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I am a **synthetic chemist/ chemical biologist** with a particular interest in the biosynthesis of natural products, and am especially fascinated by the enzymes involved in in sugar and nucleoside biosynthesis and modification. I am passionate about biocatalysis, considering it the most striking and environmentally-friendly approach to synthesis. I am currently working on a very interdisciplinary project, combining synthetic chemistry, molecular biology and enzymology. Specifically, I am investigating the biosynthesis of the nucleoside moiety of pacidamycins, by focusing on the enzymes involved. Combining synthetic chemistry and heterologous expression, kinetic and crystallisation studies I aim to obtain a better understanding of the function of these enzymes, that could be potentially used for the generation of nucleoside antiviral targets.

## **Employment Record**

### **PhD Studentship, funded by GSK and the University of St Andrews**

October 2013-present

### **Research internship, E2P2, SOLVAY CHINA CO, LTD., Shanghai, China**

February-July 2013

### **Research internship, Laboratory of Organic Chemistry 2 (LCO2), CPE Lyon (Ecole Supérieure de Chimie Physique et Electronique de Lyon), Lyon, France**

March-August 2012

## **Education**

### **CASE PhD Studentship, University of St Andrews, Department of Chemistry, St Andrews, Scotland. GSK, Medicines Research Centre, Stevenage, UK, Dr R. Goss and Dr M. Brown**

October 2013- present

*Harnessing synthetic chemistry and synthetic biochemistry to access modified nucleosides, with a focus on antiviral targets.*

### **Master Thesis, E2P2, SOLVAY CHINA CO, LTD., Shanghai, China, Dr F. De Campo**

February-July 2013

*Research in homogeneous catalysis and biomass chemistry. Development of an efficient and environmentally-friendly method for a reaction of industrial interest. Application to biomass chemistry.*

### **International Master 2 ‘Synthesis, Catalysis and Sustainable Chemistry’, Université Lyon 1, Lyon, France.**

September 2012-July 2013

### **Bachelor’s Thesis, Laboratory of Organic Chemistry 2 (LCO2), CPE Lyon (Ecole Supérieure de Chimie Physique et Electronique de Lyon), Lyon, France, Dr P. Goekjian**

March-August 2012

*Synthesis of sugar-based analogues of an OGT inhibitor (BADGP) for a further understanding of OGT role in various biochemical pathways, especially its involvement in diabetes type 2.*

**Bsc. in Chemistry with one year specialisation in ‘Biochemistry – Organic Chemistry and Synthesis’, Department of Chemistry, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece**

2008- 2012

*Involvement in ERASMUS programme.*

**Previous Employment Record**

**Summer Placement, Laboratory of biochemical analysis and medical exams, Ioannina, Greece.**

July- September 2011

**Direct Dialogue Campaign (DDC), Greenpeace, Thessaloniki, Greece.**

September 2009- February 2010

**Private tutor in Chemistry for high school students, Greece.**

September 2009- January 2012

**Skills and Knowledge**

- Expertise in reaction design and set up including fluorination DAST-type reactions, hydrogenations, aminations using homogeneous catalysis, sugar and nucleoside chemistry, protecting group chemistry
- Expertise in purification of carbohydrates and nucleosides
- Expertise in purification of enzymes
- Expertise in molecular biology techniques including cloning
- Highly experienced in spectroscopic and spectrometric characterisation
- Experienced in the use of Word, Excel, Power Point, ChemDraw, Ilib diverse, LingaScout, Mnova

**Languages**

- Greek: mother language.
- English: fluent/ PCE Cambridge and Michigan Proficiency Certificate in English
- French : independent /Certificate B2 (preparation for Certificate C1)

**Administrative Experience/ Teaching**

Lab Roles: Responsible for the proper function of Rotavaps and safety handling of solvents.

Demonstrating: Demonstrator of undergraduates for laboratories in the University of St Andrews