
Scientist with a highly international and interdisciplinary profile, I am extremely resourceful and a very fast learner.

EDUCATION

- PhD in Chemistry** University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, ES, *Cum laude*. 1997-2003.
Remote Functionalisation on the Synthesis of 1 α ,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D₃ Analogues.
I completed the total synthesis of four novel vitamin D analogues (collaboration with Solvay Pharmaceuticals, NE), which resulted in two publications [5,17]. Working on my own initiative, I also developed a remote functionalisation-cyclisation free radical tandem process which enabled us to access other long sought-after analogues with intricate structures. An additional publication resulted from this work [10], but most of it remains unpublished due to IP considerations. In addition to my research work, four students transitioning from industrial engineering to chemical engineering in need of support lessons were referred to me by the Dean after realising that their chemical background was inadequate for the successful completion of the transition course. I had to devise a custom-tailored 3-hours-per-week program in a very short time and, at the end of the term, all four students were successful in all of the organic chemistry-related tests.
- BSc in Chemistry** University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, ES, Honours in Advanced Organic Synthesis. 1991-1996.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Scientific Consultant** Prosciens, LU. 2017-present.
In order to be able to move back to Luxembourg I have also moved back into consulting. I am working on a couple of client's projects, a couple of my own and I am also helping two students: a first year medicine student from Switzerland who needs help with organic chemistry and a biochemistry master student from the UK developing a novel sandwich ELISA protocol.
- Postdoctoral Researcher** Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), Dublin, IE, 2016-2017 (1.5 years).
Virtual screening and biological evaluation of novel FXR modulators by means of on-target TR-FRET and cell-based assays. I have developed new technologies specifically for the current project, including a new protein-ligand binding/activity database (*Ceanga*) and a machine learning scoring function (*Scóráil*). These technologies have already shown a very promising performance and enabled the discovery of novel natural products as FXR modulators. The fact that many of these natural products are abundant in food opens the possibility for a new project in the field of functional foods / nutraceuticals.
- Parental leave** LU. 2014-2016 (2.5 years).
When I learned we were expecting a second child, I decided to terminate Prosciens SÀRL and go on parental leave. However, I continued coordinating the development of Prosciens' internal drug discovery portfolio.
- Founder & CEO** Prosciens SÀRL, LU. 2010-2013 (3 years).
In Luxembourg I founded the CRO Prosciens SÀRL, developed novel technologies to advance our partners' projects – including a new reverse virtual screening protocol built *ex novo* – and coordinated several international networks of researchers to advance Prosciens' internal drug discovery portfolio. The most successful project to date has led to the discovery of a series of compounds that selectively hamper the proliferation of cancer cells by preventing them from meeting their abnormal metabolic requirements. One compound from this series has recently been accepted by NIH's NCI-60 development programme, while different other aspects of its activity profile, such as the possibility of being developed as a non-hormonal male contraceptive, are currently under investigation. Preliminary on-target results have been reported on a 2016 article [1].
- Scientific Consultant** Prosciens, LU, 2008-2010 (1 year).
I moved to Luxembourg for family reasons and established myself as a scientific consultant in the field of drug discovery. This also involved research stays in different institutions as detailed below.
- Postdoctoral Researcher** IGBMC, Illkirch, FR. 2006-2008 (2.5 years).
I was able to integrate information from different biochemical (site-directed mutagenesis) and biophysical (X-ray crystallography, SAXS, cryo-EM, FRET) techniques to build the first model of full-length nuclear receptor heterodimers bound to their DNA response elements. This pioneering work resulted in a highly-cited article on *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* [4].
- Postdoctoral Researcher** Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), Dublin, IE, 2004-2006 (2.5 years).

After acquiring computer-aided drug design skills from a zero basis and on my own initiative, I led a project that allowed to gain structural insights (both computational and empirical) on the binding mode of its natural substrate, PGG₂, at the peroxidase site of the COX enzyme. This work resulted on a original article in *Biochemistry* and an Irish Health Research Board (HRB) grant valued at € 280,000. Moreover, quantum mechanics calculations shed light on the mechanistic of enzymatic catalysis and covalent inhibition at the cyclooxygenase site of the enzyme.

RESEARCH STAYS

- Visiting postdoc** Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine (LCSB), LU, 2010 (3 months).
- Visiting postdoc** Saarland University, DE, 2009 (12 months).
Design of CYP11B1 and 17- β -HSD2 inhibitors. Homology modelling and molecular dynamics of RDH1 mutants. I also supervised the MSc thesis of a foreign hearing-disabled student. He being a bioinformatician, I needed to devise a specific project tailored to match his particular set of skills. The project consisted in developing a novel methodology for the multiple alignment of proteins sequences taking advantage of the flexible structural alignment of existing crystal structures. The student was able to obtain his degree in less than a year. Furthermore, I significantly contributed to the application through which the department became part of the prestigious Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research.
- Visiting postdoc** CNR, Bologna, IT. 2003 (3 months).
 γ -Radiolysis of nucleoside derivatives in aqueous media in order to study radiation-induced DNA damage.
- Visiting scholar** University of California, Berkeley, USA, 1999 (6 months).
Synthesis of nicotine fused analogues as nAChRs ligands for the treatment of neurodegenerative syndromes. Prof Rapoport offered me a postdoc in his group but that opportunity was frustrated by his sad passing away.

PUBLICATIONS

- Masini, T., Birkaya, B., van Dijk, S., Mondal, M., Hekelaar, J., Jäger, M., Terwisscha van Scheltinga, A. C., Patel, M. S., Hirsch, A. K. H. & **Moman, E.*** Furoates and thenoates inhibit pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 2 allosterically by binding to its pyruvate regulatory site. *J. Enzyme Inhib. Med. Chem.* 1–6 (2016).
ROLE (Corresponding author): Project conception, coordination and supervision; computational studies; manuscript writing.
- Moman, E.*** Functionalization of non-activated C-H bonds in the synthesis of vitamin D metabolites and analogs. *Curr. Top. Med. Chem.* **14**, 2398–2407 (2014).
ROLE (Corresponding author, review): Manuscript writing.
- Bernard, E., Buckley, V., **Moman, E.**, Coleman, L., Meade, G., Kenny, D. & Devocelle, M.* Inhibition of platelet adhesion by peptidomimetics mimicking the interactive β -hairpin of glycoprotein Iba. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **22**, 3323–3326 (2012).
ROLE: Molecular dynamics simulations to optimise the design of the β -hairpin mimics.
- Rochel, N., Ciesielski, F., Godet, J., **Moman, E.**, Roessle, M., Peluso-Iltis, C., Moulin, M., Haertlein, M., Callow, P., Mély, Y., Svergun, D. I. & Moras, D.* Common architecture of nuclear receptor heterodimers on DNA direct repeat elements with different spacings. *Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol.* **18**, 564–570 (2011).
ROLE: Integration of the experimental information to build the first models that guided subsequent experimental studies and refinement.
- Verlinden, L., Verstuyf, A., Eelen, G., Bouillon, R., Ordóñez-Morán, P., Larriba, M. J., Muñoz, A., Rochel, N., Sato, Y., Moras, D., Maestro, M., Seoane, S., Dominguez, F., Canosa, S., Nicoletti, D., **Moman, E.** & Mouriño, A.* Synthesis, structure, and biological activity of des-side chain analogues of 1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ with substituents at C18. *ChemMedChem* **6**, 788–793 (2011).
ROLE: Design and synthesis of the reported vitamin D analogues.
- Wangpradit, O., **Moman, E.**, Nolan, K. B., Buettner, G. R., Robertson, L. W. & Luthe, G.* Observation of an unusual electronically distorted semiquinone radical of PCB metabolites in the active site of prostaglandin H synthase-2. *Chemosphere* **81**, 1501–1508 (2010).
ROLE: Quantum mechanics computational studies to interpret the spectra.
- Haller, F., **Moman, E.**, Hartmann, R. W., Adamski, J. & Mindnich, R.* Molecular framework of steroid/retinoid discrimination in 17 β hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase type 1 and photoreceptor-associated retinol dehydrogenase. *J. Mol. Biol.* **399**, 255–267 (2010).
ROLE: Homology modelling and molecular dynamics studies to explain the biological results.
- Alagha, A., **Moman, E.**, Adamo, M. F. A., Nolan, K. B. & Chubb, A. J.* Design, synthesis and evaluation of aspirin analogue having an additional carboxylate substituent for antithrombotic activity. *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **19**, 4213–4216 (2009).
ROLE: Project conception and computer-aided design of the compounds.
- Neo, A. G., Carrillo, R. M., Barriga, S., **Momán, E.**, Marcaccini, S. & Marcos, C. F.* Multicomponent Synthesis of Highly Substituted 2-Pyridones. *Synlett* **2007**, 0327–0329 (2007).
ROLE: Molecular modelling studies.

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10. **Moman, E.**, Nicoletti, D. & Mouriño, A.* Strained polycycles by H⁵C^{5x} free-radical cascades. *Org. Lett.* **8**, 1249–1251 (2006).
ROLE: Project conception; development and optimisation of the free radical reactions; chemical synthesis; and manuscript writing.
11. Chubb, A. J., Fitzgerald, D. J., Nolan, K. B. & **Moman, E.*** The productive conformation of prostaglandin G₂ at the peroxidase site of prostaglandin endoperoxide H synthase: docking, molecular dynamics, and site-directed mutagenesis studies. *Biochemistry* **45**, 811–820 (2006).
ROLE (Corresponding author): Project conception and supervision; molecular dynamics; and manuscript writing.
12. Lee, J., Chubb, A. J., **Moman, E.**, McLoughlin, B. M., Sharkey, C. T., Kelly, J. G., Nolan, K. B., Devocelle, M.* & Fitzgerald, D. J. Parallel synthesis and in vitro activity of novel anthranilic hydroxamate-based inhibitors of the prostaglandin H₂ synthase peroxidase activity. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **3**, 3678–3685 (2005).
ROLE: Molecular modelling studies.
13. Fernández, C., Diouf, O., **Momán, E.**, Gómez, G. & Fall, Y.* OCT Analogues Part 2. Acetylene in the Synthesis of Useful Building Blocks for Analogues of OCT Modified at C-20, C-21, and the D-Ring. *Synthesis* **2005**, 1701–1705 (2005).
ROLE: Synthesis of the A ring-bearing phosphonate; and studies for the installation of the side-chains.
14. Fernández, C., Gómez, G., Lago, C., **Momán, E.** & Fall, Y.* Design and Synthesis of Novel 20-*epi* Analogues of Calcitriol with Restricted Side Chain Conformation. *Synlett* **2005**, 2163–2166 (2005).
ROLE: Synthesis of the A ring-bearing phosphonate; and studies for the installation of the side-chains.
15. **Momán, E.**, Nicoletti, D. & Mouriño, A.* Synthesis of novel analogues of 1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ with side chains at C-18. *J. Org. Chem.* **69**, 4615–4625 (2004).
ROLE: Retrosynthetic analysis; total synthesis of several vitamin D analogues; and manuscript writing.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Buckley, V., Bernard, E., Moman, E., Coleman, L., Kenny, D. & Devocelle, M. in *Understanding Biology Using Peptides* (ed. Blondelle, S. E.) 451–452 (Springer New York, 2006).
2. Moman, E., Chubb, A. J. & Nolan, K. B. in *Metal Ions in Biology and Medicine: Les Ions Métalliques en Biologie et en Médecine* (eds. Alpoim, M. C., Morais, M. V. & Santos, M.-A.) 122-128 (John Libbey Eurotext, 2006).

PATENTS

Devocelle, M., Kenny, D., Foley, V. & Moman, E. Peptidomimetics and Uses Thereof. (2005).
<https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/detail.jsf?docId=WO2005035568>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

15th IUPAB & 5th EBSA International Biophysics Congress, 27 August 2005, Montpellier, FR. Moman, E. *et al.* Molecular Docking and Dynamics Studies on the Peroxidase Site of Prostaglandin Endoperoxide Synthase. *Eur. Biophys. J.* **34**, 827 (2005).

ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES

Organising committee of the Molecular Graphics & Modelling Society International Meeting, Trinity College Dublin, IE, 2005

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

1. Supervision of an MSc thesis in bioinformatics, Saarland University, DE, 2009.
2. Supervision of a final-year student and a TREC student, RCSI, Dublin, IE, 2005.

TEACHING

1. Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), National College for Teaching and Leadership, UK, 2017.
2. Organiser and lecturer at the Molecular Modelling Workshop, University of Extremadura, ES, 2008/2009.
3. Undergraduate chemistry laboratory assistant, RCSI, Dublin, IE, 2004-2005.
4. Advanced Organic Chemistry support lessons, USC, Galicia, ES, 2000-2001.
5. Chemistry undergraduate laboratory assistant, USC, Galicia, ES, 1998-2001.
6. Certificate of Pedagogical Aptitude (CAP), USC, Galicia, ES, 1997. It involved teaching a trimester of organic chemistry to International Baccalaureate students at the Multilingual IES Rosalia de Castro.

VARIA

1. TIDA/SFI Get Started Technology Venture Programme, DCU Ryan Academy for Entrepreneurs, Dublin, IE, 2016.
2. Codify Programming Workshops, TCD, Dublin, IE, 2016.
3. Reviewer for international scientific journals (*ChemBioChem*, *J. Steroid Biochem. Mol. Biol.*, *Eur. J. Pharm. Sci.*).

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4. Member of a PhD Thesis jury, organic chemistry, University of Vigo, Galicia, ES, 2007.

SKILLS

Organic synthesis (retrosynthetic analysis, handling of air, light and moisture-sensitive compounds, NMR, HPLC), **medicinal chemistry**, **computational chemistry** (GAMESS-US, MOPAC), **CADD** (MOE, Sybyl, Maestro, Pharmer), **computational structural biology** (NAMD, Desmond, Modeller), **integrative structural biology** (Situs, NMFF), **chemoinformatics** (OpenBabel, Filter-It), **biophysics** (TR-FRET), advanced Linux administration, advanced Bash scripting, Python.

LANGUAGES

English (full professional proficiency), **French** (professional proficiency), **Galician** Portuguese (native), **German** (B1), **Italian** (good comprehension, basic expression), **Portuguese** (full professional proficiency), **Slovak** (basic), **Spanish** (native).