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

# Work experiences

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2020 – Head, Center for Evidence-Based Medicine and Healthcare, Catholic University	ot
Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia	
2011 – Deputy Director, Translational Research in Biomedicine – PhD Program, USSM	
2018 – 2024 Full Professor, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia	
2016 – 2018 Senior Advisor, Agency for Quality and Accreditation in Health Care, Croatia	
2013 – 2018 Associate Professor, University of Split School of Medicine, Croatia (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, U	SA
2003 – 2004 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, US	Ą

#### Training

2016	Visiting scientist, Centre for Practice Changing Research, OHRI, Ottawa, Canada
2008	Scholar, European Pain School, Siena, Italy
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2007 Guest scientist, University of Ottawa, Canada

2002 Student exchange, Nijmegen Center for Molecular Life Sciences, The Netherlands

### **Research interests**

Research methodology, Evidence synthesis, Evidence-based medicine, Clinical epidemiology, Pain

# **Professional service**

2020 - 2021

2024 –	European Commission, Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment
	(HTACG)
2021 –	Ethics Committee, Catholic University of Croatia
2019 – 2024	Research Committee, Catholic University of Croatia
2018 –	Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP), European Medicines Agency
2009 –	Knowledge Translation Coordinator, Cochrane Croatia
2021	Strategic Action Plan Committee, Catholic University of Croatia

Senate Member, Catholic University of Croatia

2018 – 2020	Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC), European Medicines
2018	Agency; Independent expert appointed by European Commission Committee for Safety of Patients in Republic Croatia, Ministry of Health, Croatia
2016 – 2018	Committee for Safe Use of Medicines, Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical
2010 2010	Devices (HALMED)
2013 – 2019	Translation project manager, Cochrane Croatia
2011 – 2018	Board of Directors, Zeljko J. Bosnjak Foundation
2010 - 2018	Committee for Continuous Medical Education, School of Medicine in Split
2010 – 2017	Festival of Science, Organizing Committee, University of Split
2010 – 2014	Fame Lab, Organizing Committee, University of Split
2014 - 2016	President, Doctoral School, University of Split School of Medicine
2013 – 2015 2011 – 2012	Researchers' Night, Organizing Committee, University of Split Scientific Committee, Bridges in Life Sciences Annual Conference
2011 – 2012	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
Grants	
2025 -	Project collaborator. Development of an Innovative Antibacterial Material for Hip
	Endoprosthesis – AntibacHip. "Targeted Scientific Research" call from the National
	Recovery and Resilience Plan 2021-2026. Ministry of Science and Education of Croatia.
2024 -	(principal investigator: Prof. Tamara Holjevac Grgurić) Project collaborator: Development and testing of a tool to foster shared decision-making
2024 -	in clinical practice guidelines (EDELL) [Entwicklung und Testung eines Instruments zum
	Einbezug von Shared Decision-Making in Leitlinien]. German Innovation Fund
2023 -	Project collaborator. NutriSom: Efficacy and safety of dietary supplementation in targeting
	sleep quality (L7-50044). ARIS - Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency and Valens
	(principal investigator: Igor Pravst)
2022-2024	Co-lead. Synergistic education of parents with children with special needs – SynergyEd.
	Erasmus+ project.
2022	Management Committee. COST Action CA21150: Parental Leave Policies & Social
0000	Sustainability (Sustainability@Leave).
2020 -	Project collaborator. Research Projects – Slovenian-Croatian bilateral projects (principal
2020 - 2024	investigator: Prof. Ines Banjari) Project collaborator, Professionalism in health: decision making in practice and research;
2020 - 2024	HRZZ-IP-2019-04-4882 (principal investigator: Prof. Ana Marušić)
2019	Project participant. Promoting integrity in the use of research results in evidence based
	policy: a focus on non – medical research (PRO-RES) (H2020-SwafS-2016-17)
2018 - 2023	Project Co-Applicant, COST Action CA17117: Towards an International Network for
	Evidence-based Research in Clinical Health Research, EVBRES (COST)
2016 - 2020	Project participant: European network for Health Technology Assessment Joint Action 3
	(EUnetHTA JA3), Number 724130
2015 -2019	Project participant: Sustainable intEgrated care modeLs for multi-morbidity: delivery,
0047	Financing and performance, SELFIE, Number 634288 (Horizon 2020)
2017	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)  Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
2016 2016	Project Mentor, Young Scientist Career Development (HRZZ, I-2238-2016)
2015 - 2017	Clinical site coordinator, Multi-dimensional omics approach to stratification of patients with
2010 2017	low back pain; Pain-OMICS (EU FP7 project)
2015 - 2019	Project collaborator, Professionalism in health; HRZZ-IP-2014-09-7672 (principal
	investigator: Prof. Ana Marušić)
2015 - 2019	Project collaborator, Treating neuropathic pain with dorsal root ganglion stimulation;
	HRZZ-IP-2013-11-4126 (principal investigator: Prof. Damir Sapunar)
2014	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
2013	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
2010 – 2013	Principal Investigator, Molecular Memory in Diabetic Neuropathy (MEMODIN); Installation
2011 2012	research Projects, 02.05./28 (HRZZ)
2011 - 2012 2009 – 2010	Project Mentor, Unity Through Knowledge 2A (UKF) Project Coordinator, Initiative for Improving Pain Education Grant (IASP)
2009 – 2010 2007 – 2009	Project Coordinator, initiative for improving Pain Education Grant (IASP)  Project Manager, Capacity Building for Research in Croatia (TEMPUS JEP)
2001 - 2009	1 Tojoot manayer, Capacity Dunuing for Nessearch III Croatia (TEMPOS JEF)

2007 - 2008 Science Manager, Tempus project "Training for EU-liaison officers in Croatian

Universities: pursuing Bologna and EU integration aims (TRIUMPH)"

Project participant, CARDS project "Intellectual Property Rights Infrastructure for the R&D 2007

Sector in Croatia"

# Memberships in professional associations

Cochrane

Cochrane Croatia

Croatian Reproducibility Network (CroRIN)

#### Awards and recognitions

2024	Top 1% of world scientists in 2023 and top 2% in the entire career, based on citation
	impact (https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/7)
2023	Top 1% of world scientists in 2022 and top 2% in the entire career, based on citation
	impact (https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/6)
2023	Award for research accomplishments, Catholic University of Croatia
2022	The best PhD mentor. TRIBE program, University of Split School of Medicine.
2022	Award for research accomplishments, Catholic University of Croatia
2022	Top 1% of world scientists in 2021 and top 2% in the entire career, based on citation
	impact (https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw)
2021	Top 1% of world scientists in 2020 and top 2% in the entire career, based on citation
	impact ( <a href="https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/3">https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/3</a> )
2020	Top 2% of world scientists in 2019 based on citation impact (https://bit.ly/3pVhUE6)
2020	Bill Silverman Prize, awarded by the Cochrane
2019	Top peer reviewer, Publons
2018	The best published manuscript in clinical medicine, University of Split School of Medicine
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

- Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland: Visiting professor. Systematic reviews in health sciences practical workshops
- Catholic University of Croatia: Writing a research manuscript, Quantitative research methods, Qualitative research methods, Principles of research in nursing
- University of Split School of Medicine: Histology and Embryology, Writing a research paper, Communication and presentation skills, Assessment of a research article, Cochrane library and evidence in medicine, Systematic review and meta-analysis, Empathy and pain, The Cochrane library, The puzzle of pain, Fertilization
- Medical School Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Principles of research in medicine, The puzzle of pain
- University of Tuzla School of Medicine, Bosnia and Herzegovina: Evidence-based medicine
- University of Granada: Evidence-Based Research
- 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 (Groznjan, 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.

2022	Sapunar D, Puljak L. TRIBE – 10 years of excellence. University of Split School of
	Medicine, Split, Croatia.
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

External Review Group (ERG) member: World Health Organization. WHO Guideline for non-surgical management of chronic primary low back pain in adults in primary and community care settings. Launched: December 7, 2023.

Co-author: 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).

# Successful application for the WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential

Poklepovic Pericic T, Utrobicic A, Dosenovic S, Puljak L. Review of the Available Evidence on Tacrolimus in Adults and Children for the Prevention and Treatment of Transplant Rejection, and Proposal for Inclusion for the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines (EML). Applications for inclusion in the 2021 revision of the WHO Model Lists of Essential Medicines. Published April 19, 2021. Available at: https://www.who.int/news/item/19-04-2021-applicationsfor-the-23rd-who-expert-committee-on-selection-and-use-of-essential-medicines-available-for-public-review-andcomment

The application was successful: https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1374985/retrieve

# **Editorial experiences**

Editorial experience	•
2024	Editorial Board Member, Journal of Clinical Epidemiology
2024	Guest Editor, BMC Medical Research Methodology
2020	Senior Board Member, BMC Medical Research Methodology
2020	Guest Editor, BMC Medical Research Methodology COVID-19 Collection
2020	Associate Editor, Research Synthesis Methods
2018 - 2020	Section Editor, BMC Medical Research Methodology
2013 -	Editorial Board, Central European Journal of Paediatrics (ex: Paediatrics Today)
2012 -	Editorial Board, Liječničke novine
2014 - 2018	Editor, web portal Dokazi u medicini
2014 - 2015	Editorial Board, Bosnian Journal of Basic Medical Sciences
2017 - 2018	Editorial Board, Croatian Medical Journal
2007 - 2013	Editor, Magazine of the School of Medicine in Split
2005 - 2006	Editor-in-Chief, The Postdocket
2000 - 2002	Editor of www.medicina.hr, Croatian independent medical web-site

#### Postdoctoral activities

2005 - 2006 Founder and inaugural president of the Postdoctoral Association at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, TX, USA

#### Student activities

2001 - 2002	National Public Health Officer, CroMSIC
2001	Author and coordinator of the international medical students' project «Raising awareness on organ donation and donor card»
2000 - 2002	Organizer of international exchange of medical students in Split, Croatia
2000	Founder and president of the Croatian Medical Students' International Committee, Local Committee Split (CroMSIC LC Split)
4007 4000	
1997 - 1999	Demonstrator (teaching assistant) for Anatomy, Histology and Embryology

# Volunteering experiences

2012 -	Certified Mountain Guide, Croatian Mountain Guide Association
2010 – 2015	Head of the Mountaineering School, Mountaineering club Split, Croatia
2007 -	Cochrane
2006 - 2015	Executive Board, Mountaineering club Split, Croatia
2003 - 2004	Team Leader, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Denver, CO, USA
2003 - 2004	Volunteer, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Golden, CO, USA

# Mentored graduate students (23 PhD and 2 MSc theses) 2024 Jakov Milić, Doctoral thesis. Josip Jurai Stroe

2024	Jakov Milić, Doctoral thesis, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek
2024	Ana Sanader Vučemilović, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2023	Antonija Hrkać, Doctoral thesis, University of Mostar
2022	Danijel Nejašmić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2021	Mirko Gabelica, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2021	Marina Krnić Martinić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2021	Ivana Vuka, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2021	Andrija Babić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2021	Ognjen Barčot, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2020	Lenko Šarić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2020	Marina Biočić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2020	Edita Runjić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2019	Mišo Krstičević, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2018	Svjetlana Došenović, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2018	Krste Boric, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2018	Tonći Brković, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2018	Mahir Fidahić, Doctoral thesis, University of Tuzla
2018	Filipa Markotić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
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 of Science thesis, University of Mostar
2011	Katarina Novak, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2011	Suzyen Kraljević, Master of Science thesis, University of Split

# Mentored undergraduate students (51 theses)

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2024	Matea Tolić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2024	Martina Radić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2024	Lara Vinko, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2024	Marija Janeš, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2024	Jelena Međaković, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2023	Petra Nikolić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2023	Daniel Rehlicki, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2023	Kristina Kraljić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2023	Karlo Ložnjak, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2023	Valentina Koščak, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2022	Mia Plenković, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2022	Blaženka Pavličić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2022	Anica Svalina, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2021	Darko Novak, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2021	Josip Strčić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2021	Jelena Bilić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2021	Renata Runjić, MD Thesis, University of Split	
2020	Andria Dujmić, MD Thesis, University of Split	
2020	Marija Franka Marušić, MD Thesis, University of Split	
2020	Mate Maretić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia	
2019	Nys Siebers, MD Thesis, University of Split	
2018	Katarina Matičić, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split	
2018	Antonija Penić, Master of Pharmacy Thesis, University of Split	
2018	Clemens Janda-Martinac, MD Thesis, University of Split	
2018	Ivana Propadalo, Doctor of Dental Medicine Thesis, University of Split	
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
2011	Antonija Marić, Master of Nursing thesis, University of Mostar
2011	Ankica Ćosić, Master of Nursing thesis, University of Mostar

#### Reviews and evaluations

**Reviewer of research projects**: COST, FP7, Horizon 2020, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ), Polish National Science Center (NCN), La Caixa Foundation, ERA PerMed Personalised Medicine: Multidisciplinary Research Towards Implementation, UKRI future leadership fellowships, UK Medical Research Council.

Reviewer at symposia: Bridges in Life Sciences, Cochrane Colloquium, Croatian Cochrane Symposium

**Reviewer of 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, The Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), The University of Paris (Université de Paris)

#### Peer-reviewer for scholarly journals (N=168)

ACS Chemical Neuroscience; Acta Anaesthesiologica Scandinavica; Acta Histochemica; Acta Medica Academica; Acta Medica Croatica; Acupuncture in Medicine; Advances in Health Sciences Education; Advances in Medical Education and Practice; Advances in Therapy; Alcohol and Alcoholism; American Journal of Case Reports; American Journal of Kidney Diseases; Anatomical Sciences Education; Anesthesia & Analgesia; Archives of Disease in Childhood; Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Archives of Physiology & Biochemistry; Artificial Intelligence in Medicine; Biological Psychiatry; Biopolymers and Cell; BMC Anesthesiology; BMC Health Services Research; BMC Medical Education; BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders; BMC Psychology; BMJ; BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine; BMJ Open; BMJ Open Quality; Bosnian Journal of Basic Medical Sciences; Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy; British Journal of Dermatology; British Journal of Medicine and Medical Research; Cancer Biology & Medicine; Cardiovascular Diabetology; Cephalalgia; Chronic Diseases and Translational Medicine; Clinical and Experimental Dental Research; Clinical and Experimental Dermatology; Clinical Epidemiology; Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics; Clinical Interventions in Aging; Clinical Science; ClinicoEconomics and Outcomes Research; Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews; Collegium Antropologicum; Complementary Therapies in Medicine; Croatian Medical Journal; Current Medical Research & Opinion; Diabetes and Vascular Disease Research; Diagnostics; Drug, Healthcare and Patient Safety; Drug Safety; Drugs; Drugs - Real World Outcomes; EClinicalMedicine; Educational Research: EURASIA Journal of Mathematics. Science and Technology Education: European Journal of Dental Education; European Journal of Pain; European Science Editing; Experimental Gerontology; Experimental and Molecular Pathology; Expert Review of Medical Devices; Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics; Expert Review of Proteomics; F1000; Family Medicine; Gastroenterology Research and Practice; Indian Heart Journal; International Health; International Journal of Behavioral Medicine; International Journal of Developmental Neuroscience; International Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering (IJECE); International Journal of Evidence-Based Healthcare; International Journal of Pharmacy Practice; International Journal of Preventive Medicine; International Journal of Sports Medicine; International Medical Case Reports Journal; JMIR Formative Research; JMIR mHealth and

uHealth (JMU); JMIR Medical Education; JMIR Research Protocols; Journal of Academic Ethics; Journal of Anesthesia & Clinical Care; Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health; Journal of Clinical Anesthesia; Journal of Clinical Epidemiology; Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research; Journal of Disease and Global Health; Journal of Drug Assessment; Journal of Educational Administration and Policy Studies; Journal of Endocrinology; Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine; Journal of Functional Foods; Journal of Global Health; Journal of Health Psychology; Journal of Herbal Medicine; Journal of International Medical Research; Journal of Interprofessional Care; Journal of Medical Education and Curricular Development; Journal of Medical Internet Research; Journal of Medical Systems; Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare; Journal of Neurosciences in Rural Practice; Journal of Nursing Scholarship; Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging; Journal of Pain Research; Journal of Physiology and Biochemistry; Journal of the Knowledge Economy; Journal of the Medical Library Association; Khyber Medical University Journal; Liječnički vjesnik; Macedonian Journal of Medical Sciences; Materials Science & Engineering C; Med (Cell Press); Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing, Medical Education, Medical Humanities; Medical Science Monitor; Medicinski glasnik; Microscopy and Microanalysis; Molecular Neurobiology; Molecular Pain; Neurobiology of Disease; Neuromodulation: Technology at the Neural Interface; Neuroscience; Neuroscience Letters; Nurse Education Today; Obesity Reviews; Open Access Journal of Sports Medicine; Open Access Rheumatology: Research and Reviews; Open Medicine; Ophthalmology; Osteoarthritis and Cartilage; Pain and Therapy; Pain Management; Pain Research and Management; Pain Practice; Patient Preference and Adherence; PeerJ; Pharmacological Reports; PharmaNutrition; Phytomedicine; PLoS One; Postgraduate Medicine; Psychology, Health & Medicine; Psychology Research and Behavior Management; Recent Patents on Biotechnology; Research Synthesis Methods; SAGE Open Medicine; Saudi Medical Journal; Science and Engineering Ethics; Scientometrics; Sestrinski glasnik/Nursing Journal (SG/NJ); Signa Vitae; SN Comprehensive Clinical Medicine; Somatosensory & Motor Research; SpringerPlus; Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research; Systematic Reviews; Technology in Society; Therapeutic Advances in Musculoskeletal Disease; Therapeutics and Clinical Risk Management; Trials; Toxicology Reports; Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology; World Journal of Gastroenterology; World Journal of Orthopedics; Zeitschrift fuer Evidenz, Fortbildung und Qualitaet im Gesundheitswesen (ZEFQ)

# Web of Science author record with verified peer reviews:

https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/D-5080-2017

# Publications in scholarly journals (N=304)

- Vukša A, Čivljak M, Matic I, Čargo M, Mijoč V, Ivanišević K, Marendić M, Puharić Z, Skitarelić N, Zoranić S, Neuberg M, Majstorović D, Ložnjak K, Plenković M, <u>Puljak L</u>.Croatian nursing students' motives for enrolling in the Master of Nursing program despite limited career opportunities: a qualitative study. BMC Nursing. Accepted: May 2, 2025.
- 2. Margan Koletić Z, Pavličić B, Ključević Z, Soldo A, <u>Puljak L</u>. Pharmacists' experience with patients suspected to be addicted to over-the-counter codeine and their attitudes towards potential remediation strategies: a cross-sectional study. *BMC Psychiatry*. 2025;25(1):442. doi: 10.1186/s12888-025-06881-6.
- 3. Fidahic M, Lozo Vukovac E, Balkowiec-Iskra E, Krnic D, Andric A, Margan Koletic Z, <u>Puljak L</u>. Signals from randomized clinical trials predicting hepatotoxicity of flupirtine: systematic review. European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology. Accepted April 11, 2025.
- Paradžik Šimunović M, Degoricija M, Korac-Prlic J, Lesin M, Stanic R, <u>Puljak L</u>, Olujic I, Marin Lovric J, Vucinovic A, Ljubic Z, Thissen J, Kok C R, Crystal J J, Bućan K, Terzic J. Potential role of Malassezia restricta in pterygium development. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*. 2025; 26(7):2976. https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms26072976
- Karasevska T, Fiialkovska O, Mostbauer H, Tsymbalyuk R, Gambiroža L, Orlandić IN, Shmatkova M, <u>Puljak L</u>, Sapunar D. *Journal of Health Psychology*. 2025;0(0). doi:10.1177/13591053251328916.
- Fischer L, Schewe LV, Scheibler F, Wollny R, Schaefer C, Karge T, Langer T, Berghold J, Florez ID, Hutchinson A, Li S, Maes-Carballo M, Munn Z, Perestelo-Perez L, <u>Puljak L</u>, Stiggelbout A, Pieper D. Scoping review indicates heterogeneous methods for developing and integrating patient decision aids in the context of clinical practice guidelines. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2025;181:111708. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2025.111708.
- Šaler F, Viđak M, Tokalić R, <u>Puljak L</u>. Heterogeneity across outcomes in clinical trials on sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors in chronic heart failure: cross-sectional study. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2025 Jan 22:111685. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2025.111685. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 39855317.

8. Kajan L, <u>Puljak L</u>, Matić I, Marendić M, Zoranić S, Ivanišević K, Majstorović D, Puharić Z, Skitarelić N, Neuberg M, Barać I, Čukljek S, Čivljak M. Usage, knowledge and attitudes towards electronic cigarettes use among nursing students in Croatia: A cross-sectional study. *BMC Nursing*. 2025;24(1):64. doi: 10.1186/s12912-025-02708-7.

- 9. Vukićević T, Borovina Marasović D, Botica A, Mastelić T, Utrobičić T, Glavina T, **Puljak L**, Došenović S. Changes in the number and characteristics of tertiary hospital psychiatric admissions in south Croatia before and during the COVID-19 pandemic: a retrospective study. *BMC Psychiatry*. 2025;25(1):17. doi: 10.1186/s12888-024-06436-1.
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