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Neuroscientist 

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About Me

I am a neuroscientist with a biomedical and psychological background. For the past 5 years I have been studying cognitive flexibility. More recently, I have gained interest in statistics and programming, which helps me to improve my data analyses.

Languages

-  Dutch 
-  English 
-  French 
-  Spanish 
-  German 

Hard Skills

-  Laboratory Skills
- ☒ Neurosurgical lesions
- ☒ Neurosurgical implantations
- ☒ IHC/nissl stainings
- ☒ Brain perfusion/extraction
- ☒ Injections (IP/SC/IM)
- ☒ Optogenetics
- ☒ Flowcytometry

Working Experience

- currently **Neuroscientist** KU Leuven - Brain and Cognition
Finalizing PhD dissertation: "Cognitive flexibility: The role of the orbitofrontal cortex and ventral hippocampus, and the effect of MK-801 and scopolamine". Lab of Prof. Dr. Rudi D'Hooge
- 2008 **Lab technician** University Ghent - Dep. of Virology
Quantification of cellular immunological memory after measles vaccination through intracellular cytokine detection using flowcytometry. Lab of Prof. Dr. Geert Leroux-Roels.

Extra-curricular Working Experience

- 07/2011 **Employee** Federal Public Service - Ghent
Special Tax Inspection.
- 08/2009 **Employee** Federal Public Service - Brussels
Foreign Affairs.
- 07/2009 **Employee** Federal Public Service - Ghent
Tax Inspection and Recovery.
- 08/2008 **Lab technician** Provincial Centre for Environmental Research - Ghent
Quantitative determination of nitrogen contained in organic substances with the Kjeldahl method.
- 08/2007 **Lab technician** Provincial Centre for Environmental Research - Ghent
Quantitative determination of nitrogen contained in organic substances with the Kjeldahl method.
- 08-09/2006 **Food quality inspector** La Lorraine NV Industrial Bakery - Ninove
Quality and sustainability of bakery food products.

Education

- 2008-2013 **Master of Science in Theoretical and Experimental Psychology** Ghent University
Thesis: Jouw pijn is mijn pijn, maar... "Does it matter if you're black or white?".
- 2005-2008 **Bachelor in Biomedic Laboratory Technology, Pharmaceutical and Biological Techniques** University College - Ghent
Thesis: Quantification of cellular immunological memory after measles vaccination through intracellular cytokine detection.

Grants

- 2014 Doctoraatsbeurs Strategisch Basisonderzoek IWT/FWO

Conferences & Presentations

- 08/2017 **European Behavioural Pharmacology Society** Heraklion - Greece
Perseverative behaviour in low-dose MK801-treated mice
- 07/2017 **RIKEN Brain Science Institute** Tokyo - Japan
Impaired reversal learning after NMDA-induced lesions in the PFC-HC network
- 05/2017 **Belgian Society for Neuroscience** Ghent
Effect of MK801 on learning and memory
- 07/2016 **Federation of European Neurosciences Societies** Copenhagen - Denmark
Cognitive flexibility: Modulation of prefrontal-hippocampal network

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🐾 Behavioural Testing

- ✓ Morris Water Maze
- ✓ T-Maze
- ✓ Rotarod
- ✓ Open Field
- ✓ Elevated Plus Maze
- ✓ Touchscreen visual discrimination
- ✓ Odor discrimination

💻 Computer Skills

- ✓ R scripting / programming
- ✓ SPSS
- ✓ Python
- ✓ Matlab
- ✓ C
- ✓ LaTeX
- ✓ Ethovision
- ✓ Any-Maze
- ✓ ABET II Touch

🚗 Driver's license: B (2004)

Soft Skills



Certificates and Courses

10/2019	Matlab programming introduction	VSC - KU Leuven
10/2019	Linux scripting	VSC - KU Leuven
12/2016	Non-parametric statistics	Leuven Statistics Research Centre
07/2014	FELASA C - Laboratory Animal Sciences	Biomedical Sciences - KU Leuven
03/2010	Vaccinations in the 21 st century	Ghent University
02/2008	The tumor micro-environment: new insights and therapeutic perspectives	Ghent University
03/2007	Viral infections during pregnancy and in children. Disease and bio-safety in the lab	Ghent University
2007	Kjeldahl method	Ghent University
2004	Business Management	OLVL Highschool

Publications

2019	Differential effects of post-training scopolamine on spatial and non-spatial learning tasks in mice <i>Thonnard, D., Callaerts-Vegh, Z., D'Hooge, R.</i> Brain Research Bulletin, 152, 52-62
2019	NMDA receptor dependence of reversal learning and the flexible use of cognitively demanding search strategies in mice <i>Thonnard, D., Dreesen, E., Callaerts-Vegh, Z., D'Hooge, R.</i> Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry, 90, 235-244
2011	Oorzaken en gevolgen van een verhoogd glucose metabolisme bij kanker <i>Thonnard, D., Vermeulen, S.</i> Tijdschrift van de Belgische Vereniging van Laboratorium Technologen, 38(1), 17-23

Extra-curricular Activities

