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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY	A researcher, educator, and data scientist using data to understand problems in molecular biology, human health and education. I am a self-driven and motivated with extensive experience working with diverse teams and in lead roles involving the production of applied statistics and informatics data tools and code that have been utilized in clinical trials, epidemiological studies and academic purposes. As a PhD-trained computational biologist and statistician, I am involved in large-scale health research and also in teaching postgraduate courses at the university.																
CORE COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biomarker discovery pipeline development• Clinical trial statistics• Bayesian statistics• Protein mass spectrometry• protein microarrays• Systems Biology• Machine learning for biology• Next generation sequencing (MiSeq and Oxford Nanopore)• Compartmental Epidemiological Modeling• Biostatistical programming: R and MATLAB• Scripting languages: perl and python• Unix shell scripting,• Other applications: Machine learning tools such as support vector machines and decision tree modelling, \LaTeX, database, spreadsheet, and presentation software• Capacity building• Operating Systems: Unix/Linux, MacOSX.																
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	Research Assistant Apr 2013 to March 2016 Project: <i>Data mining methods for understanding gene expression in high throughput technologies</i> Computational systems biology laboratory, Nara Institute of Science and Technology Supervisor: Kanaya Shigehiko, Ph.D
	Research Assistant Jun 2007 to May 2008 Project: <i>Biosafety; gene flow in wild oryzae sativa in Mwea region</i> School of Biological Sciences, University of Nairobi Supervisor: Samuel Kiboi, Ph.D
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Part-time Lecturer September 2017 to Present MSc Course: Biostatistics and Research Methods Courses taught: Biostatistics, databases and data visualization, Research methods and experimental design Department of Biochemistry, Pwani University, Kenya
	Teaching Assistant Dec 2012 to Mar 2013 Bioinformatics II Professor: Kensuke Nakamura Department of Life Science and Informatics, Maebashi Institute of Technology, Japan
	Teaching Assistant Oct 2011 to Oct 2014 Systems Biology Professor: Md Altaf-Ul-Amin Graduate School of Information Science, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan
OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE	Medical Representative Sep 2008 to Dec 2009 Pharmaken Limited Kenya Nairobi office
EDUCATION	Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST), Japan Ph.D. Bioinformatics, March 2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis title: <i>Transcription regulation network analysis towards integrative big data biology</i> • Advisors: Shigehiko KANAYA, PhD and Naoaki ONO, PhD M.Sc. Bioinformatics and biostatistics, March 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisors: Shigehiko KANAYA, PhD and Kensuke NAKAMURA, PhD University of Nairobi, Nairobi Kenya B.Sc. Biology (First Class Honours), October 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor: Samuel Kiboi, Ph.D

FUNDING AND AWARDS	Funding	
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	Awards	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Language studentship Osaka University Apr 2010 to Sep 2010 • Research Fellowship Oct 2010 to Mar 2011 • Masters Scholarship Apr 2011 to Mar 2013 • Doctoral Course Scholarship Apr 2013 to Mar 2016 • Gandhi Smarak Nidhi Trustee Fund Prize (Top undergraduate student SBS) May 2011 	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	Scientific Societies	May 2010 – Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molecular Biology Society of Japan (MBSJ) • International Society of Computational Biology (ISCB) • African Society for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (ASBCB) 	
	Student Societies	July 2004 – Aug 2008
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology Association of Nairobi University Students(BANUS) July 2004 to July 2007 • Organising Secretary BANUS Aug 2007 to July 2008 	
REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kamuyu, G., Tuju, J., Kimathi, R., Mwai, K., Mburu, J., Kibinge, N., ... and Njunge, J. M. (2018). KILchip v1. 0: a novel Plasmodium falciparum merozoite protein microarray to facilitate malaria vaccine candidate prioritization. <i>Frontiers in immunology</i>, 9. 2. Githinji, G., Agoti, C. N., Kibinge, N., Henson, S., Munywoki, P., Brand, S., ... and Worby, C. J. (2018). Assessing the utility of minority variant composition in elucidating RSV transmission pathways. <i>bioRxiv</i>, 411512. 3. Mohammed, K. S., Kibinge, N., Prins, P., Agoti, C. N., Cotten, M., Nokes, D. J., and Githinji, G. (2018). Evaluating the performance of tools used to call minority variants from whole genome short-read data. <i>Wellcome Open Research</i>, 3. 4. Njunge, J. M., Oyaro, I. N., Kibinge, N. K., Rono, M. K., Kariuki, S. M., Newton, C. R., and Gitau, E. N. (2017). Cerebrospinal fluid markers to distinguish bacterial meningitis from cerebral malaria in children. <i>Wellcome Open Research</i>, 2. 5. Kibinge, N., Ono, N., Horie, M., Sato, T., Sugiura, T., Altaf-Ul-Amin, M. and Kanaya, S. (2016). Integrated pathway-based transcription regulation network mining and visualization based on gene expression profiles. <i>Journal of biomedical informatics</i>, 61, 194-202. 6. Kibinge, N., and Kiboi, S. (2016). Increasing the role of systems biology towards leveraging ecology research in Kenya. <i>CICSJ Bulletin Japan</i>, 34(2), 59. 7. Tanaka, N., Zakaria, N. A., Kibinge, N. K., Kanaya, S., Tamura, T., and Yoshida, M. (2014). Fall-risk classification of the timed up-and-go test with principal component analysis. <i>International journal of neurorehabilitation</i>, 1, e106-e106. 	

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9. Ohtana, Y., Abdullah, A. A., AltafUAMin, M., Huang, M., Ono, N., Sato, T. and **Kibinge, N. K.** (2014). Clustering of 3D Structure Similarity Based Network of Secondary Metabolites Reveals Their Relationships with Biological Activities. *Molecular Informatics*, 33(1112), 790-801
10. Afendi, F. M., Ono, N., Nakamura, Y., Nakamura, K., Darusman, L. K., **Kibinge, N.**, and Kanaya, S. (2013). Data mining methods for omics and knowledge of crude medicinal plants toward big data biology. *Computational and structural biotechnology journal*, 4.
11. Ikeda, S., Abe, T., Nakamura, Y., **Kibinge, N.**, Morita, A. H., Nakatani, A., ... and Kanaya, S. (2013). Systematization of the protein sequence diversity in enzymes related to secondary metabolic pathways in plants, in the context of big data biology inspired by the KNApSACk Motorcycle database. *Plant and Cell Physiology*, pct041.

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PREPARATION/
SUBMITTED

1. **Nelson Kibinge**, Charles Sande, Ken Mwai, George Githinji, Abdirahman Abdi, James Nokes and James Njunge, TransProt: An analysis pipeline for proteomic and transcriptomic data.
2. **Nelson Kibinge**, Samuel Brand, George Githinji, Charles Agoti, Lister Mirarwa, Everlyn Kamau, James Otieno and James Nokes, Sampling coverage and variant diversity capture in RSV surveillance *Manuscript in prep.*

CONFERENCE AND
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PRESENTATIONS

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3. **Nelson Kibinge**, Shun Ikeda, Naoaki Ono, Nakamura Kensuke, MD Altaf-Ul-Amin and Shigehiko Kanaya (2012). Utilizing metric properties of amino acids in distance matrix methods for protein sequence analysis BMB2012 *The 35th annual meeting of the molecular biology society of Japan Fukuoka*, December, 1114, 2012
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