TAVARES ORTIZ

Laboratory Research Assistant

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New York, NY

WORK EXPERIENCE

Laboratory Research Assistant

Percipalle Lab, New York University

2016 - current

New York, NY

- Spearheaded project involving the application of protocols to produce induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) to study how actin and myosin contribute to *changes in 3D genome* organization
- Developed a rigorous testing infrastructure for these protocols utilizing advanced imaging and genome wide analyses
- Results from these studies led to 2 publications focused on the identification of novel elements that control genome organization during formation of iPSCs
- Managed a team of 2 graduate research assistants and 2 undergraduate research assistants

Laboratory Research Assistant

Biodesy

=== 2013 - 2016

- San Francisco, CA
- Generated protein reagents, developed biochemical and biophysical assays and executed small-molecule screens with the aim of developing novel therapeutic targets
- Implemented data analysis techniques in R to increase the speed of demonstrating efficacy of new techniques by over 55%
- Regularly presented findings in front of the entire company to get buy-in from executive leadership regarding research direction
- Planned, developed and executed relevant assays to monitor structural changes in protein conformations in collaboration with the team

Graduate Research Assistant

Feng Lab, University of Southern California

== 2011 - 2013

- Los Angeles, CA
- Assisted in experiments and data analysis leading to 3
 publications centered around identifying molecular drivers of
 prostate cancer pathogenesis
- Performed knock-down experiments using shRNA lentiviral infection and CRISPR-based techniques
- Assisted with mouse colony management, including breeding, weaning, tagging, and PCR genotyping

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Chemistry

University of Southern California

== 2006 - 2010

Los Angeles, CA

Master of Science Biochemistry

University of Southern California

== 2010 - 2012

Los Angeles, CA

SKILLS

- CRISPR based techniques
- Molecular cloning
- · Quality control
- · Data analysis
- Literature review
- RNA isolation
- Flow cytometry