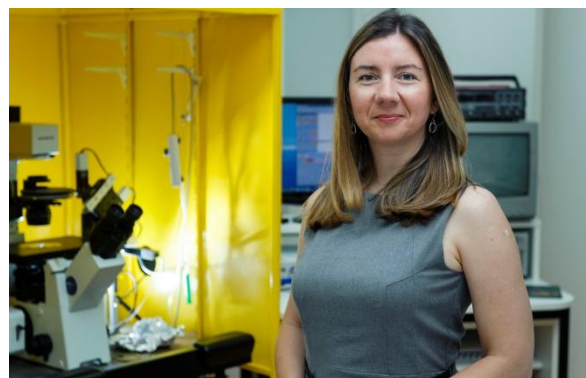


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#### Education

2008 PhD, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia  
 2002 MD, University of Zagreb, Medical Studies in Split, Croatia

#### Work experiences

2016 Senior Advisor, Agency for Quality and Accreditation in Health Care, Croatia  
 2013 – Associate Professor, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia (USSM)  
 2011 – Deputy Director, Translational Research in Biomedicine – PhD Program, USSM  
 2013 – 2017 Head, Department of Histology and Embryology, USSM  
 2011 – 2013 Head, Laboratory for Pain Research, USSM  
 2010 – 2011 Vice Dean for Research, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia  
 2009 – 2013 Assistant Professor, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia  
 2008 – 2009 Director, Croatian Branch of The Cochrane Collaboration  
 2007 – 2009 Research Officer, University of Split, Croatia  
 2006 – 2009 Instructor, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia  
 2004 – 2006 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, USA  
 2003 – 2004 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, USA

#### Professional service

2018 Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP), European Medicines Agency  
 2016 Committee for safe use of medicines, Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (HALMED)  
 2011 – Board of Directors, Zeljko J. Bosnjak Foundation  
 2010 – Committee for Continuous Medical Education, School of Medicine in Split  
 2010 – Fame Lab, Organizing Committee, University of Split  
 2010 – Festival of Science, Organizing Committee, University of Split  
 2009 – Knowledge Translation Coordinator, Croatian Cochrane Branch  
 2014 - 2016 President, Doctoral School, University of Split School of Medicine  
 2013 – 2015 Researchers' Night, Organizing Committee, University of Split  
 2011 – 2012 Scientific Committee, Bridges in Life Sciences Annual Conference  
 2010 – 2011 Committee for Research, School of Medicine in Split  
 2008 – 2010 European Science Foundation (ESF) Member Forum on Research Integrity, Chair of Working Group for Research on Research Integrity  
 2008 – 2009 Quality Assurance Committee, School of Medicine in Split

**Training**

2016	Visiting scientist, Centre for Practice Changing Research, OHRI, Ottawa, Canada
2008	Scholar, European Pain School, Siena, Italy
2007	Guest scientist, University of Ottawa, Canada
2002	Student exchange, Nijmegen Center for Molecular Life Sciences, The Netherlands

**Research interests**

Pain, Evidence-based medicine

**Grants**

2017	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
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2016	Project Mentor, Young Scientist Career Development (HRZZ, I-2238-2016)
2015 -	Clinical site coordinator, Multi-dimensional omics approach to stratification of patients with low back pain; Pain-OMICS (EU FP7 project)
2015 -	Project participant, Professionalism in health (HRZZ)
2015 -	Project participant, Treating neuropathic pain with dorsal root ganglion stimulation (HRZZ)
2014	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
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2010 – 2013	Principal Investigator, Molecular Memory in Diabetic Neuropathy (HRZZ)
2011 - 2012	Project Mentor, Unity Through Knowledge 2A (UKF)
2009 – 2010	Project Coordinator, Initiative for Improving Pain Education Grant (IASP)
2007 – 2009	Project Manager, Capacity Building for Research in Croatia (TEMPUS JEP)

**Awards**

2017	Chris Silagy Prize, awarded by the Cochrane
2015	Award for science promotion. University of Split School of Medicine.
2013	The best poster award. Scandinavian Pain Association Meeting.
2005	Abstract of the year. American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

**Teaching experience**

- *University of Split School of Medicine*: Histology and Embryology, Writing a research paper, Empathy and pain, The Cochrane library, The puzzle of pain, Fertilization, Communication and presentation skills, Assessment of a research article
- *Medical School Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Principles of research in medicine, The puzzle of pain
- *Continuous Medical Education Courses*: Croatian Cochrane Symposium (Split, Croatia), Interprofessional treatment of Pain (Split and Šibenik, Croatia), Writing a research manuscript (Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- *Presentations at professional symposia*: Health inWest 2013 (Zagreb, Croatia), Summer school of health promotion "Media and Health" 2013 (Grozňjan, Croatia), Metabolic syndrome congress 2013 (Osijek, Croatia)

**Educational software**

Saraga-Babić M, Sapunar D, **Puljak L**, Vukojević K, Lovrić Kojundžić S. Histology Atlas. Virtual Medical School, 2007.

**Memberships in professional associations**

International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)  
 Croatian Evidence-Based Medicine Society (EBM Society Croatia)  
 Croatian Medical Association (*Hrvatski liječnički zbor, HLZ*)  
 Croatian Pain Management Society (*Hrvatsko društvo za liječenje boli, HDLB*)

**Mentored graduate students**

2015	Mladen Lešin, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2015	Matija Borić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2014	Antonia Jeličić Kadić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2013	Lejla Ferhatović, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2012	Filipa Markotić, Master's thesis, University of Mostar
2011	Katarina Novak, Doctoral thesis, University of Split

- 2011 Suzyen Kraljević, Master's thesis, University of Split  
 2011 Antonija Marić, Master's thesis, University of Mostar  
 2011 Ankica Ćosić, Master's thesis, University of Mostar

### Mentored undergraduate students

- 2017 Tonkica Škugor, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2017 Ivana Utrobičić, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2017 Nikolina Markovina, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2017 Katja Janačković, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2017 Anja Engelking, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Goran Tintor, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Nikolina Gabelica, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Anamarija Vučko, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Ana Tokić, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Marija Radman, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Karmen Dragičević, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Marin Viđak, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2016 Nives Surjan, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2015 Petra Jurkić, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split  
 2015 Marina Biočić, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2015 Krste Borić, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2014 Andrea Anić-Matić, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2014 Katarina Dogan, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2013 Ivan Škopljanac, MD Thesis, University of Split  
 2012 Andrija Babić, MD thesis, University of Split  
 2012 Marko Brekalo, MD thesis, University of Split  
 2012 Roberta Andrea Tešija, MD thesis, University of Split  
 2012 Eliana Brković, MD thesis, University of Split  
 2011 Karolina Balajić, MD thesis, University of Split

### Reviews and evaluations

**Research projects:** COST, FP7, Horizon 2020, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

**Symposia:** Bridges in Life Sciences, Cochrane Colloquium

**Doctoral theses:** School of Medicine at University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer Osijek Croatia, School of Medicine at University of Rijeka in Croatia, University of Split School of Medicine, School of Medicine at University of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina

### Peer-reviewer for scholarly journals (N=87)

ACS Chemical Neuroscience, Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica, Acta Histochemica, Acta Medica Academica, Advances in Health Sciences Education, Advances in Medical Education and Practice, American Journal of Case Reports, American Journal of Kidney Diseases, Anesthesia & Analgesia, Archives of Disease in Childhood, Biopolymers and Cell, BMC Anesthesiology, BMC Medical Education, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders, BMC Psychology, BMJ, BMJ Open Quality, Bosnian Journal of Basic Medical Sciences, British Journal of Medicine and Medical Research, Cephalalgia, Clinical and Experimental Dermatology, Clinical Epidemiology, Clinical Interventions in Aging, Collegium Antropologicum, Croatian Medical Journal, Current Medical Research & Opinion, Diabetes and Vascular Disease Research, Educational Research, European Journal of Dental Education, European Journal of Pain, European Science Editing, Experimental Gerontology, Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics, Family Medicine, Indian Heart Journal, International Journal of Behavioral Medicine, International Journal of Developmental Neuroscience, International Journal of Preventive Medicine, International Medical Case Reports Journal, Journal of Anesthesia & Clinical Care, Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health, Journal of Disease and Global Health, Journal of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, Journal of Endocrinology, Journal of Functional Foods, Journal of Herbal Medicine, Journal of Interprofessional Care, Journal of Medical Internet Research, Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice, Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging, Journal of Pain Research, Journal of Physiology and Biochemistry, Journal of the Knowledge Economy, Khyber Medical University Journal, Liječnički vijesnik, Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences, Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing, Medical Education, Medical Humanities, Medical Science Monitor, Medicinski glasnik, Microscopy and Microanalysis, Molecular Neurobiology, Molecular Pain, Neurobiology of Disease, Neuroscience, Neuroscience Letters, Nurse Education Today, Osteoarthritis and Cartilage, Pain Management, Pain Practice, Patient Preference and Adherence, Phytomedicine, PLoS One, Psychology, Health & Medicine, Psychology Research and

Behavior Management, Recent Patents on Biotechnology, SAGE Open Medicine, Saudi Medical Journal, Science and Engineering Ethics, Somatosensory & Motor Research, SpringerPlus, Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management, Trials, Toxicology Reports, World Journal of Gastroenterology, World Journal of Orthopedics

### Books

- 2014 Translated into Croatian: Evans I, Thornton H, Chalmers I, Glasziou P. Testing Treatments. Croatian title: Gdje su dokazi? Profil, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2010 **Puljak L**, Sapunar D. Dictionary of Pain [in Croatian]. Redak. Split, Croatia.
- 2010 Sapunar D, **Puljak L**. Neurobiology of Pain [in Croatian]. In: Pain – causes and treatment. Editors: Jukic M, Majeric Kogler V, Fingler M. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2010 Sapunar D, **Puljak L**, Kostic S, Banozic A. Are mice small rats? Rodent models of neuropathic pain. In: Anatomy and Embryology of the Mouse. Editor: Marusic A. University of Split School of Medicine, Split, Croatia.

### Guidelines

Jukic M, **Puljak L**, Katic M, Majeric Kogler V, Bergman Markovic B, Kvolik S, Fingler M. Guidelines for the use of opioids in chronic nonmalignant pain. Croatian Association for the treatment of pain (HDLB) and Association of Teachers in General Practice/Family Medicine (DNOOM). *Medix* 2014;20 (11).

### Publications in peer-reviewed journals

1. **Puljak L**. Randomized controlled trial about pain medication flupirtine ignores recent pharmacovigilance warnings. *Journal of Pain Research*. 2017. Accepted.
2. Buljan I, Malicki M, Wager E, **Puljak L**, Hren D, Kellie F, West H, Alfirevic Z, Marusic A. No difference in knowledge obtained from infographic or plain language summary of a Cochrane systematic review: three randomized controlled trials. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2017. Accepted.
3. **Puljak L**, Sapunar D. Acceptance of a systematic review as a thesis: Survey of biomedical doctoral programs in Europe. *Systematic Reviews*. 2017. Accepted.
4. Boric K, Boric M, Dosenovic S, Jelacic Kadic S, Batinic M, Cavar M, Jeric M, **Puljak L**. Authors' lack of awareness and use of core outcome set on postoperative pain in children is hindering comparative effectiveness research. *Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research*. 2017. Accepted.
5. Dosenovic S, Jelacic Kadic A, Jeric M, Boric M, Markovic D, Vucic K, **Puljak L**. Efficacy and safety outcome domains and outcome measures in systematic reviews of neuropathic pain conditions. *Clinical Journal of Pain*. 2017. Accepted.
6. Markotic F, Jurisic D, Curkovic M, Puljiz M, Novinscak M, Bonassin M, Vrdoljak D, Vojvodic Z, Permozer Hajdarevic S, Pekez-Pavlisko T, Tomcic M, Diminic-Lisica I, Fabris Ivsic S, Nejasmic D, Miosic I, Novak I, **Puljak L**. Sharing of prescription analgesics among patients in family practice. Frequency and associated factors. *European Journal of Pain*. 2017. Accepted.
7. Sunara P, Krnic D, **Puljak L**. Adverse drug reactions of non-opioid and opioid analgesics reported to Croatian national authority from 2007 to 2014. *Acta Medica Academica*. 2017. Accepted.
8. Utrobicic I, Utrobicic F, Prolosic I, Utrobicic F, Jeric M, Jelacic Kadic A, **Puljak L**. Postoperative pain management after carpal tunnel syndrome surgical treatment: comparing practice with guidelines. *Acta Clinica Croatica*. 2017. Accepted.
9. Riva N, **Puljak L**, Moja L, Ageno W, Schunemann H, Magrini N, Squizzato A. Multiple overlapping systematic reviews facilitate the origin of disputes: the case of thrombolytic therapy for pulmonary embolism. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2017. Nov 21. pii: S0895-4356(17)31269-6. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2017.11.012. [Epub ahead of print]
10. **Puljak L**. If there is only one author or only one database was searched, a study should not be called a systematic review. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2017. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2017.08.002.
11. **Puljak L**. Quality of randomized controlled trials included in systematic reviews and meta-analyses should be properly reported, as well as how up-to-date they are. *Pain*. 2017.158(12):2498-2499.
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15. Bakovic M, Filipovic N, Ferhatovic Hamzic L, Kunac N, Zdrilic E, Vitlov Uljevic M, Kostic S, **Puljak L**, Vukojevic K. Changes in neurofilament 200 and tyrosine hydroxylase expression in the cardiac innervation of diabetic rats during aging. *Cardiovascular Pathology*. 2017. Nov 16;32:38-43. doi: 10.1016/j.carpath.2017.11.003. [Epub ahead of print]
16. Vidak M, Tokalić R, Marušić M, **Puljak L**, Sapunar D. Improving completion rates of students in biomedical PhD programs: an interventional study. *BMC Medical Education*. 2017;25;17(1):144.
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30. Krsticevic M, Jeric M, Dosenovic S, Jelacic Kadic S, **Puljak L**. Proliferative injection therapy for osteoarthritis: a systematic review. *International Orthopaedics*. 2017;41(4):671-679.
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 1997 - 1999 Demonstrator (teaching assistant) for Anatomy, Histology and Embryology

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 2012 - Editorial Board, Liječničke novine  
 2007 - 2013 Editor, Magazine of the School of Medicine in Split  
 2005 - 2006 Editor-in-Chief, The Postdocket  
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