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## Professional Summary

Biomedical Scientist with 7+ years of clinical laboratory experience, now specialising in bioinformatics and data science. Skilled in programming (Python, R, SQL, Bash), NGS data analysis, and cloud computing (Google Cloud, AWS). Strong background in molecular biology, flow cytometry, and stem cell research, combined with certifications in bioinformatics, data analytics, and project management. Experienced at bridging wet-lab techniques with computational workflows to deliver reproducible, data-driven insights.

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## Skills

**Programming:** Python (Data Analysis, Biopython, Machine Learning, Automation), Bash, R, SQL, Git/GitHub

**Bioinformatics tools:** Bioconductor, Bowtie/Bowtie2, BWA, SAMtools, BEDtools, VCFtools, FastQC, Cufflinks/Cuffdiff, TopHat, STAR, HISAT2, DESeq2

**Data Analysis & Visualisation:** NGS Data Analysis, Genomic Data Science, Statistical Modelling, Tableau, ggplot2, seaborn, matplotlib

**Cloud & Project Management:** Google Cloud, Kubernetes Engine, AWS Cloud Practitioner, Agile, Scrum, Waterfall

**LIMS & Specialised Software:** Illumina Control Software, SPT Labtech Software, BD FACS DIVA, WinPath, QPulse, EPIC, iPassport

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## Work Experience

### Specialist Biomedical Scientist

**University College London Hospitals, Stem Cell Laboratory, September 2021 - present**

- Processed and cryopreserved peripheral blood stem cells, bone marrow collections, DLI, and CD34+ enrichments for transplant procedures.
- Analysed CD3+ & CD34+ cell populations with MACSQuant flow cytometer, providing critical data for patient treatments.
- Supported 11 clinical trials, handling ATMPs including CAR-T cells (Yescarta, Novartis), antibody, and genetic therapies.
- Applied computational skills to streamline stock management and training assessments, reducing inventory errors by 30% and saving 10+ hours weekly.
- Evaluated Burst-Forming Unit-Erythroid (BFU-E) and Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor (GM-CSF) colonies for stem cell transplant suitability.
- Maintained sterility in Grade A clean-room environments and conducted agar plate assessments.
- Interpreted and reported NEQAS samples, ensuring consistently high lab performance.

### Laboratory Scientist

**CooperGenomics, London, July 2019 - September 2021**

- Processed embryo and cheek swab samples for PGT-A, PGT-SR, and PGT-M testing.
- Performed Whole Genome Amplification in sterile area.
- Conducted NGS library preparation (manual: 96 samples/run; automated: 192 samples/run)

with strict QC adherence for Whole Genome Sequencing.

- Generated 500+ clinical reports per week from NGS data.
- Maintained and calibrated automated liquid handling systems (Mosquito HV, Dragonfly Discovery from SPT Labtech).
- Developed and reviewed SOPs to ensure ISO-compliant laboratory practices.

### **Biomedical laboratory assistant - Cytology**

**Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, December 2018 - June 2019**

- Prepared samples for Papanicolaou staining, reagent maintenance, and coverslipping.
- Ensured accurate sample processing to support diagnostic reporting.

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## **Education**

### **Master of Science: Bioinformatics**

*Atlantic Technological University (Remote), September 2025 - Present (ongoing)*

### **Master of Science: Cell and Gene Therapy**

*University College London, September 2021- September 2023*

- **Dissertation:** Expansion and Preservation of Haematopoietic Potential in Human Amniotic Fluid Stem Cells for Therapeutic Applications

### **Bachelor: Biomedical Science**

*Siciliae Studium Generale - University of Catania, September 2014 - October 2017*

- **Dissertation:** Cytotoxicity assays using SIRC, ARPE-19 and HRPE cells

## **Certificates**

**Google:** Data Analytics; Advanced Data Analytics; IT Automation with Python; Project Management

**Google Cloud:** Architecting with Google Kubernetes Engine

**Amazon Web Services (AWS):** Cloud Practitioner Essentials; Cloud Solutions Architect

**Johns Hopkins University:** Genomic Data Science Specialization

**Coursera:** Access Bioinformatics Databases with Biopython

**Wellcome Connecting Science Learning and Training:** Bioinformatics for Biologists: An Introduction to Linux, Bash Scripting, and R; Analysing and Interpreting Genomics Datasets

**freeCodeCamp:** Data Analysis with Python; Relational Databases; Scientific Computing with Python

**DE<code>LIFE:** Genomes, Networks and Pathways; Data Science and Machine Learning with Python

**Le Wagon:** Data Visualization with Tableau

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## **Languages**

Italian (native), English (Fluent), Portuguese (Fluent), Spanish (Intermediate)