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PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present

Ph.D. Fellow

Computational Genomics Lab, University of Barcelona Supervised by: Josep F. Abril (jabril@ub.edu)

- Development of web-based tools to integrate protein-protein interactions, sequence annotations, and gene expression data for planarians and humans.
- Analysis of RNA-seq, ATAC-seq and ChIP-seq data for Schmidtea mediterranea.
- Development of tools that utilize machine-learning for predicting and retrieving protein-protein interactions.
- Assistant teacher of the courses: "Introduction to Algorithmics": Msc. Bioinformatics for Health Sciences at UPF; "Bioinformatics": BSc. Biochemistry at UB; "Computational Genomics": BSc. Bioinformatics at UPF/UPC/UB.

2014 - 2017

Research Intern

Computational Genomics Lab, University of Barcelona

- Prediction of an interactions network of planarian genes and proteins using sequence homology information and machine learning.
- –Implementation of a pipeline to retrieve protein-protein interactions from scientific literature using natural language processing.

EDUCATION

2015 - 2017

MSc Bioinformatics for health sciences

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

2010 - 2015

BSc Biology

Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, Perl, R, JavaScript, Bash

Databases Neo4j, Cypher Query Language, SQL

Data Science **ggplot2**, scikit-learn, R caret

Web **HTML5, CSS, Django**, jQuery, Bootstrap, Cytoscape.js

Other Statistics, Machine-Learning, RNA-seq, Linux, git, LaTeX

S. Castillo-Lara, E. Pascual-Carreras, J.F. Abril (2019)

PlanExp: intuitive integration of complex RNA-seq datasets with planarian omics resources. *Bioinformatics*, AOP. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btz802

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PPaxe: easy extraction of protein occurrence and interactions from the scientific literature. *Bioinformatics*, 35(14): pp. 2523-2524 doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/bty988

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PlanNET: Homology-based predicted interactome for multiple planarian transcriptomes. *Bioinformatics*, 34(6): pp. 1016-1023. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btx738

D. Boloc, **S. Castillo-Lara**, G. Marfany, R. Gonzàlez-Duarte, J.F. Abril (2015) **Distilling a visual network of retinitis pigmentosa gene-protein interactions to uncover new disease candidates.** *PLOS ONE*, 10(8): e0135307. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0135307

POSTERS

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PPaxe facilitates human-curation of protein-protein interactions filtered from the scientific literature. VI Jornada de Bioinformàtica i Genòmica, Barcelona.

- R. Arenas-Galnares, S. Castillo-Lara, V. Toulis, G. Marfany, R. Gonzàlez-Duarte, J.F. Abril (2018) RPGeNet v2.0 Enhanced navigation through the retinitis pigmentosa interaction network VI Jornada de Bioinformàtica i Genòmica, Barcelona.
- E. Pascual-Carreras, M. Marín-Barba, **S. Castillo-Lara**, M. Sureda-Gómez, G. Rodríguez-Esteban, H. Heyn, J.F. Abril, E. Saló, T. Adell (2017)

Understanding the anterior and the posterior signaling centers in planarians. XXIX Developmental Biology Meeting, Barcelona.

S. Castillo-Lara, J.F. Abril (2017)

A human-planarian interologs network to annotate planarian transcriptomes: PlanNET 15th International Workshop RECOMB Comparative Genomics, Barcelona.

S. Castillo-Lara, D. Boloc, G. Marfany, R. Gonzàlez-Duarte, J.F. Abril (2015)

Distilling a network of interactions to uncover genes involved in Retinitis Pigmentosa disease. Il Jornada de Bioinformàtica i Biologia Computacional, Barcelona.

SCHOLARSHIPS

2017	Grant for the recruitment of early-stage research staff (FI) Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca
2016	Beca de colaboración con departamentos (Collaboration Scholarship) Ministerio de Educación Cultura y Deporte
2014	Summer Research in Genetics University of Barcelona