## SUSHUPTA M. VIJAPUR

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### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York City, NY Master of Public Health in Epidemiology, Certificate in Applied Biostatistics University of Pittsburgh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience, Minor in Chemistry

May 2021

**April 2018** 

#### **EXPERIENCE**

## Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

May 2020 – present

Graduate Research Assistant

- Cleaned and organized 4 years of data, consisting of 300,000 records from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health
- Applied advanced statistical techniques, including linear and logistic trends analyses, using R to study substance abuse disorders among varying demographic groups
- Developed and implemented an analysis plan, creating actionable goals to meet project needs
- Created data visualizations using R packages, including ggplot, to present results to team members project leads
- Preparing a manuscript for publication at a peer-reviewed journal

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Pittsburgh, PA August 2015 – August 2019

Data Analyst (April 2018 – August 2019)

- Applied statistical analytic techniques, including multivariable and logistic regression, using SAS for biomarker driven research in modeling functional, behavioral and cognitive outcomes in a traumatic brain injured population
- Cleaned and organized large datasets used in various analytical research projects using SAS
- Wrote 2 grants for large government funded projects with grant support of more than \$1 million
- Prepared 2 manuscripts, 1 of which is published at the Journal of Neurotrauma
- Trained 10 undergraduate students in statistical analysis, improving their understanding of complex methods
- Managed human bio-repository system of over 20,000 samples and conducted proper updates to MS Access database

Research Assistant (August 2015 - March 2018)

- Analyzed biomarker data using SAS/SPSS and performed data visualization to present results using GraphPad and Excel
- Organized and maintained patient data extracted from Epic and Cerner
- Accurately entered patient data into MS Access laboratory database
- Performed queries in MS Access database to extract the data needed for analytic research projects
- Assisted in optimizing and establishing the human bio-repository system for all lab samples

## **SKILLS**

Statistical Softwares: R, SAS, STATA, SPSS

Applications: GraphPad, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Vijapur S**, Yang Z, Barton D, et al. Anti-pituitary and anti-hypothalamus autoantibody associations with inflammation and hypogonadotropic hypogonadism in men with traumatic brain injury [published online ahead of print, 2020 Feb 28]. *J Neurotrauma*. 2020;10.1089/neu.2019.6780. doi:10.1089/neu.2019.6780

# **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS (Selected)**

- Vijapur, S.M., Myrga, J.M., Vaughan, L.E., Conely, Y.P., Wagner, A.K. (2019, July). COMT and ANKK1 Genetics Influence II-6 Levels and Associations with Depression and Behavior following TBI. *Poster presented at National Neurotrauma Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Invited Speaker)*
- Vijapur, S.M., Dekman, M., Vaughan, L.E., Awan, N., Kumar, R.G., Wagner, A.K. (2019, July). Lymphocyte and BDNF Associations with Risk for Persistent Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism. *National Neurotrauma Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA (Poster Trainee Finalist)*
- Vijapur, S.M., Kumar R.G., Ranganathan P., Yang Z., Wang K.K., Wagner A.K. (2018, August). Chronic Systemic Inflammation and Associations with Autoantibody Production after Traumatic Brain Injury. *International and National Neurotrauma Symposiums, Toronto, Canada (Poster Presentation)*