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Professional Experience

11/2016 – Present **Postdoctoral research assistant, University of Sheffield**

Development of novel machine learning research on the context of Alzheimer's disease for the European project D3i4AD (FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IAPP)

11/2012 – 10/2016 **Research assistant, University of Bonn**

Development of chemoinformatics technique to analyse complex chemical data with a focus on data mining and visualization techniques

05/2012 – 11/2012 **Student assistant (SHK), University of Bonn**

Development of a multitarget chemical visualization during the Master thesis

10/2011 – 02/2012 **Student assistant (SHK), University of Bonn**

Teaching assistant for the lecture Foundations of Information Management

10/2009 – 05/2010 **Laboratory assistant, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

Work on a bioinformatics project assembling and annotating the genomes of *Rhodococcus ruber* and *Gordonia cholesterolivorans*

07/2009 – 09/2009 **Laboratory assistant, GENYCA INNOVA**

Work on molecular genetics techniques such as DNA extraction and PCR

10/2008 – 02/2009 **Laboratory assistant, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

Work on cytogenetics techniques such as fluorescence in-situ hybridization

10/2006 – 06/2007 **Laboratory assistant, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

Work on population genetics for *Drosophila melanogaster*

09/2006 **Laboratory assistant, Ecofloat**

07/2006- 08/2006 **Call operator, Costumer service Iberia Equipajes**

Academic Formation

2012 – 2016 **PhD Computational Life Sciences, University of Bonn**

Grade: 0.7 (\approx 9.5/10)

2010 – 2012 **M. Sc. Life Science Informatics, University of Bonn**

Grade: 1.2 (\approx 9.5/10)

2004 – 2010 **Biology undergraduate, Universidad Complutense de Madrid**

Grade: 8.67/10

2002 – 2004 **Life Science secondary school, Colegio Everest**

Grade: *Matrícula de Honor* (9.1/10)

Journal Publications

- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Design of chemical space networks incorporating compound distance relationships. *F1000Research* 5(Chem Inf Sci):2634, 2016. [dx.doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.10021.2](https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.10021.2)
- Anighoro A, **de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Predicting bioactive conformations and binding modes of macrocycles. *J Comput-Aided Mol Des* 30, 841, 2016. [dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10822-016-9973-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10822-016-9973-5)
- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Chemical space visualization: transforming multi-dimensional chemical spaces into similarity-based molecular networks. *Future Med Chem* 8, 1769-1778, 2016. [dx.doi.org/10.4155/fmc-2016-0023](https://doi.org/10.4155/fmc-2016-0023)
- Horvath D, Marcou G, Varnek A, Kayastha S, **de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Prediction of activity cliffs using condensed graphs of reaction representations, descriptor recombination, support vector machine classification, and support vector regression. *J Chem Inf Model* 56, 1631-1640, 2016. [dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.jcim.6b00359](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jcim.6b00359)
- Shanmugasundaram V, Zhang L, Kayastha S, **de la Vega de León A**, Dimova D & Bajorath J. Monitoring the progression of structure-activity relationship information during lead optimization. *J Med Chem* 59, 4235-4244, 2016. [dx.doi.org/10.1021/acs.jmedchem.5b01428](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.jmedchem.5b01428)
- de la Vega de León A**, Kayastha S, Dimova D, Schultz T & Bajorath J. Visualization of multi-property landscapes for compound selection and optimization. *J Comput-Aided Mol Des*, 29, 695-705, 2015. [dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10822-015-9862-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10822-015-9862-3)
- Hameed A, Khan K, Zehra S, Ahmed R, Shafiq Z, Bakht S, Yaqub M, Hussain M, **de la Vega de León A**, Furtmann N, Bajorath J, Ahmad H, Tahir M & Iqbal J. Synthesis, biological evaluation and molecular docking of N-phenyl thiosemicarbazones as urease inhibitors. *Bioorg Chem* 61, 51-57, 2015. [dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bioorg.2015.06.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bioorg.2015.06.004)
- Kayastha S, **de la Vega de León A**, Dimova D & Bajorath J. Target-based analysis of ionization states of bioactive compounds. *Med Chem Commun* 6, 1030-1035, 2015. [dx.doi.org/10.1039/C5MD00051C](https://doi.org/10.1039/C5MD00051C)
- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Prediction of compound potency changes in matched molecular pairs using support vector regression. *J Chem Inf Model* 54, 2654-2663, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.1021/ci5003944](https://doi.org/10.1021/ci5003944)
- de la Vega de León A**, Hu Y & Bajorath J. Systematic identification of matching molecular series and mapping of screening hits. *Mol Inf* 33, 257-263, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.1002/minf.201400017](https://doi.org/10.1002/minf.201400017)
- Stumpfe D, **de la Vega de León A**, Dimova D & Bajorath J. Advancing the activity cliff concept, part II [v1; ref status: indexed, f1000r.es/34p] *F1000Research* 3:75, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.4057](https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.4057)
- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Formation of activity cliffs is accompanied by systematic increases in ligand efficiency from lowly to highly potent compounds. *AAPS J* 16, 335-341, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.1208/s12248-014-9567-x](https://doi.org/10.1208/s12248-014-9567-x)
- Hu Y, **de la Vega de León A**, Zhang B & Bajorath J. Matched molecular pair-based data sets for computer-aided medicinal chemistry [v2; ref status: indexed, f1000r.es/2w9] *F1000Research* 3:36, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.3-36.v2](https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.3-36.v2)

- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Matched molecular pairs derived by retrosynthetic fragmentation. *Med Chem Commun* 5, 64-67, 2014. [dx.doi.org/10.1039/C3MD00259D](https://doi.org/10.1039/C3MD00259D)
- Fernandez de las Heras L, Alonso S, **de la Vega de León A**, Xavier D, Perera J & Navarro Llorens JM. Draft genome sequence of the steroid degrader *Rhodococcus ruber* Strain Chol-4. *Genome Announc* 1:e00215-13, 2013. [dx.doi.org/10.1128/genomeA.00215-13](https://doi.org/10.1128/genomeA.00215-13)
- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Compound optimization through data set-dependent chemical transformations. *J Chem Inf Model* 53, 1263-1271, 2013. [dx.doi.org/10.1021/ci400165a](https://doi.org/10.1021/ci400165a)
- de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Design of a three-dimensional multi-target activity landscape. *J Chem Inf Model* 52, 2876-2883, 2012. [dx.doi.org/10.1021/ci300444p](https://doi.org/10.1021/ci300444p)

Funding and Awards

- SRUK/UAM Summer Studentships 2018** Supervisor for Master student from UAM for short summer scientific project
- Bayer promotionspreis 2017** The pharmaceutical company Bayer awards this price to outstanding doctoral theses related to the biomedical field

Other Scientific Work

- de la Vega de León A**. Visualizations for chemical data. Oral presentation at the DataViz Hub launch event at the University of Sheffield. April 2018
- de la Vega de León A** & Gillet V. Comparison of multitask prediction methods for chemical data. UK-QSAR and Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society (MGMS) Meeting. April 2018
- de la Vega de León A** & Gillet V. Deep learning application to aid phenotypic assay campaigns with public chemical data. Poster at 13th German Conference of Chemoinformatics. 2017
- de la Vega de León A** & Gillet V. Deep learning application to aid phenotypic assay campaigns with public chemical data. Oral presentation at the Fall 2017 ACS National Meeting
- de la Vega de León A**, Lounkine E, Vogt M & Bajorath J. Design of diverse and focused compound libraries. In: *Tutorials in Cheminformatics*. Eds: Varnek A. (ISBN: 978-1-119-13796-2)
- Vogt M, **de la Vega de León A** & Bajorath J. Algorithmic chemoinformatics. In: *Tutorials in Cheminformatics*. Eds: Varnek A. (ISBN: 978-1-119-13796-2)
- Zhang L, Starr J, Dimova D, Iyer P, Gupta-Ostermann D, **de la Vega de León A**, Bajorath J, Shanmugasundaram V. Novel applications of SAR matrices in pharmaceutical research. Poster at the Spring 2014 ACS National Meeting
- Shanmugasundaram V, Liying Z, Kayastha S, **de la Vega de León A**, Dimova D & Bajorath J. Data sets for SAR progression analysis. Freely available data set. [dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.32794](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.32794)
- de la Vega de León A**, Kayastha S, Dimova D, Schultz T & Bajorath J. ChEMBL20 data sets for multi-property landscape analysis. Freely available data set. [dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.21782](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.21782)
- Müller G, Benningshof J, van Meurs P, Stumpfe D, **de la Vega de León A**, Furtmann N, Dimova D & Bajorath J. Synthetic and cheminformatic exploration of macrocyclic and

peptidomimetic medicinal chemistry space. Poster at XXIII International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (EFMC-ISMIC 2014)

Hu Y, **de la Vega de León A**, Zhang B & Bajorath J. Detailed data sets of MMP-cliffs, SAR transfer series, RECAP-MMPs and compound activities. Freely available data set. [dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8418](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8418)

de la Vega de León A & Bajorath J. Compound optimization through data set-dependent chemical transformations. Poster at 9th German Conference on Chemoinformatics. 2013

Teaching Experience

University of Sheffield: teaching assistant for Data mining and visualization (SS2018), Designing webpages (WS2017/18), and Chemoinformatics (SS2017). Gave one lecture for Data Mining and Visualization (SS2018) and one lecture for Designing webpages (WS2017/18).

University of Bonn: teaching assistant for Chemoinformatics (WS2015/16), Programming Lab Course II (SS2015, SS2014), Structural Bioinformatics (WS2015/16), Chemoinformatics Lab Course (WS2013/14, WS2012/13), Molecular Modeling and Drug Design (SS2013), and Foundations of Information Management (WS2011/12). Gave two lectures for Chemoinformatics (WS2015/16), three lectures for the Chemistry Bridging Course (WS2014/15, WS2013/14) module, and three lectures for Bioinformatics II (SS2014).

Skills

Supervision: supporting supervision for Jessica Stacey

Leadership: science outreach event organization as a volunteer of the British Science Association and as secretary of the Yorkshire constituency of the Society of Spanish Researchers in the UK

Programming: Large amount of experience in Python (numpy, matplotlib, tensorflow, scikit-learn, RDKit) and Java (OpenEye, JUNG). Moderate experience with R

Software: Experience with MOE for chemical modeling, Autodock for docking, KNIME for data mining and analysis, Inkscape and Illustrator for media creation, and Latex and Office for document creation

Languages: Native Spanish; Fluent English and German; Basic level of Chinese