

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DATA

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CURRENT STATUS

Postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

EDUCATION

2006 -2009

Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Sciences – Faculty of CHEMISTRY
& National Hellenic Research Foundation - Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Title: *The use of Physicochemical methodologies to study the conformational analysis of peptide analogs against Multiple Sclerosis and their Interactions with lipid bilayers.*

This PhD thesis was in the framework of the research program PENED 2003 entitled: “Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of MBP analogs targeting the immunotherapy of Multiple Sclerosis”

2003 - 2006

Master degree (M.Sc.) in Physical Chemistry, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Sciences – Faculty of CHEMISTRY
& National Hellenic Research Foundation - Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Title: *Use of physicochemical methods to investigate the conformational properties of the antihypertensive drug Valsartan and its interactions with membrane bilayers.*

1997-2003

Diploma (B.Sc.) in Chemistry – Degree: 7.12/10, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, School of Sciences – Faculty of CHEMISTRY

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROGRAMS

1/3/2010 – today

- **“NMR spectroscopy and in silico methodologies towards screening of potential drug molecules and structure determination.”** FP7-Regional Potential project “Advancement of Research Capability for the Development of New Functional Compounds” (ARCADE) implemented at the Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

1/7/2009 – 31/10-2009

- **“Development of a novel method for the extension of the life circle of deactivated car catalysts.”** The research took place at the Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

15/9/2006 – 15/3/2007

- **“Structure and Dynamics of metalloproteins through NMR spectroscopy”**
The research took place in Magnetic Resonance Center (CERM) at Florence, Italy.

1/6/2006 – 31/5/2009

- **“Design, synthesis and biological evaluation of MBP analogs targeting the immunotherapy of Multiple Sclerosis.”** The research was in the framework of PENED 2003 and took place at the Institute of Organic and Pharmaceutical Chemistry of the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

1/5/2003 - 31/12/2003

- **“Detection of adulteration of Virgin Olive Oil by Hazelnut oil using ¹³C High Resolution NMR Spectroscopy.”** The research took place in National Hellenic Research Foundation at Athens, Greece. GROWTH-GIRD CT 2000 00440, EUROPEAN COMMISSION RESEARCH DIRECTORATES GENERAL SHARED COST.

GRANTS

1. STSM CM0801-4468 COST **“In silico screening and docking studies for the design of novel TryS inhibitors with potential antileishmanial activity.”** Faculty of Pharmacy - University of Siena, Italy, May 3 – June 3, 2010.
2. European School of Medicinal Chemistry, Urbino, Italy, September 13-18, 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Potamitis, C., Zervou, M., Katsiaras, V., Zoumpoulakis, P., Durdagi, S., Papadopoulou, M.G., Hayes, J.M., Grdadolnik, S.G., Kyrikou, I., Argyropoulos, D., Vatougia, G. & Mavromoustakos, T. Antihypertensive Drug Valsartan in Solution and at the AT(1) Receptor: Conformational Analysis, Dynamic NMR Spectroscopy, in Silico Docking, and Molecular Dynamics Simulations. *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling* 49 (3), 726-739 (2009).
2. Kotzabasakis, V., Kostakis, K., Pitsikalis, M., Hadjichristidis, N., Lohse, D.J., Mavromoustakos, T., Potamitis, C. Polymerization of Higher alpha-Olefins Using a C-s-Symmetry Hafnium Metallocene Catalyst. Kinetics of the Polymerization and Microstructural Analysis. *Journal Of Polymer Science Part A-Polymer Chemistry* 47 (17) 4314-4325 (2009).
3. Gabriel, C., Venetis, J., Kaliva, M., Raptopoulou, C.P., Terzis, A., Drouza, C., Meier, B., Voyiatzis, G., Potamitis, C., Salifoglou, A. Probing for missing links in the binary and ternary V(V)-citrate-(H₂O₂) systems: synthetic efforts and in vitro insulin mimetic activity studies. *Journal of inorganic biochemistry* 103 (4), 503-516 (2009).
4. Fotakis, C., Gega, S., Siapi, E., Potamitis, C., Viras, K., Moutevelis-Minakakis, P., Kokotos, C.G., Durdagi, S., Golic Grdadolnik, S., Sartori, B., Rappolt, M., Mavromoustakos, T. Interactions at the bilayer interface and receptor site induced by the novel synthetic pyrrolidinone analog MMK3. *BBA-Biomembranes* 1798 (3), 422 - 432 (2010).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

1. Mavromoustakos, T., Golic Grdadolnik, S., Zervou, M., Zoumpoulakis, P., Potamitis, C., Politi, A., Mantzourani, E., Platts, J. A., Koukoulitsa, C., Minakakis, P., Kokotos, G., Tselios, T., Matsoukas J., Durdagi, S., Papadopoulos, M. G., Papahatjis, D. P, Spyranti, Z. S., Dalkas, G. A. Spyroulias, G.A. Putative bioactive conformers of small molecules: A concerted approach using NMR spectroscopy and computational chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry Research Progress, Chapter 7 pp.175-205, Nova Science Publishers, Inc. **2008**.

ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN CONFERENCES

1. Zoumpoulakis P., Durdagi S., Potamitis C., Kritsi E., Golic Grdadolnik S., Mavromoustakos T. Comparative conformational analysis and docking studies between Telmisartan and valsartan. Insights on the molecular basis of action of their pharmacophores associated with AT₁ antagonism.
14th Hellenic Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, Thessaloniki, Greece, April 23-25, 2010.
2. Potamitis C. Use of physicochemical methods for the conformational analysis of peptide analogues against Multiple Sclerosis and their interactions with membrane bilayers.
European School of Medicinal Chemistry, Urbino, Italy, September 13-18, 2009 (Selected from the posters).
3. Potamitis C. Antihypertensive drug Valsartan: conformational analysis, dynamic NMR spectroscopy, in silico docking and membrane associated AT₁ receptor molecular dynamics simulations.
Workshop on Molecular Modelling: Approaches to Computational Biophysics, Athens, Greece, December 5 – 6, 2008.
4. Mavromoustakos T., Zervou M., Zoumpoulakis P., Potamitis C., Katsiaras V., Politi A., Mantzourani E., Durdagi S., Koukoulitsa C. Putative bioactive conformers of small molecules: A concerted approach using NMR spectroscopy and computational chemistry.
6th International Medicinal Chemistry Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, July 08-11, 2007. Drug of the Future Vol. 32, Suppl. A, p. 33, July 2007.
5. Potamitis C., Zervou M., Golic Grdadolnik S., Kyrikou I., Katsiaras V., Zoumpoulakis P., Argyropoulos D., Vatougia G., Nikolaropoulos S., Mavromoustakos T. Antihypertensive Drug Valsartan: Conformational Analysis and Determination of the amide rotational barrier using Dynamic NMR Spectroscopy. Comparative superimposition and docking studies with the prototype AT₁ antagonist Losartan.
8th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, Greece, March 15-17, 2007.

POSTERS IN CONFERENCES - ABSTRACTS PUBLICATIONS

1. Kritsi E., Chatziaggeloglou S., Zoumpoulakis P., Potamitis C., Papakonstantopoulos N., Mavromoustakos T. Comparative conformational analysis study of candesartan CV with eprosartan and losartan.
11th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, April 25-28, 2010.
2. Detsi A., Prousis K.C., Kontogiorgis C.A., Pontiki E.A., Zervou M., Zoumpouliakis P., Potamitis C., Litina D. Privileged heterocyclic scaffolds with antioxidant and lipoxygenase inhibitory activity. Synthesis, in vitro biological evaluation and in silico docking studies of 4-hydroxy-2-quinolinone-3-carboxamides.
14th Hellenic Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry, Thessaloniki, Greece, April 23-25, 2010.
3. Potamitis C., Matsoukas M., Tselios T., Grdadolnic S.G., Mavromoustakos T. Conformational Analysis of Myelin Basic Protein Peptide Analogues with the Use of NMR Spectroscopy and Molecular Dynamic Simulations.
3rd Hellenic Symposium on Organic synthesis, Athens, October 15-17, 2009.
4. Kollias K., Godelitsas A., Astilleros J.M., Ladas S., Kennou S., Potamitis C., Zervou M., Lagoyiannis A., Harissopulos S., Mavromoustakos T. Nanoscale processes during the interaction of aluminosilicate and carbonate mineral surfaces with acid mine drainage (AMD).
*19th Annual V.M. Goldschmidt Conference, Davos, Switzerland, June 21 – 26, 2009. **Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta 73 (13) p. A677 Suppl. S (2009).***
5. Potamitis C., Zervou M., Tselios T., Matsoukas J., Viras K., Mavromoustakos T., Study of Myelin Basic Protein peptide analogues interactions with lipid bilayers using DSC, Raman and solid state ¹³C and ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.
10th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, March 18-20, 2009.
6. Mavromoustakos S., Petrou C., Kokkalou E., Roussis V., Christofi V., Efthimiou G., Potamitis C., Durdagi S., Mavromoustakos T. Isolation of psoralens from the *Ficus sycomorus* sap. A novel approach against psoriasis.
*7th Joint Meeting of AFERP, ASP, GA, PSE & SIF, Natural products with pharmaceutical nutraceutical cosmetic and agrochemical interest. Athens, August 3-8, 2008. **Planta Medica Issue 09 Vol. 74, 2008.***
7. Potamitis C., Zervou M., Tselios T., Matsoukas J., Mavromoustakos T. Interactions of a pair of synthetic peptide analogues of Myelin Basic Protein with lipid bilayers using DSC and high resolution solid state ¹³C NMR.
9th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, March 26-28, 2008.
8. Potamitis C., Zervou M., Hayes J. M., Zoumpoulakis P., Argyropoulos D., Golic Grdadolnik S., Mavromoustakos T. Antihypertensive Drug Valsartan: conformational analysis, thermodynamic properties and docking studies using NMR spectroscopy and in silico methods.
13th Hellenic Symposium of Medicinal Chemistry, Athens, March 14-15, 2008.

9. Katsiaras V., Potamitis C., Zoumpoulakis P., Nikolaropoulos S., Mavromoustakos T. Docking studies of the antihypertensive drug valsartan at the active site of the AT1 receptor.
8th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, March 15-17, 2007.
10. Bertini I., Felli I., Pierattelli R., Potamitis C., Wedd A. G., Xiao Z. Intermolecular Cu-transfer studied by NMR
Advances and management of NMR in life sciences, Florence, Italy, January 18-20, 2007.
11. Potamitis C., Reis H., Zervou M., Papadopoulos M., Mavromoustakos T. Conformational Analysis of AT₁ antagonist Valsartan using 2D NMR spectroscopy and Computational Analysis. Determination of thermodynamic parameters through dynamic NMR spectroscopy and semi-empirical calculations.
5th Hellenic Forum of Bioactive Peptides, Patras, May 14-16, 2006
12. Potamitis C., Reis H., Zervou M., Papadopoulos M., Mavromoustakos T. Conformational Analysis of AT₁ antagonist Valsartan using 2D NMR spectroscopy and Computational Analysis. Determination of thermodynamic parameters through dynamic NMR spectroscopy and semi-empirical calculations.
7th Conference Medicinal Chemistry, Patras, March 8-11, 2006.
13. Potamitis C., Zervou M., Kyrikou I., Siapi E., Zoumpoulakis P., Fotakis C., Christodouleas D., Viras K., Kolocouris A., Grdadolnik S.G., Mavromoustakos T. Conformational Analysis Using 2D NMR Spectroscopy Coupled with Computational Analysis of Valsartan and its Membrane Interactions.
4th Hellenic Forum on Bioactive Peptides, Patras, April 22-24, 2004.
***J. Peptide Sci.* 2004 (10 Sup) H55, p 313-316.**

SCIENTIFIC SKILLS - QUALIFICATIONS

- Structural elucidation and conformational studies of compounds with pharmaceutical interest.
- *In silico* techniques studying the molecular interactions of bioactive compounds in the active sites of their receptors.
- Protein structure determination by high-resolution multidimensional solution NMR spectroscopy.
- Very good operation of Varian 600 MHz and 300 MHz NMR spectrometers.
- Very good operation of Varian 400 MHz solid state NMR spectrometer.
- Experienced in 2D & 3D NMR processing software (VNMRJ, MESTREC, CARA).
- Experienced in computational chemistry and molecular modeling software (Schrödinger, Discovery Studio, Autodock, Pymol).
- Very good operation of Perkin-Elmers DSC and FT-NIR Raman spectrometer.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

1. **English**, Certificate of Proficiency in English, University of Cambridge
2. **German**, Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Goethe Institut
3. **Italian**, Basic knowledge

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