

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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POSITION TITLE: Research Fellow				
EDUCATION/TRAINING				
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	GRADE	COMPLETION DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
Faculty of Sciences and Technology, University of Coimbra, Portugal	BSc	15	07/20	Biochemistry
Faculty of Sciences and Technology, University of Coimbra, Portugal	MSc	18	02/23	Biochemistry

A. Personal statement

Since I was young, I've been passionate about cancer research. This drive led me to pursue a bachelor's degree and then a master's in biochemistry. Throughout my academic journey, I focused on cancer research, supported by various projects. My interest was sparked during an internship at the Portuguese Oncology Institute (IPO), where I gained clinical insights that further motivated me. Subsequent projects, such as "Understanding the Influence of Tumor Cells' Secretome on the Formation of Metastases" at the Coimbra Institute for Clinical and Biomedical Research (iCBR), expanded my knowledge.

During my master's, I undertook two internships focusing on cancer stem cells and targeted anti-tumor strategies. These experiences solidified my determination to pursue a career in cancer research. For my dissertation, I worked on "Molecular Mechanisms of Immunomodulatory Drug Resistance in Multiple Myeloma" within the Oncology and Hematology Laboratory.

Currently, I am part of Dr. Sonia Melo's group (University of Porto, Portugal) at i3S, where I am actively studying pancreatic cancer.

B. Positions

01/2024 - Actual	Research Fellow, Intercellular Communication and Cancer Group - Institute for Research and innovation in Cancer (i3S), Porto, Portugal
06/2023 - 12/2023	Professional internship - Food and Veterinary Division, Porto, Portugal
11/2022 - 03/2023	Internship - Portuguese Oncology Institute of Coimbra Francisco Gentil, Coimbra, Portugal
09/2021 - 07/2022	Master's internship, laboratorial research in the project "Molecular Mechanisms of Immunomodulatory Drug Resistance in Multiple Myeloma", Oncology and Haematology Laboratory, Coimbra, Portugal

01/2020 - 07/2020 Bachelor's internship, laboratorial research in the project "Understanding the influence of tumour cells' secretome on the formation of metastases", Tumour microenvironment and metastasis Laboratory, Coimbra, Portugal

C. Communications

Oral presentation

2022 "Molecular Mechanisms of Immunomodulatory Drug Resistance in Multiple Myeloma" SPH Annual Meeting 2022, Coimbra, Portugal

Conferences

2022 STRATAGEM-Annual Meeting, Coimbra, Portugal

D. Training

2021 Webinar CIMAGO

2021 Cell Culture and Tissue Training Course". Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra, Portugal