

Field Applications Scientist Oxford Nanopore Technologies Copenhagen, Denmark

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Social Network -

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Languages ·

Greek mother tongue English German Nowegian Bokmål

IT skills —

- Programming languages: Perl, Python, R, R markdown
- Operating Systems: MS Windows, Linux, MacOS
- Bioinformatics Applications: Bioconductor, Biopython, BLAST, GALAXY, Genome Browsers (e.g. UCSC, HGMD), Alamut, Picard, Samtools, Bedtools, Beftools, gatk, IGV, FastQC, MultiQC, Guppy, Dorado, Remora, WhatsHap, Clair3, Sniffles2, Adaptive Sampling
- General IT applications: MS Office, Adobe Suite, MS Visual Studio, Docker, Epi2ME Labs, Epi2ME Agent, Nextflow

Areas of Expertise -

Bioinformatics and Systems biology Clonal evolution analysis Next generation sequencing data analysis Structural Bioinformatics Machine Learning Applications Gene Regulatory pattern analysis Gene Ontology

Working Experience

2022 - Present Field Application Scientist Oxford Nanopore, Copenhagen, Denmark

- Managing key customer relationships from a technical perspective to ensure success using Oxford Nanopore Tehnologies products
- Providing training to customers on product usage and maintenance
- Providing frontline technical support to customers on a variety of application-related work like set-up, optimisation, workflow implementation and validation, data analysis etc, with interactions with the Technical Services and Customer Solutions Teams
- Establishing a plan to visit and/or communicating with each assigned customer on a frequency matching the customer's needs and support requirements, and ONT's business priorities
- Providing high quality, effective technical expertise to customers and prospective customers in both the pre and post sales stages to support sales order and utilization/revenue growth.
- Assisting the sales team with pre-sales technical activities like on-site product presentations and demonstrations
- Providing technical consultations on products and related applications as part of the sales cycle
- Participating in the organisation and running of seminars, exhibitions and similar "on-site" activities at key accounts and congresses in the relevant territories
- Monitoring the competition and market development, and report findings back to internal teams like Applications and Product Management

2021 - 2022

Postdoctoral Researcher Mohn Research Laboratory, Bergen, Norway

- Analysis and interpretation of WGS, WES and panel sequencing NGS data.
- Investigating genomic alterations and subclonal evolution dynamics in breast cancer tumours during neoadjuvant chemotherapy.
- Identifying the molecular mechanisms underlying the development of high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine carcinomas (NEC).
- Assessing the potential role of early epigenetic alterations as an underlying cause of NEC.
- Consulting services for Roche Norway AS (lecture).
- Representative of K.G. Jebsen Academy for Genome-Directed Therapy in Cancer.

2016 - 2021

Researcher

Mohn Research Laboratory, Bergen, Norway

- Performing genome assembly and annotation.
- Developing reproducible bioinformatic pipelines for next generation cancer sequencing efforts, including targeted capture assays, WES,
- Validating bioinformatic tools and clustering algorithms for clonal evolution analysis using public and in-house samples from our clinical trials.
- Analyzing in-house genomics/transcriptomics data from patientderived tumor cells, and developing interactive data visualizations.
- Performing assays, PCR, QC, DNA extraction, and other molecular biology techniques.
- Preparing DNA libraries for NGS and executing sequencing runs on Illumina Sequencers.
- Consulting services for Cepton Strategies, Paris, France (1h via
- Committee member for the Research School of Clinical Medicine Tasks assigned: Meetings arrangement, reviewing all relevant material before committee meetings, generating abstract books-timetables for poster-oral presentations, preparing the monthly agenda, contacting individuals, approving reports of committee meetings before their distribution.

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Lab skills

- Hands on library preparation for NGS platforms (WGS, WES, Gene/Custom Panels, RNA)
- -Sequencing on Oxford Nanopore platforms (MinION MK1B, MinION MK1C, Grid-ION, PromethION, P2 Solo)
- Sequencing on Illumina platforms (MiSeq, NextSeq500, HiSeq 2000/2500, NovaSeq)
- Sequencing on Ion Torrent platforms (Ion-PGM, Ion-Proton, Ion-Chef)
- DNA/RNA extraction; Blood, Snap-Frozen Tissue, Formalin Fixed Paraffin Embedded (FFPE)
- Covaris Sonication (M220)
- DNA quantification (QuantoFluor, Qubit)
- Quantitative PCR, Long-range PCR
- Sizing, quantitation, purity assessment of DNA using Bio-analyzer 2100 Agilent and TapeStation
- Sanger Sequencing

Working Experience

2013 – 2016 Senior Medical Technologist

Centogene A.G., Rostock, Berlin, Germany

- Expertise in next generation sequencing (Roche 454, Ion Torrent, Illumina), Sanger sequencing, PCR, Real-Time PCR, MLPA, MS-MLPA, nucleic acid extraction, cell cultures, excellent knowledge of sequencing analysis softwares (Seq Pilot, Mutation Surveyor), different
- Technical validation of raw data obtained from different techniques as above.

databases and genetic tools (Alamut, HGMD, OMIM).

- Supervision of a team of 7 technicians, mentored and trained team members via technical presentations, demonstrations, troubleshooting technical issues.
- \bullet Active participation in the preparation of the laboratory for CAP and ISO-13485 inspections.

Tasks assigned: writing of SOP and validation files, engagement and participation in different committees (metrology, telemetry).

2012 - 2013

Medical Technologist

401 Military Hospital of Athens, Greece

- Expertise in Sanger sequencing, high-throughput SNP genotyping, nucleic acid extraction; developed protocols for the screening of new genes.
- Responsible for the accurate orientation of samples to external laboratories, contact person of the laboratory for all genetic tests.

Education

Postgraduate Training

2016 - 2021

Ph.D. in Cancer Genomics

University of Bergen, Norway

Title dissertation: Mutational characterization of cancers; Studies of Breast Cancers under Chemotherapy and Neuroendocrine Carcinomas **Opponents**: Dr. Kristine Misund, Dr. Thomas Berg, Dr. Agnete Engelsen

2011 - 2012

M.Sc. in Molecular Virology

University of Ioannina, Greece

- Molecular characterization of viruses via genotyping, training in nucleic acid extraction, PCR, RT-PCR, gel electrophoresis, Sanger sequencing, cloning.
- Training in sequencing analysis softwares (SeqPilot, Mutation Surveyor), different databases and genetic tools (OMIM, Blast, UCSC Genome Browser).
- Mentored and trained undergraduate students.

GPA: 10/10

Title dissertation: G20 gene molecular characterization of cyanophages

Opponents: Prof. Theoni Trangas, Prof. Evangelos Briasoulis

2007 - 2011

B.Sc. in Biological Applications

University of Ioannina, Greece

and Technology GPA: 7.32/10

Publications

2023 Venizelos A., Elvebakken H., Perren A., et al: Germline pathogenic

mutations in patients with gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine car-

cinoma. Endocrine-Related Cancer, 2023 August;30(10)

2023 Knappskog S., Grob T., Venizelos A. Amstutz U., et al: Mutation Spectrum in Liquid Versus Solid Biopsies From Patients With Advanced Gastroenteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Carcinoma. JCO Precision

Oncology, 2023 Feb;8(7)

2022

Field Applications Scientist Oxford Nanopore Technologies Copenhagen, Denmark Venizelos A., Engebrethsen C., Deng W., Geisler J., Geisler S., Iversen G.T., Aas T., Aase H.S., Seyedzadeh M., Steinskog E.S., Myklebost O., Nakken S., Vodak D., Hovig E., Meza-Zepeda L.A., Lønning P.E., Knappskog S., Eikesdal H.P.: Clonal evolution in primary breast cancers under sequential epirubicin and docetaxel monotherapy. Genome Medicine, 2022 Aug:14-86

Venizelos, A., Elvebakken, H., Perren, A., Nikolaienko, O., Deng, W., Lothe, I.M.B., Hjortland, G.O., Sundlöv, A., Svensson, J., Garresori, H., Kersten, C., Hofsli, E., Detlefsen, S., Krogh, M., Sorbye, H., Knappskog, S.: The molecular characteristics of high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms. Endocrine-Related Cancer, 2021 Nov;29(1):1-14

2021 H P Eikesdal, S Yndestad, A Elzawahry, A Llop-Guevara, B Gilje, E S Blix, H Espelid, S Lundgren, J Geisler, G Vagstad, **A Venizelos**, L Minsaas et al.: Olaparib monotherapy as primary treatment in unselected triple negative breast cancer. Ann Oncol. 2021 Feb;32(2):240-249.

Oral presentations at national/international congress

Knappskog, S., Grob, T., Venizelos, A., Amstutz, U., Hjortland, G.O., Lothe, I.M.B., Kersten, C., Hofsli, E., Sundlöv, A., Elvebakken, H., Garresori, H., Couvelard, A., Svensson, J., Sorbye, H., Perren, A. title: Mutation spectrum in liquid versus solid biopsies from advanced digestive neuroendocrine carcinoma patients ESMO Congress 2022,

Paris, France

Venizelos, A., Engebrethsen, C., Deng, W., Geisler, J., Geisler, S., Iversen, G.T., Aas, T., Aase, H.S., Seyedzadeh M., Steinskog E.S., Myklebost O., Nakken S., Vodak D., Hovig E., et al. title: Clonal evolution of breast cancer during neoadjuvant chemotherapy Onkologisk Forum 2021, Oslo, Norway

2021 Sorbye, H., Venizelos, A., Elvebakken, H., Perren, A., Nikolaienko, O., Deng, W., Lothe, I.M.B., Hjortland, G.O., Sundlöv, A., Svensson, J., Garresori, H., Kersten, C., Hofsli, E., Detlefsen, S., Krogh, M., Knappskog, S. title: Molecular characteristics of high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms ESMO Congress 2021, Paris, France

Venizelos, A., Elvebakken, H., Perren, A., Nikolaienko, O., Deng, W., Lothe, I.M.B., Hjortland, G.O., Sundlöv, A., Svensson, J., Garresori, H., Kersten, C., Hofsli, E., Detlefsen, S., Krogh, M., Sorbye, H., Knappskog, S. title: Mutational landscape of 109 high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms G3 17th Annual ENETS Conference, Barcelona, Spain

Posters at national/international congress

Venizelos, A., Engebrethsen, C., Deng, W., Geisler, J., Geisler, S., Aas, T., Aase, H., Seyedzadeh, M., Steinskog, E.S., Myklebost, O, Nakken, S., Vodak, D., Hovig, E., Meza-Zepeda, L.A., Lønning, P.E., Knappskog, S.*, Eikesdal, H.P.* title: Clonal evolution in primary breast cancers under sequential epirubicin and docetaxel monotherapy Bioinformatics in Bergen, Solstrand, Bergen, Norway

Venizelos, A., Clausen, C., Deng, W., Geisler, J., Geisler, S., Aas, T., Aase, H., Seyedzadeh, M., Steinskog, E.S., Myklebost, O, Nakken, S., Vodak, D., Hovig, E., Meza-Zepeda, L.A., Lønning, P.E., Knappskog, S.*, Eikesdal, H.P.* title: Whole exome sequencing (WES) of locally advanced breast cancers treated with monotherapy

AACR Annual Meeting 2019, Atlanta, USA

Venizelos, A., Clausen, C., Knappskog, S., Éikesdal, HP. and Lønning PE. title: Genetic alterations affecting treatment response in locally advanced breast cancers

7th CCBIO Annual Symposium, Solstrand, Bergen, Norway

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Awards

2023 Society For Endocrinology (SFE); Journal Award Winner for excellence

in endocrine research and practice; title: The molecular characteristics of high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms

SfE BES 2023, Glasgow, Scotland

2020 ENETS; Top 3 oral presentation; highlights selection; title: Mutational

landscape of 109 high-grade gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine

neoplasms G3

17th Annual ENETS Conference, Barcelona, Spain

Personal

Inerests Crossfit, Hiking, Skiing Others Full, Clean driving licence References Available upon request