboratory experiments (gravimetric, spectroscopic, and chromatographic) for 20+ students and monitored laboratory processes and activities.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to troubleshoot and resolve method and instrument issues, ensuring minimal downtime and increased maximum efficiency by 45%.
- Enhanced laboratory safety protocols by applying GLP and drove continuous improvement by liaising with other science departments.
- Designed an in-lab waste reduction scheme effected by process optimization which resulted in 20% waste reduction.

#### Part-Time: Analytical / Research and Development Chemist

Kinetic Biosciences Ltd: (Neofit Cosmetic Brand), United Kingdom | 2023 – Present

- Formulated novel topical formulations in the form of gels, emulsions, creams, and lotions.
- Increased product quality by 25%, boosted client trust, and secured 10% repeat business growth through in-depth material analysis.
- Improved analytical processes and conducted diverse analyses with UV-visible, LC-MS, FTIR, HPLC, SEM,
- TEM and Image J on raw materials and finished goods.
- Developed new LC-MS and HPLC protocols, and statistical methods for evaluating amino acids and other active ingredients, enhancing product development.
- Created cost-effective formulations by 25% using matrix analysis and advanced Excel tools, minimizing waste.
- Carried out data management on LIMS, leading to a 40% increase in data quality and accessibility.
- Enhanced laboratory productivity by over 80% through method development, validation, and optimization.
- Achieved zero non-conformances, improved data quality by 25%, and optimized active ingredient detection by 50% via LC-MS method development

### MRes. Pharmaceutical Analysis

Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom | 2023 - 2024

### **Developed Novel Cosmetic Formulations**

 Pioneered topical delivery systems through collaborative research, designing and developing new methods for formulating cosmetic products (gels and emulsions).  Formulated novel topical gels and nanoemulsions with diverse active ingredients (amino acids and plant extracts) for muscle protein synthesis and anti-inflammatory benefits.

# **Analyzed Pharmaceutical Formulations**

- Employed analytical techniques (LC-MS, NMR, ICP-MS, UV-Vis, FTIR) to thoroughly analyze raw materials, intermediates, and finished products, ensuring quality and regulatory compliance.
- Played a pivotal role in developing and validating new analytical methods documented as SOPs, boosting lab productivity by 80% for consistent, reliable execution.
- Optimized existing LC-MS methods, achieving a 50% reduction in detection limits for key ingredients, leading to faster and more accurate analysis.
- Implemented continuous improvement processes in QA/QC, reducing out-of-specification results by 50%. identifying and eliminating sources of error, ensuring consistent product quality.
- Developed new analytical and statistical methods for in-vitro evaluation of topical products, demonstrating a commitment to scientific innovation.

#### **Delivered Quantifiable Results**

 Achieved a 25% quality increase in topical formulations through in-depth analysis and profiling of raw materials and active ingredients leading to collaborative research with cosmetic industries.

## **Data-Driven Decision Making**

- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to evaluate the cytotoxicity and validate the optimum concentration levels of the 2 active ingredients on skin cells.
- Performed transdermal absorption evaluation of active ingredients and developed analytical and statistical methods for the *in-vitro* evaluation of 5 amino acids in samples.
- Enhanced data management on LIMS, leading to a 40% improvement in data quality and accessibility for better decision-making.

## **Analytical Chemist**

# University of Hull, United Kingdom | 2019

- Developed green methods for metal analysis resulting in a 50% decrease in analysis time and enhanced detection.
- Strategized and led a lean laboratory initiative, increasing throughput by 50%.
- Supported the method validation and quality control team and conducted various analytical tests to validate elemental analysis by microfluidic method.

### Research Officer

Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria, Nigeria | 2014 – present (On Leave)

### **Expanding the Scope of Natural Rubber Resources**

- Investigated Gum Arabic, Jatropha plants, and rubber seed oil as potential sustainable latex sources.
- Researched ways to prepare natural materials for industrial use.

### Innovation in Topical Drug Delivery Systems with Natural Ingredients

- Created effective creams and lotions using rubber seed oil for moisturizing benefits.
- Increased active ingredient delivery by 20% and improved hydration compared to existing products.
- Developed successful topical treatments for moisturizing and wound healing (90-95% success) using chitosan and Jatropha extracts.

### **Quality Control Expertise**

- Maintained 100% compliance for 10 years through meticulous raw material analysis.
- Led a QC team that enhanced product stability tracking by 30%.

# **Operational Efficiency and Sustainability**

- Increased lab efficiency by 15% through improved procedures and adherence to protocol.
- Developed eco-friendly methods that cut industrial water treatment costs by 50%.
- Elevated compliance by regularly updating SOPs and protocols, managing COSHH forms, and enforcing 5S and GLP principles.

# **Scientific Communication and Data Management**

- Ensured accurate and reliable data through meticulous record-keeping.
- Improved methods for presenting research findings effectively.
- Collaborated with the research team to standardize data entry on LIMS resulting in 100% data accuracy.

# **Environmental Analytical Chemistry Expertise**

- Carried out chemical analysis and developed environmentally friendly water treatment techniques and management products.
- Carried out microscopic, spectroscopic, and chromatographic analysis of plant extracts and biomaterials.
- Conducted research on utilizing natural materials for value-chain addition.

### **Effective Communication and Leadership**

- Effectively presented and explained complex scientific findings.
- Provided training and mentored research assistants, students, and junior staff.
- Developed and presented research proposals, managing project budgets effectively, and secured 3 research funding.
- Managed a 7-member research team and partnered with businesses to launch a successful e-commerce platform.

# **Scientific Writing and Publishing**

- Authored and co-authored over 20 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Presented research findings at prestigious conferences such as ACS, TMS, Commonwealth Chemistry Posters, and IRRC.

### **SKILLS**

### **Technical Skills:**

- Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS): Proficient in utilizing LIMS for streamlined data management and reporting, improving efficiency and data accuracy.
- **Microsoft Office Suite:** Expert in Word, Excel (including PivotTables, Power Pivot, Power Query, and Macros), PowerPoint, and Outlook for efficient document creation, data manipulation, and communication.
- **Project Management Tools:** Adept at using Trello and Gantt Charts for effective project planning and organization.
- Cloud Storage: Utilize OneDrive and Dropbox for secure and accessible data storage.
- Video Conferencing: Proficient in Microsoft Teams and Zoom for seamless communication and collaboration.
- Microsoft 365: Utilize features for efficient workflow management, calendar and scheduling, and mailbox management.

### **Data Analysis and Visualization:**

- Statistical Analysis: Skilled in applying statistical methods for data interpretation.
- **Programming Languages:** Proficient in SQL and Python with libraries like NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib for data manipulation, analysis, and visualization.
- Data Visualization: Adept at creating clear and insightful visualizations using Power BI and advanced Excel functions.

## **Laboratory Skills:**

 Analytical Techniques: Strong background in LC-MS, UV-Vis, FTIR, ICP-MS, NMR, SEM, TEM, DLS, and Microwave Digestion for qualitative and quantitative analysis. • **Data Management and Reporting:** Skilled in data entry, verification, and updates using various software and Excel. Experienced in creating reports with clear and concise data visualization.

### Soft Skills:

- **Communication and Collaboration:** Clear and concise communicator via email, phone, and in-person interactions. Adept at collaborating with colleagues and fostering a positive work environment.
- Organization and Time Management: Strong organizational skills with the ability to prioritize tasks and manage time effectively to meet deadlines.
- Data Integrity and Workflow Optimization: Employs rigorous data analysis and record-keeping practices to ensure data accuracy and streamline workflows.
- Solution-oriented: Actively contributes to team discussions, working together to identify and implement solutions.
- Adaptability: Effectively learns new systems and processes quickly to adapt to evolving needs.

### **EDUCATION**

# Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom

MRes. Pharmaceutical Analysis | Distinction | 2024

# University of Benin, Nigeria

M.Sc. Chemistry | Distinction | 2012

## Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria

B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry | Second Class Upper Division | 2008

# **West African Secondary School Certificate**

Ugha – Obagie Mixed Secondary School | 2002

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- The Community Research4Life Programmes
- Chemical Society of Nigeria. (CSN).
- Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)
- Materials Science and Technology Society of Nigeria (MSN)
- American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Associate Member, Royal Society of Chemistry (AMRSC)

#### **HOBBIES**

- Traveling
- Sports
- Entertainment: Movies and Music
- Cooking
- Reading