Nguyen Phuong PHAM, Ph.D.

Areas of Expertise: Genomics – Bioinformatics – Microbiology – Microbial ecology – Molecular biology

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2024-now

Research associate

Dr Marc Ouellette's Laboratory, the Infectious Disease Research Center (CRI), University Hospital of Quebec - Laval University Research Center (CHUL), Quebec, Canada

- Research topics: Genomics of antimicrobial resistance and adaptation mechanisms in *Streptococcus* pneumoniae
- Bioinformatics: Developing, maintaining, and optimizing omics analysis pipelines for bacteria (e.g., *Streptococcus*, *Listeria*, *Clostridium*) and protozoan parasites (*Leishmania*) in a high-performance computing (HPC) environment

2020-2024

Postdoctoral fellowship "Functional genomics of antimicrobial resistance in *Streptococcus pneumoniae*" **Dr Marc Ouellette's Laboratory, CHUL**

<u>Highlights</u>: Identified and validated genetic determinants of trimethoprim (TMP) resistance in *S. pneumoniae*; developed machine learning models to predict TMP minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs)

- Genomics: Conducted genome-wide association studies (GWAS), comparative genomic, and phylogenomic analyses
- Bioinformatics: Designed and implemented pipelines for genomic and metagenomic analyses, as well as machine learning workflows, using HPC infrastructure
- Functional study: Reconstructed antimicrobial resistance by whole-genome or targeted transformation coupled with sequencing (NGS, Sanger)

2015-2018

Ph.D. in Microbial ecology "Comparative genomic analysis of *Brevibacterium* strains and study of their biotic interactions with *Hafnia alvei* in a model cheese" – **BreviCheese project**

Food Process Engineering and Microbiology Unit (GMPA), AgroParisTech - INRA, France

<u>Highlights</u>: Identified genetic determinants involved in the growth of *Brevibacterium* on the cheese surface; demonstrated a mutualistic interaction between *B. aurantiacum* and *H. alvei* in cheese

- Genomics: Conducted phylogenetic and orthology analyses, and reconstructed metabolic pathways from genomic data
- Functional study: Developed a lab-scale mini-cheese model and optimized RNA extraction protocol from cheese; performed microbial, biochemical, transcriptomic (RNA-seq), and metabolomic (LC-MS, HPLC) analyses

2015

Master internship in Microbial ecology "Comparative genomics of technologically relevant metabolic pathways in *Brevibacterium* and their role in adaptation to the cheese environment", **GMPA**

<u>Highlights</u>: Reconstructed amino acid catabolism pathways across the 20 *Brevibacterium* genomes; investigated the impact of methionine on growth and sulfur metabolism regulation in cheese associated strains

- Microbiology: Cultured Brevibacterium and conducted microplate growth assays
- Genomics: Performed genome sequencing, de novo assembly and functional annotation
- Molecular biology: Extracted and purified DNA and RNA; performed PCR, gPCR, and RT-qPCR

2013-2014

Research assistant, Department of Pharmaceutical Industry, Hanoi University of Pharmacy (HUP), Vietnam

- Participated in projects on probiotic protection via encapsulation and lyophilization, and on magnesium lactate production through microbial fermentation
- Supervised and monitored student practical work on ethanol production by Saccharomyces cerevisiae using a continuous fermentation system

2012-2013

Undergraduate internship "Bacteriocin production capacity of Lactobacillus acidophilus ATCC 4653", HUP

• Microbiology: Cultured lactic acid bacteria and extracted, purified, and characterized the bacteriocin produced by *L. acidophilus* ATCC 4653

EDUCATION

2015-2018	Ph.D. speciality Process Engineering, Microbiology
	AgroParisTech, Paris-Saclay University, France
2014-2015	Master mention Molecular and cellular biology speciality Microbiology
	Pierre and Marie Curie University (UPMC, Paris VI), France
2008-2013	Pharmacist Degree, Industrial pharmacy specialization
	Hanoi University of Pharmacy (HUP), Vietnam

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGE

Bioinformatics High-performance computing (HPC); Database and Analysis platforms (e.g., IMG/M, Galaxy, NCBI, EMBL-EBI,

BV-BRC); Programming languages: Bash, Python, R; Machine Learning frameworks: scikit-learn; Container

platforms: Apptainer, Docker

IT OS: Unix, Linux, Windows, macOS; Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); Bibliographic

management: Zotero; Version control: Git

Languages French, English, Vietnamese

PUBLICATIONS

Abdallah, K., Fliss, O., Pham, N. P., Guay, L. D., Gingras, H., Godin, C., Leprohon, P., Biron, E., Fliss, I. & Ouellette, M. (2025). Antimicrobial Activity of a Synthetic Brevibacillin Analog Against Multidrug-Resistant *Campylobacter* spp. *International journal of molecular sciences*, 26(10), 4657. Article.

Peillard-Fiorente, F., Pham, N. P., Gingras, H., Godin, C., Feng, J., Leprohon, P., & Ouellette, M. (2025). Point mutations in functionally diverse genes are associated with increased natural DNA transformation in multidrug resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. *Nucleic acids research*, 53(1), gkae1140. **Article**.

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Telhig, S., Pham, N. P., Ben Said, L., Rebuffat, S., Ouellette, M., Zirah, S., & Fliss, I. (2024). Exploring the genetic basis of natural resistance to microcins. *Microbial Genomics*, 10(2), 001156. Article.

Pham, N.P., Patron, K., Gingras, H., Feng, J., Leprohon, P., & Ouellette, M., (2024). Déchiffrer la résistance au triméthoprime chez Streptococcus pneumoniae par une approche intégrative d'étude d'association pangénomique, de reconstruction de la résistance et d'apprentissage automatique. 4e Journée scientifique du Département de Microbiologie, Infectiologie et d'Immunologie, Faculté de Médecine, Université Laval, 2 November 2023, Québec, Canada. Poster.

Flahaut, M., Leprohon, P., Pham, N. P., Gingras, H., Bourbeau, J., Papadopoulou, B., Maltais, F. & Ouellette, M. (2023). Distinctive features of the oropharyngeal microbiome in Inuit of Nunavik and correlations of mild to moderate bronchial obstruction with dysbiosis. *Scientific Reports*, 13(1), 16622. Article.

Pham, N. P., Landaud, S., Lieben, P., Bonnarme, P., & Monnet, C (2019). Transcription profiling reveals cooperative metabolic interactions in a microbial cheese-ripening community composed of *Debaryomyces hansenii*, *Brevibacterium aurantiacum* and *Hafnia alvei*. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 10, 1901. **Article**.

Pham, N. P. (2019). Microbial adaptation in cheese: Tales of *Brevibacterium. Paris-Saclay MICROBES day, 27 March 2019, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.* **Speaker.**

Pham, N. P. (2018). Quels sont les mécanismes d'adaptation de *Brevibacterium* à l'environnement fromager? *Congrès National de la Société Française de Microbiologie, 1-3 October 2018, Paris, France.* **Guest speaker.**

Pham, N. P., Layec, S., Dugat-Bony, E., Vidal, M., Irlinger, F., & Monnet, C. (2017). Comparative genomic analysis of *Brevibacterium* strains: insights into key genetic determinants involved in adaptation to the cheese habitat. *BMC genomics*, 18(1), 955. Article.

Pham, N. P., Dugat-Bony, E., Vidal, M., Irlinger, F., Monnet, C., & Layec, S. (2017). Comparative genomic analysis of *Brevibacterium* strains: insights into key genetic determinants involved in adaptation to the cheese habitat and generation of functional properties. *The 14th Symposium on Bacterial Genetics and Ecology (BAGECO 14), 4-8 June 2017, Aberdeen, United Kingdom.* Poster.

REFERENCES

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