Rahil Taujale | Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD in Bioinformatics — Institute of Bioinformatics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (GPA – 4.0)	2015 — 2	2021
Master of Science in Bioinformatics — Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (GPA – 4.0)	2013 — 2	2015
Bachelor of Technology in Biotechnology — Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Kavre, Nepal (GPA – 3.65)	2007 — 2	2011
Publications		
Taujale R, Uchimiya M, Clendinen CS, Turck C, Borges RM, Edison AS. PyINETA: A python package for INADEQUATE network analysis. In Preparation.	5 2	2021
Taujale R , Soleymani S, Priyadarshi A, Venkat A, Yeung W, Kochut K and Kannan N. GTXplorer: A porta to navigate and visualize the evolutionary information encoded in fold a glycosyltransferases. Accepted with minor revisions at Glycobiology.	1 2	2021
Taujale R, Zhou Z, Yeung W, Moremen KW, Li S and Kannan N. Mapping the glycosyltransferase fold landscape using deep learning. Under revision at Nature Communications.	2	2021
Huang LC, Taujale R , Gravel N, Venkat A, Yeung W, Byrne DP, Eyers PA, Kannan N. KinOrtho: a method for mapping human kinase orthologs across the tree of life and illuminating understudied kinases. Submitted to BMC Bioinformatics.	2	2021
Taujale R, Venkat A, Huang LC, Yeung W, Rasheed K, Edison AS, Moremen KW, Kannan N. Deep evolutionary analysis reveals the design principles of fold A glycosyltransferases. eLife, 2020 Apr 1.	2	2020
Moret N, Liu C, Gyori BM, Bachman JA, Steppi A, Taujale R , Huang LC, Hug C, Berginski M, Gomez SM, Kannan N, Sorger P, NIH Understudied Kinome Consortium. Exploring the understudied human kinome for research and therapeutic opportunities. (bioRxiv doi: <u>https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.04.02.022277</u>)	2 2	2020
Bento AI, Taujale R , Schot C, Bosch T, Mariman R, King AA, Rohani P. Phylodynamics of pertussis in the vaccine era: transition to re-emergence. (medRxiv: <u>https://doi.org/10.1101/19012138</u> ; In preparation)	2020
Beattie NR, Keul ND, Hicks Sirmans TN, McDonald WE, Talmadge TM, Taujale R , Kannan N, Wood ZA. Conservation of Atypical Allostery in C. elegans UDP-Glucose Dehydrogenase. ACS Omega, 2019 Sep 2.4;4(15):16318-16329.	2	2019
Florimond C, Cordonnier C, Taujale R , Wel HVD, Kannan N, West CM, Blader IJ. A Toxoplasma Prolyl Hydroxylase Mediates Oxygen Stress Responses by Regulating Translation Elongation. mBio, 2019 10(2)		2019
Kwon A, Scott S, Taujale R, Yeung W, Kochut KJ, Eyers PA, Kannan N. Tracing the origin and evolution of pseudokinases across the tree of life. Science Signaling, 2019. 12 (578)	נ 1	2019

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Soares V, Taujale R , Garrett R, da Silva AJR, Borges RM. Extending compound identification for molecular network using the LipidXplorer database independent method: A proof of concept using glycoalkaloids from Solanum pseudoquina A. StHil. Phytochemical Analysis, 2018.	2018
Borges RM, Taujale R , de Souza JS, de Andrade Bezerra T, Silva ELE, Herzog R, Ponce FV, Wolfender JL, Edison AS. Dereplication of plant phenolics using a mass-spectrometry database independent method. Phytochemical Analysis, 2018. 29(6):601-612	2018
Rahman K, Mandalasi M, Zhao P, Sheikh MO, Taujale R , Kim HW, Wel HVD, Matta K, Kannan N, Glushka JN, Wells L, West CM. Characterization of a cytoplasmic glucosyltransferase that extends the core trisaccharide of the Toxoplasma Skp1 E3 ubiquitin ligase subunit. Journal of Biological Chemistry, 2017. 292(45):18644-18659	2017
Hu L, Taujale R, Liu F, Song J, Yin Q, Zhang Y, Guo J, Yin Y. Draft genome sequence of Talaromyces verruculosus ("Penicillium verruculosum") strain TS63-9, a fungus with great potential for industrial production of polysaccharide-degrading enzymes. Journal of Biotechnology, 2016. 219:p.5-6	2016
Taujale R, Yin Y. Glycosyltransferase Family 43 Is Also Found in Early Eukaryotes and Has Three Subfamilies in Charophycean Green Algae. PloS One, 2015. 10(5)	2015
Ekstrom A, Taujale R , McGinn N, Yin Y. PlantCAZyme: a database for plant carbohydrate-active enzymes. Database: The Journal of Biological Databases and Curation, 2014.	2014
Published Abstracts	
Taujale R, Soleymani S, Priyadarshi A, Yeung W, Kochut KJ, Kannan N. The GTXplorer portal to access, navigate and mine evolutionary relationships of fold A glycosyltransferases. Glycobiology 30 (12), 1117-1118	2020
Taujale R , Huang LC, Venkat A, Yeung W, Edison AS, Moremen KW, Kannan N. Understanding the sequence-structure-function relationships through a comprehensive evolutionary analysis of GT-A fold glycosyltransferases. Glycobiology 29(12).	2019
Bifarin OO, Panagos C, Taujale R , Edison AS. UDP-Glycosyl or Glucuronosyl transferases in Caenorhabditis elegans: Insights into Roles in Xenobiotics Detoxification. Glycobiology 28(12).	2018
Taujale R , Edison AS, Kannan N. An evolutionary systems approach to investigate sequence-structure- function relationships in Glycosyltransferases. Glycobiology 26(12).	2016
Parajuli R, Shrestha N, Priyadarshani P, Taujale R , Adhikari S. Production, characterization and optimization of wine from Nephrolepsis cordifolia. 7th National Conference of Food Science & Technology. pp.283-299 ref.7	2014
Awards	
3 Minute Thesis Competition Winner , 2017 UGA Institute of Bioinformatics Symposium: Parsing the Microbiome, University of Georgia	2017
Glycoscience Training Program Fellowship, Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, University of Georgia	2016

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Sidney A. Mittler Award for Outstanding graduate student, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University	2015
Conferences/ Workshops	
 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society for Glycobiology, Phoenix, AZ Oral and Poster talks 	November 2-5, 2019
 Trees in the Desert 2019: A workshop on ultra-large phylogenetic trees, Tucson, AZ Part of a working group to discuss current approaches and issues in building large phylogenies 	April 12-14, 2019
RevBayes: Bayesian Inference of Phylogeny, NIMBioS Accelerated Tutorial, University of	August 7-11, 2017
 Discussion group for implementation of Bayesian methods towards phylogenetic inference 	
 21st International C. elegans conference, University of California, Los Angeles Poster talk 	June 21-25, 2017
2016 Annual Meeting of the Society for Glycobiology, New Orleans, LA - Poster talk	November 19-22, 2016
Community Involvement	
Organizing Committee Member, Institute of Bioinformatics Spring Retreat 2018	April 2018
Treasurer, Nepalese Student Association	October 2016 — October 2018
Member, Biotechnology Society of Nepal	June 2009 — present
Vice President, Kathmandu University Biotechnology Creatives	August 2008 — August 2009
Experience	
Sr. Bioinformatics Scientist — Cognizant Technology Solutions	May 2021 — present
Graduate Research Assistant — Evolutionary Systems Biology Lab (Kannan) and Small Molecules in Biology (Edison) labs, University of Georgia	August 2015 — May 2021
Research Assistant — Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics Lab (Yin lab), Northern Illinois University	July 2014 — August 2015
Teaching Assistant — Northern Illinois University General Biology (BIOS 105)	Fall 2013 — Summer 2014
Projects	
GT fold prediction using deep learning, University of Georgia (Dissertation project)	2019 — 2021
An evolutionary systems approach to investigate sequence-structure-function relationships in Glycosyltransferases, University of Georgia (Dissertation project)	2016 — 2019

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An integrative pipeline for the processing, analysis and visualization of 1D NMR data, University of Georgia	2016 — 2019
Detailed study of the evolution of Plant CAZymes in <i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i> , a recently sequenced charophytic green algae, Northern Illinois University (Research Assistant)	2014 — 2015
Prediction of 3D structure and study of functional motifs for Arabidopsis CsIA protein, Northern Illinois University (Research Assistant)	2013 — 2014
An Integrative Evolutionary Analysis of Xylan Biosynthesis-related Glycosyltransferase Family 43, Northern Illinois University (Master's thesis)	2013 — 2014

Skills

Cloud computing, High Performance Computing, Workflow automation, Machine Learning Programming languages — Perl, Python, MATLAB, MySQL, PHP, R, Bash scripting Sequence alignment tools — BLAST, HMMER, MEGA, MAFFT, Muscle, T-coffee Phylogenetic analysis tools — IQTree, RaxML, PhyML, FastTree, Mr. Bayes, RevBayes Next Generation Sequencing assembly and analysis tools — Velvet-oases, Trinity, Tuxedo suite, STAR, DESeq Protein structure visualization and handling tools — PyMol, Chimera, AutoDock tools Protein structure prediction, modelling and comparison tools — I-TASSER, Modeller, Rosetta, TM-Align

Languages

English (Proficient)	Nepali (Proficient)
Newari (Proficient)	Hindi (Competent)

Major Courses

Graduate School at UGA:

Statistical Inference for Bioinformatics, Algorithms for Computational Biology, Applied Genome Analysis, Glycobiology, Glycochemistry

Graduate School at NIU:

Programming for Bioinformatics, Databases, Recombinant DNA Techniques Laboratory, Biostatistics

Undergraduate:

Bioinformatics, Proteomics & Genomics, Protein Engineering, Quantitative Analysis, Instrumental Analysi