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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Accomplished and versatile bioinformatics leader with 20 years of experience in computational biology and AI/ML with relevant experience in cancer informatics, biomarker development, gene therapy, and the generation of scalable genomic workflows and applications. Proven track record in advancing drug discovery pipelines from concept through development, leveraging deep expertise in machine learning, Omics processing, cheminformatics, and knowledge bases Skilled in leading teams for data workflow development, programming, and GUI creation for display and reporting of scientific data. Hands on experience in target identification and candidate triaging and selection. Strong foundation in Machine Learning and statistics for analysis, integration, and visualization of 'Big Data'. Experience with multiple data types including RNA-Sequencing, WES/WGS, single-cell, ATAC-Seq, ChIP-Seq, siRNA / shRNA, biomarker, and proteomics data. Demonstrated success in integrating cutting-edge computational technologies into oncology, immunology, and neuroscience programs to deliver transformative health solutions.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Spark Therapeutics**

Responsible for leading the Computational Biology and Machine Learning team in support of research and technical development projects including

- NGS Product Characterization: Overseeing next-generation sequencing (NGS) automated workflow for the characterization of vectors and plasmids, ensuring drug product quality
- Computational Biology Support: Providing pivotal support for research initiatives with single-cell and bulk NGS, imaging analysis, and advanced analytical techniques for target identification and candidate selection
- Machine Learning Capability Development: Leading the development and implementation of cutting-edge deep learning and machine learning strategies to optimize upstream and downstream technical development and enhance discovery platforms within the gene therapy landscape.

#### **GlaxoSmithKline**

Defining the data strategy and developing workflows and endpoints to support Oncology research and clinical activities and projects, while leading a matrixed team across functions to ensure alignment and execution. Key initiatives listed below.

- Oncology Workflows: Spearheaded the development of scalable workflows and tools for translational oncology team to enhance biomarker analytics. Championed strategic AI/ML initiatives to streamline oncology drug discovery, integrating cheminformatics and predictive analytics.
- Data Frameworks: Led strategic initiatives to optimize data management and design frameworks, significantly improving the efficiency of oncology research.

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## Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Developed and led an interdisciplinary team of bioinformatic analysts, data scientists, and engineers to deliver strategic informatics solutions and support scientific programs and projects in the pediatric cancer space. Team remit and activities included the following

- **PedcBioPortal**: Headed effort to collaborate with MSKCC, DFCI, and Princess Margeret and build a pediatric focused cBioPortal for use by the pediatric cancer community (https://pedcbioportal.org/).
- Cavatica: Working with Seven Bridges Genomics to develop a cloud platform for genomic analysis
- and collaboration (http://www.cavatica.org/).
- **Kids First**: Helped to design and create the Kids First genomic application, that houses pediatric cancer and birth-defect genomic and phenotypic data (https://kidsfirstdrc.org/portal/).
- **Mechanisms of Compound Sensitivity:** Collaborating with various pharmaceutical companies to determine mechanisms of sensitivity to certain cancer therapeutics.
- Target Discovery in Pediatric Cancer: Led target discovery aim in a multi-institution effort (Pediatric Cancer Dream Team / Stand Up to Cancer) dedicated to cancer immunotherapy by building scalable bioinformatics workflows.

#### Novartis

Led computational biology initiatives to support early discovery and translational research through the integration of high-dimensional data, development of analysis platforms, and collaborative pipeline building. Focused on accelerating target identification, pathway analysis, and compound profiling across diverse therapeutic areas.

- **DiseasExpress:** Worked with cross-departmental team to develop expression warehouse for Novartis with over 60K samples.
- **GSEA Project**: Developed application in Java (J2EE) to store, manage, and share gene sets. In addition implemented GSEA to use sets in analysis of microarray and other high-throughput data.
- Compound Set Enrichment: Implemented set enrichment type approach (Pipeline Pilot) to aid in reducing FP-rate of high throughput screens. Worked with other internal groups on determining best methods for clustering and grouping of compound data for use with this approach.
- Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia: Worked as part of a collaborative team (Broad / NIBR) to develop a pipeline (R) to determine markers (genetic lesion / expression) of sensitivity to compounds across a set of cell lines.
- Expression Signature Project: Spearheaded initiative to create gene expression signatures (R/Bioconductor) to determine pathway activity for use in patient stratification and compound MoA determination.
- mTORC1 Project: Worked with Manning lab (HMS) to determine specific set of TSC regulated genes from microarray data and associated processes (Metacore). Analysis used to help elucidate biology around mTOR Complex 1.
- Early Target Discovery: Integrated various data types including copy number data, shRNA / siRNA data, expression data, mutation data from both tissue and cell line data and developed analysis file in Spotfire DXP for early target discovery purposes. Data sources included internal and public repositories such as the TCGA, GEO, and ArrayExpress. Metacore and IPA used additionally to determine relevant disease pathway links and connections to known oncogenes or disease markers.
- **Proteomics:** Worked with iTRAQ data across cell lines and compared to mRNA for target / model nomination. Analysis displayed and reported out to interested parties in Spotfire DXP.

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• **Education:** Developed program alongside education office and quantitative biology unit to educate wet-bench biologists on analysis of certain common types of data as well as use of Spotfire DXP.

## Ohio State

- MPDB: Created web-based relational database application (SQL Server/ASP/ADO) of Membrane Protein structure information. Data derived from PDB (http://www.mpdb.tcd.ie/).
- **Crystallization Optimization**: Worked with cross-developmental team to determine optimal conditions for membrane protein crystallization using machine learning.

# **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

SPARK THERAPEUTICS, Philadelphia, PA Director of Computational Biology and Machine Learning April 2021 – Present

GLAXOSMITHKLINE(GSK), Collegeville, PA *Oncology Data Strategy and Design Director* November 2019 – April 2021

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA (CHOP), Philadelphia, PA *Bioinformatics Supervisor / Director of Scientific & Analytic Services*, September 2016 – November 2019

Bioinformatics Scientist III, February 2013 – September 2016

NOVARTIS (NIBRI), Cambridge, MA Scientific Technical Leader I, 2012 – February 2013 Scientist II, 2010 – 2012 Scientist I, 2008 – 2010 Scientific Associate II, 2005 - 2008

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH *Chemistry & Biology Teaching Assistant / Lab Associate*, 2002 - 2005

#### **EDUCATION**

DREXEL UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA *Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems*, 2016

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH *Master of Science in Bioinformatics*, 2005

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, MI *Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology,* 1999

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