

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1999 Master of Science in Biology, concentration in Molecular Biology (a 5-year program, graduated with honors), Novosibirsk State University, Russia. The thesis title: "Blood nucleic acids: development of a quantitative immunoassay and a study of serum levels."
- 2006 Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Oncology, the George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA. The thesis title: "Inhibition of ganglioside GM3 synthase: effects on ganglioside metabolism and epidermal growth factor receptor signaling."

POSITIONS HELD

- 1997-1999 Research Assistant, Novosibirsk Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry (now called Institute of Chemical Biology and Fundamental Medicine), Russia
- 2001-2006 Research Assistant, Center for Cancer and Immunology Research, Children's Research Institute, Washington, DC, USA.
- 2006-2007 Postdoctoral Fellow, the Department of Radiation Oncology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA.
- 2008 Self-employed postdoctoral work (lived off of inheritance)
- 2009 R&D Scientist, Vector-Best, Inc., Novosibirsk, Russia
- 2010-2012 Senior Scientist, Biotest Co., Ltd., Novosibirsk, Russia
- 2013-2021 Leading Scientist (part-time), Institute of Molecular Biology and Biophysics, Novosibirsk, Russia
- 2013-2025 Self-employed biomedical editor (full-time)
- 2025- retired

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1996-1997 Scholarship sponsored by SibEnzyme Company, Novosibirsk, Russia
- 1998 co-recipient of INTAS grant 94-3214 "Development of Synthetic Gene Transfer Vectors for Gene Therapy", ~5% effort; Principal Investigator: V.V. Vlassov
- 1998 George Soros Scholarship, sponsored by Open Society Institute
- 1999-2001 Presidential Merit Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences, the George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA.
- 2001-2006 Children's National Medical Center Fellowship, the George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA.
- 2011 \$160,000 (5 million rubles), participated in obtaining (one of three co-investigators) government contract of the Russian Education and

- Science Ministry #16.512.11.2214 (June 2011 to November 2011) titled “The development of an analytical immunochromatographic test kit for one-step quantitation of marker proteins of myocardial infarction, h-FABP and troponin I in venous whole blood.”
- 2012-2014 \$1.4 million (45 million rubles), received (as a principal investigator) government contract of the Russian Ministry of Industry and Commerce #12411.1008799.13.100 (June 2012 to November 2014) titled “The development and organization of the manufacture of an immunochromatographic rapid test for tick-borne encephalitis virus (TBEV) in ticks.”

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- Shevchuk N.A. and Radoja S. Possible stimulation of anti-tumor immunity using repeated cold stress: a hypothesis. (2007) *Infect Agents Cancer*, **2**(1):20.
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- Shevchuk N.A. Editorial: Food-borne parasites and the relevant therapeutic targets. (2010) *Infect Disord Drug Targets*, **10**(5):312.

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Shevchuk N.A. and Bryksin A.V. "Construction of long DNA molecules from multiple fragments using PCR" in ***PCR (Methods Express)***. Edited by Simon Hughes and Adrian Moody, 2007, Scion Publishing LLC, 348 pages.

Shevchuk N.A. "The anti-fatigue effect of moderate cooling: the evidence, physiological mechanisms and possible implications for the prevention or treatment of CFS" in ***Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Symptoms, Causes and Prevention***. Edited by Edita Svoboda and Kristof Zelenjick; 2010; Nova Science Publishers, Inc., New York, pp. 57-88.

Shevchuk N.A. "Nonpharmacological inhibition of cerebral dopaminergic activity may be an option for medication-resistant hallucinations" in ***Hallucinations: Types, Stages and Treatments***. Edited by Meredith S. Payne; 2011; Nova Science Publishers, Inc., New York, pp. 147-162.

PEER REVIEW FOR JOURNALS

FEMS Microbiology Reviews (August 2007):

manuscript "Chemical gene synthesis: progress, strategies, methods, design, error correction and application" by Xiong A.S., Peng R.H., Cheng Z.M., and Yao Q.H.

Medical Science Monitor (March 2008):

manuscript "Chronic urticaria and thyroid autoimmunity in an area with mild-to-moderate iodine deficiency: a longitudinal evaluation in a single center;" the names of the authors were not disclosed.

Scandinavian Journal of Medicine & Science in Sports (April 2009):

manuscript "Hormonal responses to a repeated bout of maximal exercise as early marker for overreaching" by Brink M.S., Schmikli S.L., Zwerver J., Visscher C., and Lemmink K.A.

Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science (November 2009):

manuscript "Improved site-directed mutagenesis for the analysis of gene function in *fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense*" by Li C., Chen S., Sun Q., and Yi G.

Nucleic Acids Research (December 2009):

manuscript “Pairwise selection assembly for sequence-independent construction of long-length DNA” by Blake W.J., Chapman B.A., Zindal A., Lee M.E., Lippow S.M., and Baynes B.M.

Nucleic Acids Research (January 2010):

manuscript “STRU-cloning: re-inventing a punctured wheel” by Bellini D., Fordham-Skelton A.P., and Papiz M.Z.

Medical Science Monitor (March 2010):

manuscript “No association between schizophrenia and rs27388 of the MEGF10 gene in Chinese case-control sample”; the names of the authors were not disclosed.

Infectious Disorders – Drug Targets (February 2009 – June 2010):

Guest Editor of the special issue “Food-borne parasites and the relevant antiparasitic agents.”

Medical Case Studies (November 2012):

manuscript “How dinosaurs defeated atherosclerosis and dominated the Earth” by Coleman L.S.

Vaccine (January 2013):

manuscript “Expression of *Clostridium perfringens* epsilon-beta fusion toxin gene in *E. coli* and its immunologic studies in mouse vaccine” by Langroudi R.P., Shamsara M., and Aghaiypour K.

Vaccine (March 2014):

manuscript “Differential loss of humoral immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella-zoster virus in children treated for cancer” by Bochenek K., Allwinn R., Langer R., Becker M., Keppler O.T., Klingebiel T., and Lehrnbecher T.

Vaccine (November 2015):

manuscript “Xenogeneic cell-based vaccine therapy for colorectal cancer: association of clinical effects with vaccine-induced immune responses” by Seledtsova G.V., Shishkov A.A., Kaschenko E.A., and Seledtsov V.I.

Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology (September 2016):

manuscript “The application of fusion PCR to amplify the full-length ORF sequences of long-length NuMA” by Wu J., Zhang Q., Lu G., and Zhang H.

Indian Journal of Biochemistry and Biophysics (October 2016):

manuscript “Method of multipoint mutagenesis based on improved overlap extension PCR and homologous recombination”; the names of the authors were not disclosed.

Sports Medicine Open (May 2018):

manuscript “Aquatic exercise at thermoneutral water temperature enhances anti-tumor immune responses” by Lee B., Kim G., Jo Y., Lee B., Shin Y.-I., and Hong C.

Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science (August 2018):

manuscript "*In vitro* mutagenesis and polymorphism detection using SCoT markers to develop brown spot resistance in kalanchoe" by Li R., Liu D., Lin J., Li M., and Sui S.

Current Indian Science (June 2023):

manuscript "Development and validation of analytical method for estimation of berberine in herbal extract of *Momordica dioica*"; the names of the authors were not disclosed.

EDITING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR AUTHORS

As of June 2025, Nikolai Shevchuk has edited approximately 5 thousand manuscripts of research articles (in English) for authors from various countries, mostly South Korea, Japan, China, Russia, and Brazil; 21 grant proposals (in English); and ~500 smaller academic texts. He has also translated about two hundred scientific manuscripts from Russian to English. Some examples of published articles are shown below (note that the final published version of a scientific article often does not match the original edited manuscript).

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- Silva CV and Costa-Cruz JM. [A glance at Taenia saginata infection, diagnosis, vaccine, biological control and treatment.](#) *Infect Disord Drug Targets*; 2010, **10**(5):313-321.
- Sawanyawisuth K and Sawanyawisuth K. [Drug target in eosinophilic meningitis caused by Angiostrongylus cantonensis.](#) *Infect Disord Drug Targets*; 2010, **10**(5):322-328.
- Escobedo AA, Almirall P, Robertson LJ, Franco RM, Hanevik K, Morch K, and Cimerman S. Giardiasis: the ever-present threat of a neglected disease. *Infect Disord Drug Targets*; 2010, **10**(5):329-348.
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SKILLS

Copyediting and editing of English-language texts; writing of scientific articles and reports for clinical trials, government contracts, and scientific grants; presentations at conferences and seminars; organization of clinical trials and development of clinical study protocols for medical devices; analysis of statistical power for clinical and animal studies (using PASS software); cloning of DNA using restriction enzymes and ligases; DNA sequencing; site-directed mutagenesis; Southern blot; various PCR applications, including construction of long recombinant DNA molecules, e.g. gene targeting vectors; development of diagnostic PCR tests (based on real-time PCR); various methods of transfection of DNA into mammalian cells; karyotyping and genotyping of cells; analysis of nucleic acids and proteins using Vector NTI Advance software; phylogenetic analysis of DNA sequences; development of immunochromatographic (lateral flow) diagnostic tests; preparation of colloid gold particles (30-40 nm); cell culture and derivation of primary cell strains from mice; FACS analysis; work with immunosuppressed mouse models; biochemical analysis of gangliosides, glycolipid extraction and purification; HPTLC; analysis of MALDI-TOF data; protein sequencing using nanoESI mass spectrometry (experience with a QStar XL instrument); pulsed-field electrophoresis; several years of experience with GM3 synthase gene knockout in human somatic cells using homologous recombination and related techniques; Western blot; immunoprecipitation; isolation of cellular components using a sucrose gradient; production of rabbit polyclonal antibodies; ELISA; gel-filtration and affinity chromatography of proteins; LaTeX; programming languages: HTML/CSS, Regular Expressions, C++, and Visual C++; software: Sigil, KindleGen, Notepad++, and TexMaker.

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Shevchuk N.A. and Ladisch S.: Gene knockout in human cells: application to tumor cell gangliosides. The 9th Annual GWU Health Sciences Research Day Symposium, the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Washington, DC, USA, April 2, 2004 — poster session.

Shevchuk N.A., Bryksin A.V., and Ladisch S.: Rapid construction of long DNA molecules from multiple fragments for vaccine development and assembly of small genomes. The 3rd Annual Conference on Vaccines, All Things Considered. Alexandria, VA, USA, November 3-4, 2005 — poster session.

Shevchuk N.A., Weiss M., and Ladisch S.: Modulation of EGF receptor signaling by cellular gangliosides. 11th Annual GWU Health Sciences Research Day Symposium, the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Washington, DC, USA, March 31, 2006 — poster session.

Bryksin A.V., Shevchuk N.A., and Vlassov V.V.: Rapid construction of long DNA molecules using PCR fusion of multiple fragments simultaneously. Annual Conference on Basic Science for Biotechnology and Medicine; Novosibirsk, Russia. September 3-7, 2006.

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Chelobanov B.P., Shevchuk N.A., Afinogenova G.N., and Veliev S.N. II International Congress "Cardiology at a crossroads of sciences" joint with V International Symposium on Echocardiology and Vascular Ultrasonics, and XVIII Annual Scientific Practical Conference "Topical Questions in Cardiology". Tyumen, Russia, 2011, p. 310 in the publication. *Diagnostic characteristics of a rapid test for fatty acid-binding protein in acute myocardial infarction.*

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Russian Federation patent # 113847 for a system: "Combined immunochromatographic test-system for quantification of protein markers of myocardial infarction H-FABP and troponin I in whole blood" October 5 (2011) Veliev S.N., Chelobanov B.P., Shevchuk N.A., Afinogenova G.N., and Cheshenko I.O.