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Resident in Pathology

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BIO

I am a resident physician in Clinical Pathology (Laboratory Medicine) and post-doctoral researcher at Stanford University School of Medicine. My career goal is to apply translational research towards treatment and prevention of critically important yet neglected medical problems. Infectious diseases present some of the most important challenges we face as a society, including the injustice of ongoing epidemics in low- and middle-income country settings, the rise of antimicrobial resistance, and the continuing threat of novel pandemics. In response to the scale and urgency of these problems, I am directing my efforts toward development of innovative strategies to prevent, diagnose, and treat infectious diseases. I am particularly interested in pursuing potential interventions that could provide protection against broad classes of pathogens, such as Far-UVC disinfection technology, metagenomic pathogen surveillance, novel diagnostics, and broad-spectrum vaccines and antivirals.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Residency
- Clinical Pathology
- Medical Microbiology

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- MD, Yale University School of Medicine (2024)
- PhD, Yale University School of Medicine , Cellular and Molecular Physiology (2022)
- B.S., U.C.L.A. , Neuroscience (2015)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Pandemic prevention, diagnosis of emerging infectious diseases.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Conserved but not critical: Trafficking and function of Na_V1.7 are independent of highly conserved polybasic motifs** *FRONTIERS IN MOLECULAR NEUROSCIENCE*
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