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Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Current Position

2017-Head of the unit for separation and identification of Metabolites at the Agricultural Research Organization (ARO) Volcani Center. I joined the ARO in 2008 (with a break of a year and a half) and established the Metabolomics unit, specializing in identification and quantification of small molecules (metabolites) using a variety of state-of-the-art MS-based instruments and analysis software.

The repertoire of capabilities includes identification of known and unknown small molecule based on accurate mass (UPLC-QTOF-MS), quantification of small molecule, including plant hormones, a variety of polyphenols and glycoalkaloids using triple-quad based MS (UPLC-Triple Quadrupole-MS), as well as identification and quantification of volatile molecules such as terpenes, sterols and fatty acids using HS-SPME/GC-MS. The unit functions in collaboration with many research groups in the ARO in diverse projects and is equipped to address most questions related to identification and quantification of small molecules.

2016-2017 - Chief Science Officer (CSO) at Esense - Lab.

2015-2016 - Eldan Electronic Instruments (Neopharm Group) - Mass Spectrometry Application Specialist - Life Science Division - Teaching and Training of Personnel on Advanced Mass Spectrometry Instruments.

2008-2015 - Head of the Metabolomics unit at ARO, Volcani Institute - Leading the Unit of Separation and Identification of Metabolites.

Education

2002-2007 - Tel-Aviv University - Direct Course towards Ph.D., Organic Chemistry. Subject of the Ph.D. Thesis: "*Oxygen Transfer Reactions Using the HOF•CH₃CN Complex*".

Supervisor: Prof. Shlomo Rozen. During this period, I acquired extensive experience in Multistep Organic Synthesis, Multinuclear NMR Spectroscopy, HPLC, GC, UV-Vis, Fluorescence and IR spectroscopy.

1999-2002 - Tel-Aviv University - B.Sc. Magna cum Laude, Chemistry.

Teaching Experience

2005-2007 - Tel-Aviv University - Teaching Assistant - Organic Chemistry for Undergraduate Medicine Students, Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv.

2002-2007 - Tel-Aviv University - Laboratory Instructor - Laboratory in Organic/Advanced Organic Chemistry for Undergraduate Chemistry Students, School of Chemistry, Tel-Aviv.

Honors

1999- Award of the Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture.

2001- The “Amos De-Shalit” Award for Outstanding Students.

2005- The Dean Scholarship for Outstanding Research Students.

Publications

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Basis of Bitter/non-Bitter Flavor of Citrus Fruit; Evolution of Branch-Forming Rhamnosyltransferases under Domestication” the *Plant Journal* **2013**, 73(1), 166-178.

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Special Highlight

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