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Education

- 11/2019 – 01/2023 **Doctor of Science (PhD) in Epidemiology**
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI), Zurich, Switzerland
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Milo Puhan and Prof. Dr. Jan Fehr
- 09/2017 – 09/2018 **Master of Science in Public Health (MScPH)**
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, UK
Health Services Research (HSR) Stream
- 09/2005 – 06/2011 **Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBCH)**
Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon

Professional Experience

- 02/2023 – Present **Postdoctoral researcher**
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI), Zurich, Switzerland
- 11/2019 – 01/2023 **Doctoral (PhD) candidate in Epidemiology**
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Prevention Institute (EBPI), Zurich, Switzerland
- 04/2019 – 08/2019 **Research Fellow**
Internal Medicine Department, American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon
- 02/2016 – 12/2017 **Research Fellow**
MICROB Research Unit, Saint George Hospital University Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon
- 07/2015 – 06/2017 **Infectious Diseases Fellowship**
Infectious Diseases Dpt, Saint George Hospital University Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon
Awarded Specialist Diploma in Infectious Diseases in 06/2017
- 07/2012 – 06/2015 **Internal Medicine Residency**
Internal Medicine Dpt, Makassed General Hospital (Affiliated with American University of Beirut), Beirut, Lebanon
Awarded Specialist Diploma in Internal Medicine in 06/2015

Approved Research Projects

- 03/2023 – Present Preventive and therapeutic effects of mRNA vaccines on Long Covid (Fellow)
- 02/2021 – Present Zurich SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Cohort (ISRCTN15499304; co-coordinating investigator)
- 07/2020 – Present Zurich SARS-CoV-2 Cohort (ISRCTN14990068, co-coordinating investigator)

Fellowships and Awards

03/2023	Moderna Global Fellowship Program
11/2019	Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+) Global PhD Fellowship Program in Public Health Sciences funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (Horizon 2020 – COFUND)
04/2018	Best Rated Abstract – ECCMID 2018
06/2011	Distinction degree, MBBCH

Conferences and Seminars

07/2021	Swiss Public Health Conference (Bern, Switzerland) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Evaluating Adherence and Effectiveness of the SwissCovid Digital Proximity Tracing App: Results from the Zurich SARS-CoV-2 Cohort Study (oral presentation)</i>
11/2019	EACS 2019 (Basel) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pre-educational course: Dermatology in the modern era of HIV (Clinical case oral presentation)</i>
10/2019	ID Week 2019 (Washington DC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The effectiveness of short versus long antibiotic therapy in hospitalized adult patients with urinary tract infections: a systematic review and meta-analysis” (Poster Presentation)</i>
04/2018	ECCMID 2018 (Madrid) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“Multidrug-resistant Acinetobacter baumannii monotherapy with colistin: impact on resistance profile and burden of disease” (Best Rated Abstract 2018; Poster Presentation)</i>
04/2017	ECCMID 2017 (Vienna) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“Risk Factors, Clinical Presentation and Outcome of Acinetobacter baumannii Bacteremia” (Oral Presentation for Small Audience)</i>
04/2017	ECCMID 2017 (Vienna) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>“The Integrated Effect of Antimicrobial Restriction Policy and Protocol Driven Treatment on Multidrug Resistance Prevalence” (Poster Presentation)</i>

Skills

- R, STATA SPSS, REDCap, Epidata
- Languages: Arabic (native), English (fluent), German (completed A2- actively learning), French (A1)