

- **Bioinformaticist, zoologist, and biologist** with a strong background in **parasitology, virology, biostatistics, data science, computational biology, and phylogenetics**.
- Peer-reviewed publications on **comparative genomics**, and **zoonosis** of flaviviruses and coronaviruses, among other topics.
- 14+ years of experience in **molecular biology** labs, developing and optimizing **high-throughput sequencing** protocols (e.g., Illumina, PacBio, Hi-C, GWAS, and RNA-Seq).
- 7+ years of experience in **machine learning** (e.g., PyTorch, TensorFlow), **big data analyses, mathematical modeling, high-throughput data processing**, and **data mining algorithms** to solve practical problems in emerging infectious diseases research.
- Concepts used in my current and past projects include Bash, Python, R Flask, SQL, AWS, Git, Shiny, Tableau, Jupyter, AlphaFold2, RoseTTAFold, and HADDOCK.

Work Experience

Aug./15/22– **Assistant Professor**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*, Charlotte–NC, USA
Current

- Two main lines of research:
 - Investigate new pathogens' emergence, evolution, and spread, focusing on preventing and treating infectious diseases.
 - Create computational and molecular solutions to make data from biorepositories more readily available to biomedical research.
- For more information, please visit phyloinformatics.com.

2019–2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*, Charlotte–NC, USA

- I studied the origins, evolution, and zoonotic events of coronaviruses. To that end, I created the first programs for gene prediction and annotation of *Orthocoronavirinae* (including SARS-CoV-2) and *Flaviviridae* (including Hepatitis C, yellow fever, dengue, and Zika virus) and deployed the pipelines as a web application. I also employed big data analysis to categorize different variants of SARS-CoV-2 and applied deep learning techniques to produce highly accurate structure predictions of their proteins.
- I use artificial intelligence to predict how structural changes in the receptor-binding domain of the spike protein of different variants of SARS-CoV-2 may reduce antibody interaction without completely evading existing neutralizing antibodies (and therefore current vaccines).
- I performed comparative genomic analyses of highly regenerative echinoderms to develop new models for the study of tissue regeneration in humans.

2018–2020 **Research Collaborator**, *University of São Paulo*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil

- I built and administered the first computer clusters at the Museum of Zoology of the University of São Paulo (MUZUSP), providing training and technology to bridge the gap between animal research and applied bioinformatics with potential biomedical significance.
- I participated in the planning, funding acquisition, and implementation of the first laboratory to sequence historical DNA (e.g., from degraded museum samples) at the Department of Zoology of the University of São Paulo (USP).
- I developed new genome skimming techniques to retrieve genomic data of non-model organisms (mainly parasites and mosquito vectors) when samples were small or degraded. I also created the necessary software to facilitate the analysis of organelle genomes, including new indices that check for the completeness of circular genomes or misalignments in other types of contigs and scaffolds.

2018–2019 **Invited Lecturer**, *University of São Paulo*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil

- I created and taught the first graduate-level courses in computer programming and bioinformatics for biologists at USP's Graduate Program in Zoology, which is ranked first in animal research worldwide.

Jul–Aug, **Invited Lecturer**, *University of Magdalena*, Santa Marta D.T.C.H., Colombia
2017

- I designed and taught the first graduate-level course in computational biology at the University of Magdalena. Classes focus on the evolution and epidemiology of flaviviruses.

Education

- 1/2019–8/22 **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte)*, Charlotte–NC, U.S.A.
Keywords: genomics, transcriptomics, phylogenomics, regeneration, virus
- 2/2013–4/18 **Ph.D. in Bioinformatics**, *University of São Paulo (USP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
Keywords: high-performance computing, next-generation sequencing, and comparative genomics
- 2/2010–7/12 **M.Sc. in Zoology**, *University of São Paulo (USP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
Keywords: invertebrate zoology, host-parasite coevolution, molecular biology, and phylogenetics
- 2/2006–12/9 **B.Sc. in Biological Sciences**, *São Paulo State University (UNESP)*, São Vicente–SP, Brazil
Qualification: Marine Biology

Honors & Awards

- 2024 **Safety Champion Award**, *UNC Charlotte, Environmental Health & Safety (EHS)*, Charlotte, NC, U.S.A.
 - Awarded during the 2024 Safe and Sound Week for outstanding commitment to safety and health practices in the workplace.
- 2023 **Top Cited Article (2021–2022)**, *Cladistics*, Wiley, Online
 - Awarded by Cladistics for the paper: “Fundamental evolution of all *Orthocoronavirinae* including three deadly lineages descendant from Chiroptera-hosted coronaviruses: SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV, and SARS-CoV-2.”
 - Published in Volume 37, Issue 5, 2021.
 - Link: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/cla.12454>
- Dec. 2023 **Green Dot Trainer of the Month**, *The Green Dot Program, UNC Charlotte*, Charlotte, NC, U.S.A.
 - Recognized as “Green Dot Trainer of the Month” in The Green Dot Newsletter (December 2023, Vol. 3).
 - Acknowledged for outstanding contributions to “violence prevention training and campus safety awareness.”
 - Green Dot is a bystander intervention program focused on reducing power-based personal violence through education and community engagement.
- 2016 **Grand Stars in Human Health**, *Grand Challenges Canada*, Canada
 - \$461,250 for the development of an “Larvicide Automatic Dispenser” (LAD) to be used in the population control of mosquito vectors of flaviviruses including dengue and Zika virus
- **Most Implementable Solution, sponsored by GE Foundation**, *Zika Innovation Hack-a-thon*, Boston–MA, USA
 - Proposal of a “Larvicide Automatic Dispenser” (LAD) device to be used in the population control of mosquito vectors of flaviviruses including dengue and Zika virus
- 2016–2017 **Research Internship Abroad**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 - Project: “Whole-genome sequence of the Eastern spadefoot toad, *Scaphiopus holbrookii* (Amphibia: Anura: Scaphiopodidae) and of the Maldonado redbelly toad, *Melanophryniscus moreirae* (Amphibia: Anura: Bufonidae)”
 - File number: 2015/18654-2
- 2013 **The Willi Hennig Award**, *The Willi Hennig Society*, Rostock, Germany
 — **Kurt Milton Pickett Award**, *The Willi Hennig Society*, Rostock, Germany

- 2013–2018 **Doctorate Scholarship Award**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 • File number: 2013/05958-8
- 2010–2012 **Master Scholarship Award**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 • File number: 2009/13561-5
- 2009 **Scientific Initiation Award**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 • File number: 2009/00886-3

Selected Publications

You can retrieve my complete list of publications from ORCID (0000-0001-9858-4515) or Google Scholar (scholar.google.com/citations?user=RSChnSQAAAAJ&hl=en).

2025

- Alves, P. V. A., Silva, R. J. da, Scholz, T., Chambrier, A. da, Luque, J. L., Duchenko, A., Janies, D., **Jacob Machado, D.** (2025). Machine learning models accurately predict clades of proteocephalidean tapeworms (Onchoproteocephalidea) based on host and biogeographical data. *Cladistics*. 10.1111/cla.12610.

2024

- Nouri, R., Mashanov, V., Harris, A., New, G., Taylor, W., Janies, D., ... & **Jacob Machado, D.** (2024). Unveiling putative modulators of mutable collagenous tissue in the brittle star *Ophiomastix wendtii*: an RNA-Seq analysis. *BMC Genomics*, 25(1), 1013. 10.1186/s12864-024-10926-7
- Costa, A. L. D., Prieto-Oliveira, P., Duarte-Barbosa, M., Andreato-Santos, R., Peter, C. M., Prolo de Brito, T., ... & **Jacob Machado, D.** (2024). The Relationship between HERV, Interleukin, and Transcription Factor Expression in ZIKV Infected versus Uninfected Trophoblastic Cells. *Cells*, 13(17), 1491. DOI: 10.3390/cells13171491.
- Yasa, S., Guirales-Medrano, S., **Jacob Machado, D.**, Ford, C. T., & Janies, D. (2024). Predicting antibody and ACE2 affinity for SARS-CoV-2 BA. 2.86 and JN. 1 with *in silico* protein modeling and docking. *Frontiers in Virology*, 4, 1419276. DOI: 10.3389/fviro.2024.1419276.

2023

- Ford, C. T., Yasa, S., **Jacob Machado, D.**, White III, R. A., and Janies, D. A. (2023). Predicting changes in neutralizing antibody activity for SARS-CoV-2 XBB. 1.5 using *in silico* protein modeling. *Frontiers in Virology*, 3, 1172027. DOI: 10.3389/fviro.2023.1172027.
- Mashanov, V. S., Ademiluyi, S., **Jacob Machado, D.**, Reid, R., and Janies, D. (2023). Echinoderm radial glia in adult cell renewal, indeterminate growth, and regeneration. *Frontiers in Neural Circuits*, 17, 1258370. 10.3389/fncir.2023.1258370.

2022

- Mittal V., Reid R. W., **Jacob Machado D.**, Mashanov V., and Janies D. A. (2022). EchinoDB: an update to the web-based application for genomic and transcriptomic data on echinoderms. *BMC Genomic Data*, 23(1): 1–16. DOI: 10.1186/s12863-022-01090-6.
- Mashanov V., Whaley L., Davis K., Heinzeller T., **Jacob Machado D.**, Reid R. W., Kofsky J., and Janies, D. (2022). A subterminal growth zone at arm tip likely underlies life-long indeterminate growth in brittle stars. *Frontiers in Zoology*, 19(1): 1–14. DOI: 10.1186/s12983-022-00461-0.

- Mashanov V., **Jacob Machado D.**, Reid R., Brouwer C., Kofsky J., and Janies D.A. (2022) Twinkle twinkle brittle star: the draft genome of *Ophioderma brevispinum* (Echinodermata: Ophiuroidea) as a resource for regeneration research. *BMC Genomics*, **23**: 574. DOI: 10.1186/s12864-022-08750-y.
- Mashanov V., Whaley L., Davis K., Heinzeller T., **Jacob Machado D.**, Reid R.W., Kofsky J., and Janies D.A. (2022) A subterminal growth zone at arm tip likely underlies life-long indeterminate growth in brittle stars. *Frontiers in Zoology*, **19**: 15. DOI: 10.1186/s12983-022-00461-0.
- Ford C.T., **Jacob Machado D.**, and Janies D.A. (2022) Predictions of the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) spike protein receptor-binding domain structure and neutralizing antibody interactions. *Frontiers in Virology*, **2**: 830202. DOI: 10.3389/fviro.2022.830202.

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- Jacob Machado D.**, White III R.A., Kofsky J., and Janies D.A. (2021) Fundamentals of genomic epidemiology, lessons learned from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and new directions. *Antimicrobial Stewardship & Healthcare Epidemiology*, **1**: E60. DOI: 10.1017/ash.2021.222.
- Jacob Machado D.**, Scott R., Guirales S., and Janies D.A. (2021) Fundamental evolution of all *Orthocoronavirinae* including three deadly lineages descendent from Chiroptera-hosted coronaviruses: SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2. *Cladistics*, **37(5)**: 461–488. DOI: 10.1111/cla.12454.
- Jacob Machado D.**, Marques F.P.L., Jiménez-Ferbans L., and Grant T. (2021) An empirical test of the relationship between the bootstrap and likelihood ratio support in maximum likelihood phylogenetic analysis. *Cladistics* **38(3)**: 392–401. DOI: 10.1111/cla.12496.
- Jacob Machado D.**, Castroviejo-Fisher S., and Grant T. (2021) Evidence of absence treated as absence of evidence: the effects of variation in the number and distribution of gaps treated as missing data on the results of standard maximum likelihood analysis. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, **154**: 106966. DOI: 10.1016/j.ympev.2020.106966.
- Orrico V.G.D., Grant T., Faivovich J., Rivera-Correa M., Rada, M.A., Lyra M.L., Cassini C.S., Valdujo P.H., Schargel W.E., **Jacob Machado D.**, Wheeler W.C., Barrio-Amorós C., Loebmann D., Moravec J., Zina J., Solé M., Sturaro M.J., Peloso P.L.V., Suarez P., and Haddad C.F.B. (2021). The phylogeny of Dendropsophini (Anura: Hylidae: Hylinae). *Cladistics*, **37(1)**: 73–105. DOI: 10.1111/cla.12429.
- Trevisan B., **Jacob Machado D.**, Lahr D.J.G., Marques F.P.L.M. (2021) Comparative characterization of mitogenomes from five orders of cestodes (Eucestoda: Tapeworms). *Frontiers in Genetics*, **12**: 788871. DOI: 10.3389/fgene.2021.788871.

2020

- Jacob Machado D.**, Schneider A.D, and Janies D. (2020) Enhanced genome annotation strategy provides novel insights on the phylogeny of *Flaviviridae*. *Viruses*, **12(8)**: 892. DOI: 10.3390/v12080892.
- Mashanov V., Akiona J., Khoury M., Ferrier J., Reid R., **Jacob Machado D.**, Zueva O., and Janies D. (2020) Active Notch signaling is required for arm regeneration in a brittle star. *PLoS ONE*, **15(5)**: e0232981. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0232981
- Lin J.-P., Tsai M., Kroh A., Trautman A., **Jacob Machado D.**, Chang L.-Y., Reid R., Lin K.-T., Bronstein O., Lee S.-J., and Janies D. (2020) The first complete mitochondrial genome of the sand dollar *Sinaechinocyamus mai* (Echinoidea: Clypeasteroidea). *Genomics*, **112(2)**: 1686–1693. DOI: 10.1016/j.ygeno.2019.10.007.

2019

Trevisan B., Alcantara D.M.C., **Jacob Machado D.**, Marques F.P.L. & Lahr D.J.G. (2019) Genome Skimming is a low-cost and robust strategy to assemble complete mitochondrial genomes from ethanol preserved specimens in biodiversity studies. *PeerJ*, **7**: e7543. DOI: 10.7717/peerj.7543.

2018

Jacob Machado D., Janies D., Brouwer C. & Grant T. (2018) A new strategy to infer circularity applied to four new complete frog mitogenomes. *Ecology and Evolution*, **8(8)**: 4011–4018. DOI: 10.1002/ece3.3918.

2017

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2016

Jacob Machado D., Lyra M.L. & Grant, T. (2016) Mitogenome assembly from genomic multiplex libraries: Comparison of strategies and novel mitogenomes for five species of frogs. *Molecular Ecology Resources*, **16(3)**: 686–693. DOI: 10.1111/1755-0998.12492.

2015

Jacob Machado D. (2015) YBYRÁ facilitates comparison of large phylogenetic trees. *BMC Bioinformatics*, **16(1)**: 204. DOI: 10.1186/s12859-015-0642-9.

2012

Jacob Machado D. & Marques F.P.L. (2012) The forgotten origin of *Acanthobothrium* Blanchard, 1848 (Tetraphyllidea: Onchobothriidae). *Zootaxa* **3505**: 86–88. ISSN: 11755326.

Preprints

Trevisan, B., **Jacob Machado, D.**, Lahr, D. J., & Marques, F. P. de L. (2024). Comparative characterization of mitogenomes from five orders of elasmobranch parasites indicate that total evidence analysis is superior to single genes for cestodes (Cestoda: Tapeworms). *Authorea Preprints*. DOI: 10.22541/au.170668376.62980776/v1.

Yasa, S., Guirales-Medrano, S., **Jacob Machado, D.**, Ford, C.T., and Janies, D. (2023). Predicting antibody and ACE2 affinity for SARS-CoV-2 BA.2.86 with *in silico* protein modeling and docking. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 2021.01.27.21250648.

Ford C.T., Scott R., **Jacob Machado D.**, and Janies D.A. (2021) Sequencing data of North American SARS-CoV-2 isolates shows widespread complex variants. *medRxiv*. DOI: 2021.01.27.21250648.

Karthigeyan K.P., Flanigan C., **Jacob Machado D.**, Kiziltas A.A., Janies D.A., Chen J., Cooke D., Lee M.V., Saif L.J., Henegar S., Jahnes J., Mielewski D.F., and dKwiek J.J. (2021) Heat efficiently inactivates coronaviruses inside vehicles. *bioRxiv*. DOI: 10.1101/2021.09.08.459486.

Patent applications

The provisional patent application titled “Compositions for Modulating Mutable Collagenous Tissue and Methods of Use Thereof” was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on January 8, 2025, under Application No. 63/742,995. This Utility-Provisional Application was submitted under 35 USC

111(b) and is associated with Patent Center No. 68651418 and Attorney Docket No. 1276/12 PROV. The application was filed by Christopher Perkins, with the first-named inventor being Dr. Denis Jacob Machado, alongside co-inventors Ms. Reyhaneh Nouri and Dr. Vladimir Mashanov. This innovation focuses on novel compositions and methods for modulating mutable collagenous tissue, with potential applications in biomaterials and regenerative medicine.

Grants

FUNDED

- 2024–2025 **Student Success Grant: “Undo ‘Stuck in the Shallow End’: Charlotte’s Interdisciplinary and Cross Campus CS/Computing Education Initiative for Women, Latino, and African American Students”**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*, U.S.A., internal grant
US\$ 15,000.00
- 2023–2024 **Research Internship: “Mitogenome Organization and Diversity of Proteocephalid Tapeworms”**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, Brazil, award no. 2023/00714-5
US\$ [Funding Amount Not Specified]
- 2023–2024 **Pilot Award: “A Large Scale Virtual Screen of Compound Databases against Viral Drug Targets”**, *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, U.S.A., award no. 5128868
US\$462,000.00
- 2023–2024 **Faculty Research Grant (FRG)**, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte)*, fund no. 111139, US\$ 8,000.00
- 2022–2026 **REU Site: “Smart and Secure Future Computing”**, *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, award no. 2244424, US\$362,520.00
- 2019–2022 **Young Researchers (2) Program**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2018/15425-0, US\$ 1,221,990.00
- 2018–2021 **R15 AREA Project**, *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, file no. 1R15GM128066-01
- 2018–2020 **Regular Research Project from Continuous Funding Stream**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2018/03534-0, US\$ 41,296.00
- 2016–2017 **Research Internship Abroad**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2015/18654-2, US\$ 26,080.00
- 2013–2018 **Funding of Doctorate Research Project**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2013/05958-8, US\$ 84,295.00
- 2010–2012 **Funding of Master’s Research Project**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2009/13561-5, US\$ 19,101.00
- May–Dec., 2009 **Funding for Scientific Initiation**, *São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)*, file no. 2009/00886-3, US\$ 1,477.00

SUBMITTED

- 2024–2025 **Santander Research Internship: “Genomics of Endangered Insular Snakes from the Bothrops jararaca Group”**, *Santander Mobility – Discentes*, *University of São Paulo*, Brazil, internal grant
US\$ 9,060.48

- 2024–2025 **Fulbright Scholarship Proposal: “Machine Learning to Study Dengue Virus Recombination in Pakistan and Worldwide”**, *Fulbright Program, U.S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP)*, Pakistan/U.S.A., proposal no. FS/2025/45360
US\$ [Funding Amount Not Specified]

Event Organization

- Apr. 23, 2024 **Charlotte HPC Group Workshop: “Workflow Automation with Snakemake and Nextflow”**, *UNC Charlotte, CIPHER Center (BINF 408)*, Charlotte, NC, U.S.A.
 - Description: This workshop, hosted by the Charlotte HPC Group, introduced researchers to workflow automation in high-performance computing (HPC). It focused on Snakemake and Nextflow, two widely used tools for managing computational pipelines. Participants learned how to streamline data processing and improve reproducibility in bioinformatics and computational research.
 - Event homepage: <https://cipher.charlotte.edu>
- Nov. 22, 2024 **Fall 2024 Bioinformatics Poster Showcase**, *UNC Charlotte, Bioinformatics Building*, Charlotte, NC, U.S.A.
 - Description: The Bioinformatics Graduate Student Poster Showcase is an annual event where students from UNC Charlotte's Department of Bioinformatics present their research. As an organizer, I facilitated the event's planning, including coordinating student participation and logistics. Posters covered diverse bioinformatics topics, such as phylogenetics, AI applications in genomics, and molecular evolution.
 - Event homepage: <https://phyloinformatics.com>
- Jul. 7–28, 2022 **III Virtual Meeting of Systematics, Biogeography, and Evolution (SBE)**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Description: The SBE meeting 2022 will happen on every Thursday of July, 2022, from day 7 to day 28, on UTC-4. Each day will be composed of two symposia hosted over Zoom and one virtual poster session in the SBE meeting 2022's Discord server. The SBE meetings are scientific events organized by mostly young Latinx researchers under a zero budge, zero profit, and zero cost strategy.
 - Event's homepage: <https://www.sbemeeting.weebly.com>
- Jun. 19–23, 2021 **II Virtual Meeting of Systematics, Biogeography, and Evolution (SBE): The Research of Biodiversity and the Diversity of Researchers**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Description: The SBE meeting 2021's primary purpose was to reach people who usually have economic restrictions to attend most of the scientific meetings on different areas within evolutionary biology. In its second edition, the event had 10 symposia, 1 workshop, and over 2,000 attendees from hundreds of institutions worldwide.
 - Event's homepage: <https://www.sbemeeting.com>
- Jul. 28–30, 2020 **I Virtual Meeting of Systematics, Biogeography, and Evolution (SBE): A Joint Effort in the Coronavirtual Era**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Description: The SBE meeting is a space for socialization and scientific dialogue that promotes the advancement of the discipline and encourages inclusive participation based on gender equality in all conferences and symposia. In its first edition, it had over 1,200 scientists enrolled from 38 countries
 - Event's homepage: <https://sbemeeting.weebly.com>

Oral Presentations

- 2024 **XLI Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society**, *Mexico City, Mexico*
 - Title: Twenty years after: What larval characters are still telling us about the phylogeny of frogs (Amphibia: Anura)
 - Authors: Pedro Henrique dos Santos Dias, Alexander Haas, and Jacob Machado, D.
 - Organization's homepage: <https://cladistics.org/>

- 2024 **99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists (ASP)**, *Denver, CO, USA*
- Title: Mitogenome organization, diversity, and evolutionary relationships of proteocephalidean tapeworms (Cestoda, Onchoproteocephalidea) unveiled by a genome skimming approach
 - Authors: Philippe Vieira Alves, Reinaldo J. da Silva, Alain de Chambrier, José L. Luque, Anastasiia Duchenko, Daniel Janies, and Jacob Machado, D.
 - Organization's homepage: <https://www.amsocparasit.org/>
- 2024 **99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists (ASP)**, *Denver, CO, USA*
- Title: Machine learning models accurately predict clades of proteocephalidean tapeworms (Onchoproteocephalidea) based on host and biogeographical data
 - Authors: Philippe Vieira Alves, Reinaldo J. da Silva, Alain de Chambrier, José L. Luque, Anastasiia Duchenko, Daniel Janies, and Jacob Machado, D.
 - Organization's homepage: <https://www.amsocparasit.org/>
- 2023 **XL Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society**, *Ithaca–NY, USA*
- Title: Combining phylogenetic and artificial intelligence to unravel viral recombination
 - Authors: Jacob Machado, D.
 - Organization's homepage: <https://cladistics.org/>
- **Calima Foundation**, *Cali–Valle del Cauca, Colombia*
- Title: What is phyloinformatics and how can it help us respond faster to health emergencies?
 - Authors: Jacob Machado, D.
 - Organization's homepage: <https://en.fundacioncalima.org/>
- **UNC Charlotte's 9th Annual Biological Sciences Research Symposium**, *Charlotte-NC, USA*
- Title: How can we reversibly control collagen pliability? An investigation of mutable collagenous tissue in the brittle star *Ophiomastix wendtii*
 - Authors: Nouri R., Mashanov V., and Jacob Machado D.
- **UNC Charlotte's 9th Annual Biological Sciences Research Symposium**, *Charlotte-NC, USA*
- Title: A phylogenomic and machine learning framework for discriminating SARS-CoV-2 variants
 - Authors: Marne O. and Jacob Machado D.
- **The 7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Research on Computer Science, Psychology, and Education (ICICPE–2023)**, *Bali, Indonesia*
- Title: Replicating Ford et al.'s investigation on the immune consequences and SARS-CoV-2 antibody's binding affinity using an in silico approach
 - Authors: Jones C., Zeru H., Jacob Machado, D.
 - Event's homepage: <http://icicpe.org/>
 - Abstract: ISSN 2508-7436, pages 246–250.
 - Zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/records/10138987>
- 2022 **VI Symposium of Zoological Systematics**, *Online, Worldwide*
- Title: The role of phylogeneticists in the execution of the One Health approach.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D., Antunes, E.P., Omura, G.S.Y., Yohe L.
 - Organization: Graduate Program in Zoology, Federal University of Minas Gerais
 - Event's homepage: <https://szsufmg.wixsite.com/vi-szs-ufmg>
 - Zenodo: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6528875>

- **XV Academic Meeting of Computational Modeling**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Title: Análises filogenômica de coronavírus: uma discussão metodológica.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: Summer Program 2022, National Laboratory of Scientific Computing (LNCC)
- 2021 **Special Symposium of UNC Charlotte's Bioinformatics Research Center**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Title: The origins of human coronaviruses.
 - Authors: Janies D.A., Jacob Machado D., Scott R. & Guirales S.
 - Organization: II Virtual Meeting of Systematics, Biogeography and Evolution: A Joint Effort in the Coronavirtual Era
 - Event's homepage: <https://www.sbemeeting.com>
- **Seminar Series**, *Santa Marta, Colombia*, Universidad del Magdalena
 - Title: Epidemiología genómica y lecciones aprendidas de la pandemia de COVID-19.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: Universidade del Magdalena
- **CARLA 2021**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Title: The HPC bottlenecks in the genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: Latin American High Performance Computing Conference
 - Website: carla2021.org
- **Projetos COVID**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Title: The origins of human coronaviruses.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein
- 2020 **Virology in the SARS-CoV-2 Era**, *Online*, Worldwide
 - Title: Phylogenomics of *Orthocoronavirinae*: evolutionary relationships between coronaviruses and their hosts.
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D. & Janies D.
 - Organization: I Virtual Meeting of Systematics, Biogeography and Evolution: A Joint Effort in the Coronavirtual Era
 - Event's homepage: <https://sbemeeting.weebly.com/>
- **Phylopizza**, *Washington, D.C.*, Smithsonian Institution
 - Title: What do poison dart frogs have to do with COVID-19?
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: Laboratory of Data Sciences, Smithsonian Institution
- **UNC Charlotte Continuing Education Webinar Series**, *Charlotte-NC, USA*
 - Title: COVID-19: Understanding the Science Behind the Pandemic
 - Authors: Janies D. & Jacob Machado D.
 - Organization: UNC Charlotte Continuing Education and UNC Charlotte College of Computing and Informatics
 - Recording available at <https://youtu.be/VmdNGyFRu3c>
- 2019 **XXXVIII Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society**, *Berkeley-CA, USA*
 - Title: Facing long-branch anxiety and outgroup prejudice in the phylogenomic analysis of *Flaviviridae*
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D., Schneider A. de. B. & Janies D.
 - Support: Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte

- **XXXVIII Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society, Berkeley–CA, USA**
 - Title: Eclecticism in cladistics: convergence among opposing optimality criteria may be a hoax
 - Authors: Jiménez-Ferbans L., Jacob Machado D. & de Freitas G.M.I.
 - Support: Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte
- **The 94th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists, Rochester–MN, USA**
 - Title: New dedicated pipeline to annotate the cestode mitogenome
 - Authors: Trevisan B., Jacob Machado D., Marques F.P. de L.
 - Support: Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte
- 2017 **5th International Quest for Orthologs Meeting, Los Angeles–CA, USA**
 - Title: Flavivirus phylogeny revisited: in search of the orthologs
 - Autores: Schneider A. de. B., Jacob Machado D., Lambodhar D. & Janies D.
 - Support: FAPESP & Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte
- 2016 **35th Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society and XII Reunión Argentina de Cladística y Biogeografía, Buenos Aires, Argentina**
 - Title: Evidence of absence treated as absence of evidence: the effects of gaps in standart maximum likelihood analysis
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D., Castroviejo-Fisher S. & Grant T.
 - Support: FAPESP and UNC Charlotte
- **35th Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society and XII Reunión Argentina de Cladística y Biogeografía, Buenos Aires, Argentina**
 - Title: direct measures of support for maximum likelihood
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D., Marques F.P. de L. & Grant T.
 - Support: FAPESP and UNC Charlotte
- 2014 **X Congreso Latinoamericano de Zoología, Cartajena das Indias, Colombia**
 - Title: Reconstructing mitochondrial genomes for five species of amphibians directly from genomic next-generation sequencing reads
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D., Lyra M.L. & Grant T.
 - Support: FAPESP
- **X Congreso Latinoamericano de Zoología, Cartajena das Indias, Colombia**
 - Title: Phylogenetic analysis of transformation series composed of ordered sequences
 - Authors: Dias P.H.S. & Jacob Machado D.
 - Support: FAPESP
- **“Curso de Verão em Bioinformática”, University of São Paulo, São Paulo–SP, Brazil**
 - Event organizer and panelist
- 2013 **XXXII Willi Hennig Meeting, University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany**
 - Title: On the use of iterative pass as a refinement strategy
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D. & Marques F.P. de L.
 - Support: FAPESP

- 2011 **XXX Willi Hennig Meeting**, *Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita Filho"*, São José do Rio Preto–SP, Brazil
- Title: Phylogenetic position of phyllobothriids (Eucestoda: Tetraphyllidea: Phyllobothriidea) parasites of Neotropical freshwater stingrays (Chondrichthyies: Myliobatoidei: Potamotrygonidae) based on direct optimization of nucleotide sequences
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D. & Marques F.P. de L.
 - Support: FAPESP
- **7th International Workshop on Cestode Systematics**, *University of Kansas*, Lawrence–KS, USA
- Title: Defining species boundaries using integrated taxonomy for freshwater tetraphyllideans: How to recognize and deal with great morphological variation?
 - Authors: Marques F.P. de L., Reyda F.B., Prado P.I., Bueno V.M., Jacob Machado D. & Luchetti N.M.
 - Support: FAPESP

Poster Presentations

- 2024 **20th X-Meeting – Brazilian Congress of Bioinformatics, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil**
- Title: Recombination and Evolution of DENV-1 Genotype V in Brazil
 - Authors: Hugo de Paula Oliveira, Kary Ocaña, Paula Prieto Oliveira, and Jacob Machado, D.
 - Event's homepage: <https://www.even3.com.br/xmeeting-2024/>
 - Poster available at: <https://zenodo.org/records/11529272>
- 2020 **ASBMB Annual Meeting, USA**
- FLAVi-Web: A Web Annotator for Viral Genomes of Flaviviridae with a Revised Phylogeny of the Family
 - Authors: Guirales S., Jacob Machado D., Schneider A.de B. & Janies D.
 - Support: Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte
 - Publication: The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Journal
 - DOI: 10.1096/fasebj.2020.34.s1.09730
- 2019 **XXXVIII Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society, Berkeley-CA, USA**
- Enhanced mitogenome annotation and phylogenetic analysis of Cestode
 - Authors: de Freitas G.M.I. & Jacob Machado D.
 - Support: Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics, UNC Charlotte
- 2018 **Virus Genomics and Evolution, Cambridge, UK**
- Stopping to compare apples and oranges: a homology-based phylogeny of Flaviviridae
 - Authors: Schneider A. de. B. & Jacob Machado D.
- 2013 **XXXII Willi Hennig Meeting, University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany**
- YBYRÁ - a fast and resourceful tool for examining clade prevalences in large sets of trees
 - Authors: Jacob Machado D. & Marques F.P. de L.
 - Support: FAPESP

Teaching Experience

GRADUATE SCHOOL

- 2022, Fall **Instructor (Faculty), University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC Charlotte), "Machine Learning for Bioinformatics", 3 credits**
- Theory and practice of machine learning, artificial neural networks, and deep learning, with focus on bioinformatics applications.
- 2021 **Workshop Instructor, Penn State University, "Don't panic: a survival guide to RNA-Seq", 16 hours, single event**
- Theory and practice on RNA-Seq and gene expression analysis for biomedical applications .
- 2019 – **Invited Lecturer, University of São Paulo, "Introduction to programming for biologists", 60 current hours, yearly**
- Taught lecture and lab to 20 graduate students and postdocs
 - Evaluated highly by students for introducing original course material that teaches Bash, Python, and R using examples that integrate different fields, from phylogenetics to systems biology

2018 – **Invited Lecturer**, *University of São Paulo*, “Introduction to bioinformatics: a theory-practice current course with examples from the phylogenomics of *Flavivirus*”, 60 hours, yearly

- Taught lecture and lab to 40 graduate students and postdocs
- Developed bioinformatics lab exercises based on open-source tools
- Evaluated highly by students for promoting critical thinking
- Introduced hack-a-thon events that helped solving local problems
- Promotes learning interdisciplinary concepts and practicing bioinformatics following the step-by-step protocols of a real and original research paper

Jul – Aug 2017 **Invited Lecturer**, *University of Magdalena*, Introduction to bioinformatics with practical examples from flavivirus genomics, 40 hours

- Taught lecture and lab to 20 students, including grad students and postdocs
- Raised resources to expand the local library and computational equipment

COLLEGE LEVEL

Aug – Dec 2013 **Teacher Assistant**, *University of São Paulo*, Department of Zoology

- Teaching: Vertebrate Zoology
- Supervisor: Professor Taran Grant

Aug – Dec 2011 **Teacher Assistant**, *University of São Paulo*, Department of Zoology

- Teaching: Diversity and Biogeography of the Neotropical Fauna
- Supervisor: Professor Ricardo Pinto da Rocha

Mar – Jul 2011 **Teacher Assistant**, *Universidade de São Paulo*, Department of Zoology

- Teaching: Foundations of Systematics and Biogeography
- Supervisor: Professor Fernando Portella de Luna Marques

Aug – Dec 2010 **Teacher Assistant**, *São Paulo State University*, Marine Biology

- Teaching: Invertebrate Zoology II
- Supervisor: Professor Tânia Márcia Costa

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2018 – 2019 **Science Teacher**, *Kindy Escola Americana*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil

- Responsible for the science courses
- Developed and led hands-on activities
- Practice strategies to promote gender and social equity

2011 – 2013 **Informatics Instructor**, *Instituto Brasileiro de Formação e Capacitação (IBFC)*, Taboão da Serra–SP, Brazil

- Taught lecture and lab on computer history, Microsoft application, Email, and Cloud Computing
- Non-governmental agency aiming to offer opportunities in low-income communities

2011 – 2012 **Coordinator of Exact Sciences**, *Oficina do Estudante*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil

- Taught calculus, analytical geometry, basic physics, and basic chemistry
- Classes aimed to increase the chances of students from low-income families get access to a college education

MENTORING

The Phyloinformatics Lab currently houses three UNC Charlotte students: two Ph.D. students (rotation) and one Master's student (voluntary internship).

2023–current **College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte–NC, USA**

- Level: Doctorate (Projects 1 and 2) and Master's (Project 3)
- No. of students: 3
- Project 1: "Evolution and classification of SARS-CoV-2" (student: Omkar Marne)
- Project 2: "New horizons in regenerative medicine through the investigation of genes involved in the modulation of echinoderm mutable connective tissue (MCT)" (student: Reyhaneh Nouri)
- Project 3: "FLAVi-CoV: A pipeline to annotate and categorize coronavirus genomes" (student: Drashti Mehta)

The Phyloinformatics Lab also counts with one international Master's student that is co-advised by Dr. Jacob Machado.

2022–current **Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity (IEB), Westfälische Wilhelms Universität (WWU), Münster–NWR, Germany**

- Level: Master's
- No. of students: 1
- Project 1: "Combining RNA-seq and machine learning to unravel the evolution of tetrodotoxin (TTX) defense in *Taricha granulosa*"
- Student's name: Johannes Schultheis (WWU)
- Primary advisor: Joachim Kurtz, Ph.D. (WWU)
- Supervisor in Brazil: Taran Grant, Ph.D. (USP)
- Co-advisor: Denis Jacob Machado, Ph.D. (UNC Charlotte)

Dr. Jacob Machado has length experience mentoring undergraduate and graduate students.

2021–2022 **College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte–NC, USA**

- Level: Doctorate (Projects 1 and 2) and Undergraduate (Projects 3 and 4)
- No. of students: 4
- Project 1: "Evolution of antimicrobial resistance in *Escherichia coli*"
- Project 2: "Improving genomic resources for highly regenerative echinoderms"
- Project 3: "Annotation of the draft genome of the hairy sea cucumber *Sclerodactyla briareus*"
- Project 4: "Annotation of the draft genome of the hairy sea cucumber *Ophioderma brevispinum*"
- Primary advisor: Professor Daniel Janies

2020–2021 **College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte–NC, USA**

- Level: Master's (project 1) and undergraduate (project 2)
- No. of students: 2
- Project 1: "The fundamental evolution of SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses"
- Project 2: "Genomic epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2"
- Primary advisor: Professor Daniel Janies

2019–2020 **Interunites Graduate Program in Bioinformatics, University of São Paulo, São Paulo–SP, Brazil**

- Level: Master's
- No. of students: 1
- Project: "The assembly of the genome of the eastern spadefoot toad, *Scaphiopus holbrookii*"
- Primary advisor: Professor Taran Grant

- **College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte–NC, USA**
 - Level: Master's
 - No. of students: 2
 - Project 1: "FLAVi-Web: a web annotator for viral genomes of *Flaviviridae*"
 - Project 2: "Assembly and annotation of repetitive DNA in the genome of the golden poison dart frog, *Phylobates terribilis*"
 - Primary advisor: Professor Daniel Janies
- **The University Honors Program, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte–NC, USA**
 - Level: Undergraduate
 - No. of students: 1
 - Project: "Repetitive DNA and tissue regeneration in echinoderms"
 - Primary advisor: Professor Daniel Janies

TEACHING INTERESTS

I am currently the instructor for **Programming II** (BINF-6600 and BINF-8600, combined). I have also served as the host of the Larry Mays **Seminar** Series in Bioinformatics (BINF-6600 and BINF-8600, combined) and **Machine Learning** for Bioinformatics (BINF-6112 and BINF-8112, combined). There are a number of courses that interest me in the Department's Master's and Doctorate programs. I am particularly motivated and qualified to teach technical and methodological courses on **biostatistics**, **database systems**, **big data analyses**, and **health informatics**. I am also interested in courses such as **environmental health**, **epidemiology of infectious diseases**.

I am interested in proposing new workshops and courses on **One Health**, **genomic epidemiology**, and **phylogenetics as applied to infectious diseases**.

Training and Certifications

- 2011 **The Willi Hennig Society 12th International Workshop in Phylogenetic Methods**, *Instituto de Ecología*, Xalapa–Veracruz, Mexico
 - Duration: 40h
 - Support: The Willi Hennig Society
- 2010 **Theory and Practice in Phylogenetic Reconstruction**, *Institute of Biosciences, University of São Paulo*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 - Duration: 80h
- 2009 **Foundations of Systematics and Biogeography**, *Institute of Biosciences, University of São Paulo*, São Paulo–SP, Brazil
 - Duration: 80h
- 2006 **Systematics**, *Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita Filho"*, São Vicente–SP, Brazil
 - Duration: 40h

Editorial Roles

- 2024–current **Editor**: BMC Genomics
- 2021–current **Review Editor**: Frontiers in Bioinformatic and Predictive Virology

- **Review Editor:** Frontiers in Extreme Microbiology
- **Review Editor:** Frontiers in Evolutionary and Genomic Microbiology

See my Loop profile at loop.frontiersin.org/people/1352271/overview.

Reviews

As an Editor in BMC Genomics Data, I have managed three manuscripts in 2024. Also, I completed 22 new manuscript reviews. Throughout my career, I have completed 55 reviews in 26 academic journals:

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| 13 | Frontiers in Microbiology | 2 | Cladistics |
| 4 | BMC Medical Genomics | 1 | Viruses |
| 3 | Molecular Biology and Evolution | 1 | Mitochondrial DNA Part B |
| 3 | Infectious Disease Reports | 1 | Life |
| 3 | BMC Genomics | 1 | Infection, Genetics and Evolution |
| 2 | Qeios | 1 | Frontiers in Virology |
| 2 | PLoS One | 1 | Foundations of Science |
| 2 | PeerJ | 1 | F1000 |
| 2 | Pathogens | 1 | EJIHPE |
| 2 | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry | 1 | Ecology and Evolution |
| 2 | Mitochondrial DNA Part A | 1 | Clinical and Translational Medicine |
| 2 | Hydrobiologia | 1 | BMC Evolutionary Biology |
| 2 | Frontiers in Bioinformatics | 1 | Anais da Academia Brasileira de Ciencias |

For more details, see my Publons profile at publons.com/researcher/665479/denis-jacob-machado (note that Publons does not necessarily show all my reviews).

Skills

Languages

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| Portuguese | Native |
| English | Fluent |
| Spanish | Proficient |

Skills in Computational Biology

Concepts used in my current and past projects include high-performance computing, high-throughput nucleotide sequencing, machine learning, protein-protein interaction, protein structure, antibodies, gene expression analyses, metagenomics, Python pipelines, R Shiny web apps, cloud-based applications (Microsoft Azure and AWS), high-performance computing, high-throughput nucleotide sequencing, and machine learning.

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| Languages | Bash, R (including Shiny applications), Python, Perl, SQL, JavaScript, Java, PHP, and Haskell |
| Tools | AlphaFold2, RoseTTAFold, HADDOCK, Tableau, Flask, Git, Java, Jupyter, and L ^A T _E X |

Cluster Management

I have build and managed different computer clusters design for the analyses of biological data from multi-omics research.

- 2013–current **ACE**, *University of São Paulo*, São Paulo – SP, Brazil
- Ace is a FAPESP-funded SGI cluster housed in the Museum of Zoology
 - Homepage: www.ib.usp.br/gran

2009–2013 **Abacus**, *University of São Paulo*, São Paulo – SP, Brazil

- *Abacus* is a FAPESP-funded Beowolf cluster housed in the Institute of Biosciences
- Homepage: www.ib.usp.br/hpc

Software Development

Most of my published software are available under an open-source license at:

GitLab gitlab.com/MachadoDJ

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