

Education


Ph.D. candidate, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA Driskill Graduate Program in Life Sciences	2022–present
M.S. in Bioinformatics, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK <i>With distinction</i> Advisors: — Jaume Bacardit, Reader at Newcastle University; — Alexander Misharin, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University.	2017–2018
Undergraduate coursework in Biology, Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia Genetics major	2003–2006

Publications


(* denotes equal contribution)

1. Research articles under peer-review


Markov NS, Ren Z, Senkow KJ, Grant RA, Gao CA, Malsin ES, Sichizya L, Kihshen H, Helmin KA, Jovisic M, Arnold JM, Pérez-Leonor XG, Abdala-Valencia H, Swaminathan S, Nwaezeapu J, Kang M, Rasmussen L, Ozer EA, Lorenzo-Redondo R, Hultquist JF, Simons LM, Rios-Guzman E, Misharin AV, Wunderink RG, Budinger GRS, Singer BD, Morales-Nebreda L; NU SCRIPT Study Investigators. 2023

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Expansion of profibrotic monocyte-derived alveolar macrophages in patients with persistent respiratory symptoms and radiographic abnormalities after COVID-19. *bioRxiv*.
<https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.07.30.551145> 

2. Peer-reviewed research articles


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A spatially restricted fibrotic niche in pulmonary fibrosis is sustained by M-CSF/M-CSFR signalling in monocyte-derived alveolar macrophages. *European Respiratory Journal (ERJ)*, 55 (1) 1900646.
<https://doi.org/10.1183/13993003.00646-2019>  

Invited Talks

- Cellular and molecular biomarkers of successful responses to therapy in severe pneumonia, including COVID-19
CZI Single-Cell Biology 2022 Annual meeting. [Recording](#)  November 2022
- Circuits between infected macrophages and T cells in SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia
American Thoracic Society Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (All) assembly journal club.
[Recording](#)  June 2021

Awards and Grant

- American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship
Machine learning approaches to predict outcomes and complications in ICU patients.
24PRE1196998 (\$67000)
<https://doi.org/10.58275/AHA.24PRE1196998.pc.gr.190609>  2024
- Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems Data Science Fellow (\$12500) 2022


Work Experience

- Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA 2019–2022
Analyse transcriptomic data from human samples and mouse experiments to gain insights into COVID-19, pulmonary fibrosis, systemic sclerosis and other pulmonary diseases. Analyse clinical data to correlate -omics data to clinical states and effects of treatment. Write manuscripts, support and organize data exchange, data management infrastructure, survey and apply new tools to RNA-seq analysis, develop in-house algorithms, design biological experiments to test hypothesis generated from analysis of transcriptomic data.
- Head of maintenance tools development group, Yandex, Moscow, Russia 2014–2017
Manage a team of developers: mentoring, resolving conflicts, improving performance, code review. Develop, design and support tools for system administrators and other employees.
- Full-stack software engineer, Yandex, Moscow, Russia 2007–2014
Develop, design and support web-services and console tools for improving employees' workflows.
- Software engineer, Art. Lebedev Studio, Moscow, Russia 2006–2007
Develop and support web-sites and a content management system.

Teaching Experience

- Summer Students Program 2022 at Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine 2022
Co-mentored 1 college student in automated image analysis. Helped develop project goals, methodology and results interpretation.
- Summer Students Program 2020 at Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine 2020
Co-mentored a group of 4 college students on a bioinformatics project. Contributed to project's design, teaching R programming environment, single-cell RNA-seq experimental technology and analysis.
- Introduction to Python, Introduction to Pandas and Matplotlib 2020
Small introductory lecture series during Data Science Nights at NICO, Northwestern University.
- Introduction to Programming, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK 2017
Unofficial 5-lecture course for fellow students.
- Introduction to Computer Science with Python 3, Yandex, Moscow, Russia 2013
High-school students.

Miscellaneous

- Open Problems for Single-Cell Analysis Jamboree March 2021
<https://openproblems.bio/jamboree/> 
- Contributor to open-source software: 2018–present
Seurat, CellBrowser, biopython, funkyheatmap, statannotations, scanpy, CellBender.

Programming languages

- Python, R, Java, C++, Ruby, Perl. Linux. Latex. HTML. JS.
Github: <https://github.com/mxposed> 