

Academic Personnel Short Profile / Short CV

University:	University of Nicosia
Surname:	Voskarides
Name:	Konstantinos
Rank/Position:	Associate Professor
Faculty:	Medical School / Veterinary School
Department:	Basic and Clinical Sciences / -
Scientific Domain:	Medical Genetics/Genomics, Molecular Biology, Evolutionary Medicine

Academic qualifications

Qualification	Year	Awarding Institution	Department	Thesis title (Optional Entry)
BSc Biology	2002	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Biology	Apoptosis in ischemic and reperfused rabbit heart in vivo
PhD Molecular Biology & Genetics	2008	University of Cyprus	Biological Sciences	Molecular genetic investigation of familial and sporadic focal segmental glomerulosclerosis in Cyprus and Greece

Employment history in Academic Institutions/Research Centers (3 most recent)

Period of employment		Employer	Location	Position
From	To			
09-2021	Present	University of Nicosia, Medical School / Veterinary School	Nicosia, Cyprus	Associate Professor
01-2015	08-2021	Medical School, University of Cyprus	Nicosia, Cyprus	Special Teaching Staff, Interim Director of Phase I of studies
01-2008	12-2015	Molecular Medicine Research Centre, University of Cyprus	Nicosia, Cyprus	Post-Doctoral Research, Biobank Coordinator

Key refereed journal papers, monographs, books, conference publications etc.						
Ref. Number	Year	Title	Other authors	Journal and Publisher / Conference	Vol.	Pages
1	2025	Prevalence of autoimmune diseases is strongly associated with average annual temperatures: systematic review and linear regression analysis	Voskarides K , Philippou S, Hamam M, Parperis K	BMC Rheumatology	9	1-9
2	2023	Genome-wide association studies reveal shared genetic haplotypes of autoimmune rheumatic and endocrine diseases with psychiatric disorders	Voskarides K , Giannopoulou N, Eid R, Parperis K, Chatzittofis A	Brain and Behaviour	13(4)	1-4
3	2022	SARS-CoV-2: tracing the origin, tracking the evolution	Voskarides K	BMC Medical Genomics	15(1)	1-5
4	2020	Antagonistic Pleiotropy in Human Disease	Byars SG, Voskarides K	Journal of Molecular Evolution	88	12-25
5	2019	GWAS studies reveal a possible genetic link between cancer and suicide attempt	Voskarides K , Chatzittofis A	Scientific Reports	9(1)	1-7
6	2019	Evidence that DNA repair genes, a family of tumor suppressor genes, are associated with evolution rate and size of genomes	Voskarides K , Dweep H, Chrysostomou C	Human Genomics	13(1)	1-10
7	2018	Combination of 247 Genome-Wide Association Studies Reveals High Cancer Risk as a Result of Evolutionary Adaptation	Voskarides K	Molecular Biology and Evolution	35	473-485
8	2017	A functional variant in NEPH3 gene confers high risk of renal	Voskarides K , Stefanou C, Pieri M, Demosthenous P,	PLOS ONE	12(3)	1-20

		failure in primary hematuric glomerulopathies. Evidence for predisposition to microalbuminuria in the general population	Felekis K, Arsali M, Athanasiou Y, Xydakis D, Stylianou K, Daphnis E, Goulielmos G, Loizou P, Savige J, Höhne M, Völker LA, Benzing T, Maxwell PH, Gale DP, Gorski M, Böger C, Kollerits B, Kronenberg F, Paulweber B, Zavros M, Pierides A, Deltas C			
9	2010	Identification of a mutation in complement factor H-related protein 5 in patients of Cypriot origin with glomerulonephritis	Gale DP, de Jorge EG, Cook HT, Martinez-Barricarte R, Hadjisavvas A, McLean AG, Pusey CD, Pierides A, Kyriacou K, Athanasiou Y, Voskarides K , Deltas C, Palmer A, Frémeaux-Bacchi V, de Cordoba SR, Maxwell PH, Pickering MC	Lancet	376	794-801
10	2007	COL4A3/COL4A4 mutations producing focal segmental glomerulosclerosis and renal failure in thin basement membrane nephropathy	Voskarides K , Damianou L, Neocleous V, Zouvani I, Christodoulidou S, Hadjiconstantinou V, Ioannou K, Athanasiou Y, Patsias C, Alexopoulos E, Pierides A, Kyriacou K, Deltas C	Journal of the American Society of Nephrology	18	3004-16

Research Projects				
Ref. Number	Date	Title	Funded by	Project Role
1	2018-2025	Survival of genetic modified zebrafish in cancer genes, under stressful conditions	Currently by: University of Nicosia Medical School	Principal Investigator
2	05/2019- 05/2020	Study of genetic polymorphisms and social networking profiles of psychotropic drug users in Athens	GILEAD Sciences Hellas	Collaborator
3	01/2016- 12/2018	Genetic modifiers predisposing to CKD in Alport and thin basement membrane nephropathy	European Renal Association- European Dialysis and Transplant Association (ERA- EDTA)	Collaborator
4	06/2015- 06/2016	Biobanking and the Cyprus Human Genome Project (CY Biobank)	European Commission/ Research Executive Agency (REA)	Collaborator
5	2010-2014	Creation of a kidney specific Biobank and infrastructure for genomics/proteomics research	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation and European Structural Funds	Collaborator and Biobank Coordinator
6	2008-2011	Development and application of a molecular method for diagnosis-prognosis of inherited glomerulopathies	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation	Collaborator
7	2006-2008	Clinical and molecular investigation of Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis	Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation	Young Researcher (My PhD project)

Academic Consulting Services and/or Participation in Councils / Boards/ Editorial Committees				
Ref. Number	Period	Organization	Title of Position or Service	Key Activities
1	11/2017-Present	BMC Medical Genomics	Senior Editor	Taking decisions about submitted papers and other critical issues regarding the journal
2	01/2018-Present	Journal of Molecular Evolution	Senior Editor	Taking decisions about submitted papers and other critical issues regarding the journal
3	2020-Present	Translational Oncology	Part of the International Advisory Review Board	

Awards / International Recognition			
Ref. Number	Date	Title	Awarded by:
1	2019	Top peer reviewer in Molecular Biology and Genetics for 2019	Publons
2	2014	Distinction at the 18th Conference of the Hellenic Society of Nephrology (as research team)	
3	2010	Second prize for best research study in 16th Panhellenic Conference of Nephrology (as research team)	
4	2006	First prize for best research study in 27th Annual Conference of the Limassol Medical Association (as research team)	

Other Achievements			
Ref. Number	Date	Title	Key Activities:
1	2010-2015	I contributed to the establishment of the first Biobank in Cyprus, with Prof. C. Deltas	Biobank Coordinator
2	2015	Book Editor of "Genomic Elements in Health, Disease and Evolution: junk DNA", published by Springer Publishing Group	Book Editor
3	2016	I was the principal investigator of the project that deciphered the genetic origins of Greek-Cypriots	Conception of the idea, Principal Investigator
4	2018	<i>Daily Mail</i> and many other news' websites published articles regarding my research on evolution of cancer	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-5149347/Why-cooler-climate-makes-likely-cancer.html

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