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I EXPERIENCE

Present 2017

2015

- Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology New Delhi, India Senior Research Fellow (Genomics)
- Designed, executed, and analyzed quantitative genetic experiments, containing 480,000 data points, to infer the heritability of metabolic traits

Graduate Research Fellow (Computational Biology) 2017

- · Implemented mixed models to handle nested data, increasing statistical power by 1000%
- · Invented techniques for mass production and processing of biological replicates, resulting in the publication of two research articles

2015 2012

- Project Manager (Diabetes Genetics)
 - · Operationalized a government project (CSIR, India) by managing procurement, troubleshooting protocols, and training five new colleagues
 - Evaluated 50 candidate genes for diabetes using 200 transgenic constructs in Drosophila

Present 2020

Cureus Inc.

Palo Alto (remote)

Freelance Content Editor (Medicine)

Scored a 4.9/5 from authors for critiquing the statistics, data visuals, and semantics of 150 manuscripts, along with an international team

2020 2017

Cactus Communications Pvt. Ltd.

Mumbai (remote)

Bangalore, India

Freelance Copy Editor (Molecular Biology)

- Boosted the readability of 300 manuscripts from more than 10 developing countries, enhancing their acceptance by life science journals
- Indian Institute of Science 2012 Research Assistant (Alzheimer Genetics) 2007
 - · Pioneered a low-cost technique for measuring long-term memory of classical conditioning in Drosophila

EDUCATION

2021 2015

- Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology New Delhi, India Ph.D. candidate, Computational Biology/Genomics
- University of Delhi 2007

New Delhi, India

Postgraduate diploma, Biochemical Technology

2006 2006

2003

University of Delhi

New Delhi, India

BSc (honors), Biomedical Sciences



PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2020

Paternal inheritance of diet induced metabolic traits correlates with germline regulation of diet induced coding gene expression Teltumbade M, Bhalla A, and Sharma A; Genomics, 112:567-573

2019

Transgenerational inheritance of cold temperature response in Drosophila

Karunakar P, Bhalla A, Sharma A; FEBS Letters, 593:594-600

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DATA SCIENCE SKILLS

Languages

R, Markdown

Regression

GLM, GLMM

Decision trees

random forest.

bagging

Resampling

cross validation, bootstrapping

Clustering

k-means. hierarchical

Dimensionality reduction

PCA, MDS

LAB RESEARCH SKILLS

Experimental design

fractional factorials, repeated measures, meta-analyses

Genomics

microarray, RNAi

Molecular biology

cloning, qPCR, western blotting

Drosophila genetics

GAL4-UAS system, genetic crossing