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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Bioinformatics Analyst with 10+ years of hands-on experience in development of next-gen sequencing pipelines
- Expert in analysis of high-throughput sequencing data, highly collaborative with excellent communication skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Biological Data Analysis: CNV and SNV calling, Bisulfite Sequencing, ChIP-Seq, (h)MeDIP-Seq, ATAC-Seq, bulk and single cell RNA-Seq

Languages: Python, R, Perl, R Shiny

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, Singularity, VS Code, AWS, Jupyter Notebook

Pipelining Frameworks: Nextflow, Snakemake

BIOINFORMATICS EXPERIENCE

Senior Staff Engineer, Bioinformatics

Takara Bio USA

Apr 2024 - present

San Jose, CA

- Led the development and maintenance of Cogent suite of data analysis pipelines for DNA/RNA-Seq data using Nextflow
- Developed and maintained pipelines and software to aid design of new products in R&D using Python, Docker, Shiny and JavaScript

Staff Scientist, Bioinformatics

Takara Bio USA

Jan 2021 - Feb 2024

San Jose, CA

- Worked on algorithm and UI development for Embgenix PGT-A software for aneuploidy detection (low pass sequencing CNV detection) in embryos
- Collaborated with bench scientists to address bioinformatics needs in DNA-Seq, particularly in reproductive health

Bioinformatician/Computational Biologist

University of Michigan

Sep 2016 - Jan 2021

Ann Arbor, MI

- Developed, tested and maintained bioinformatics pipelines using Snakemake, R, Python, and open-source bioinformatics tools
- Worked with scientists to develop analysis plans and budgets for bioinformatics/epigenomics research groups
- Applied computational and statistical tools to interpret results from high dimensional genomics experiments derived from high-throughput sequencing (ChIP-Seq, ERRBS/WGBS, bulk/single-cell ATAC-Seq, RNA-Seq, Exome-Seq)
- Organized pre- and post-analysis consultations, generated detailed analysis reports and interpreted results effectively to non-expert audiences

Research Assistant

Purdue University

Aug 2012 - Jul 2016

West Lafayette, IN

- Analyzed NGS data (*de novo* transcriptome analysis) from giant ragweed to identify genes responsible for disease resistance
- Performed domain co-occurrence analysis using statistical models for identifying the pairwise probability of protein domains to understand early land plant evolution

Data Science Intern

Monsanto

May 2015 - Aug 2015

Chesterfield, MO

- Investigated the effect of metabolites and genes on selected yield-related phenotypes in corn using machine learning algorithms and feature selection methods, generated a list of predictive features affecting the yield of corn
- Collaborated with multi-state teams to design and develop web applications in R Shiny, communicated results effectively with non-specialist scientists from other teams

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Biological Sciences (Computational Life Sciences Program)

Purdue University

Jul 2016

West Lafayette, IN

M.S. Bioinformatics

Indiana University

Jun 2011

Bloomington, IN

B.Tech. Industrial Biotechnology

SASTRA University

May 2009

Tamil Nadu, India

PUBLICATIONS AND PATENTS

- J. Meyers, L. Zhao, N. Yasuyama, J. Kim, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Evaluation of Cell-Free Nucleic Acids in Blastocoel Fluid Conditioned Media and its Potential for Non-Invasive Embryo Assessment". *Fertility and Sterility*. 2022 Oct.
- N.K. Patel, J.H. Nunez, M. Sorkin, S. Marini, C.A. Pagani, A.L. Strong, C.D. Hwang, S. Li, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Macrophage TGF- β signaling is critical for wound healing with heterotopic ossification after trauma". *JCI Insight*. 2022 Sep.
- J. Foox, J. Nordlund, C. Lalancette, T. Gong, M. Lacey, S. Lent, B.W. Langhorst, V.K.C. Ponnaluri, L. Williams, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "The SEQC2 Epigenomics Quality Control (EpiQC) Study: Comprehensive Characterization of Epigenetic Methods, Reproducibility, and Quantification". *Genome Biology*. 2021 Dec.
- J. Meyers, J. Laliberte, N. Yasuyama, J. Kim, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "The Effect of Embryo Morphology and Culturing Methods on the Performance of Non-Invasive Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidies". *Fertility and Sterility*. 2021 Sep.
- Z.M. Laubach, J.R. Greenberg, J.W. Turner, T. Montgomery, M.O. Pioon, L. Smale, R. Cavalcante, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Early-life social experience affects offspring DNA methylation and later life stress phenotype". *Nature Communications*. 2021 Jul.
- N.J. Edwards, E. Hobson, D. Dey, A. Rhodes, C. Pagani, A.L. Strong MD, G.E. Hespe, A. Huber, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "High Frequency Spectral Ultrasound Imaging Detects Early Stage Post Traumatic Heterotopic Ossification in Rodent Models". *Stem Cells Dev*. 2021 May.
- C.A. Pagani, A.K. Huber, C. Hwang, S. Marini, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Novel Lineage Tracing System to Identify Site-specific Ectopic Bone Progenitor Cells". *Stem Cell Reports*. 2021 Feb.
- P. Venkatraman, I. Mills-Henry, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Rods Contribute to Visual Behavior in Larval Zebrafish". *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science*. 2020 Oct.
- A.K. Huber, N. Patel, C.A. Pagani, S. Marini, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "Immobilization after injury alters extracellular matrix and stem cell fate". *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*. 2020 Jul.
- A.K Saha, R. Contreras-Galindo, Y.S. Niknafs, M. Iyer, T. Qin, **K. Padmanabhan**, et al. "The role of the histone H3 variant CENPA in prostate cancer". *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 2020 May.
- **K. Padmanabhan**, K. Segobye, S.C. Weller, B. Schulz, M. Gribskov. "Preliminary investigation of glyphosate resistance mechanism in giant ragweed using transcriptome analysis". *F1000 Research*. 2016 Jun.
- B. Schulz, S.C. Weller, M. Gribskov, **K. Padmanabhan**, K. Segobye, "Diagnostic Tools for Herbicide Resistance in Weeds", Application No. 61/910,770 ("Technology"), 2013

PRESENTATIONS

- **K. Padmanabhan**, K. Segobye, S.C. Weller, B. Schulz, M. Gribskov, "Transcriptome Analysis of Giant Ragweed", Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Spring Reception, Purdue University, 2015 (Poster Presentation)
- **K. Padmanabhan**, K. Segobye, M. Gribskov, B. Schulz, S.C. Weller, "Molecular Analysis of Glyphosate Resistance in Giant Ragweed", NCWSS Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, December 3, 2014 (Oral Presentation)
- **K. Padmanabhan**, K. Segobye, M. Gribskov, B. Schulz, S.C. Weller, "Molecular Analysis of Glyphosate Resistance in Giant Ragweed", Graduate Student Retreat, Purdue University, 2014 (Oral Presentation)
- **K. Padmanabhan**, N.B. Best, M. Gribskov, S.C. Weller, B. Schulz, "Transcriptome Analysis of Glyphosate Resistance in Giant Ragweed", Joint Annual Meeting of WSSA and CWSS, Vancouver, BC, February 4, 2014 (Oral Presentation).

SELECTED AWARDS

- Purdue Graduate Student Government Travel Award, Purdue University, 2015
- Purdue Graduate Student Government Professional Award, Purdue University, 2014
- Student Innovator Award, Purdue University, 2014
- Summer Institutes in Statistical Genetics Travel Award, University of Washington, 2014
- Best Oral Presentation, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University, 2014
- Dr. P.T. Gilham Graduate Award. Purdue University, 2011

OUTREACH AND LEADERSHIP

- Volunteer Reviewer, PeerJ, 2024 - present
- Associate Editor, Journal of Emerging Investigators, 2024 - present
- Assistant Program Coordinator, LSAMP Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2016
- President/Treasurer/Webmaster, Biological Graduate Student Council, Purdue University, 2012-15
- Organizer/Lead Instructor, Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs RNA-Seq Workshop, 2015
- Webmaster, Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Purdue University, 2012-13
- Teaching Assistant, Purdue University
 - Introduction to R and Bioconductor, Summer 2014
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology Fall 2011 – Spring 2013