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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

2024 – Full Professor with Tenure, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia
2020 – Head, Center for Evidence-Based Medicine, Catholic University of Croatia
2011 – 2025 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, USA
2003 – 2004 Postdoctoral fellow, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, USA

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

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

Professional service

2021 – Ethics Committee, Catholic University of Croatia
2024 – 2025 European Commission, Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment (HTACG)
2019 – 2024 Research Committee, Catholic University of Croatia
2018 – Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP), European Medicines Agency

2009 – 2021	Knowledge Translation Coordinator, Cochrane Croatia
2020 – 2021	Strategic Action Plan Committee, Catholic University of Croatia
2018 – 2020	Senate Member, Catholic University of Croatia
2018	Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC), European Medicines Agency; Independent expert appointed by the European Commission
2016 – 2018	Committee for Safe Use of Medicines, Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (HALMED)
2013 – 2019	Committee for Safety of Patients in the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Health, Croatia
2011 – 2018	Translation project manager, Cochrane Croatia
2010 – 2018	Board of Directors, Zeljko J. Bosnjak Foundation
2010 – 2017	Committee for Continuous Medical Education, School of Medicine in Split
2010 – 2014	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	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

Grants

2026	Consortium member. Advancing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Clinical Trials (EDICT). Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Doctoral Network
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. (principal investigator: Prof. Tamara Holjevac Grgurić)
2024 -	Project collaborator: Development and testing of a tool to foster shared decision-making in clinical practice guidelines (EDEL) [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)
2023-2024	Partner. ERA-NET NEURON. JTC2022 - Networking Chronic Pain: PRiSE. Developing a Pain Research Strategy for Europe: an international network of world-leading experts and patient representatives.
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 Sustainability (Sustainability@Leave).
2020 -	Project collaborator. Research Projects – Slovenian-Croatian bilateral projects (principal investigator: Prof. Ines Banjari)
2020 - 2024	Project collaborator, Professionalism in health: decision making in practice and research; 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, financing and performance, SELFIE , Number 634288 (Horizon 2020)
2017	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
2016	Project Coordinator, Popularization of science grant (MZOS)
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 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 research Projects, 02.05./28 (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)
- 2007 - 2008 Science Manager, Tempus project "Training for EU-liaison officers in Croatian Universities: pursuing Bologna and EU integration aims (TRIUMPH)"
- 2007 Project participant, CARDS project "Intellectual Property Rights Infrastructure for the R&D Sector in Croatia"

Memberships in professional associations

Cochrane
 Cochrane Croatia
 Croatian Reproducibility Network (CroRIN)

Awards and recognitions

- 2025 Best Oral Presentation Award, 5th EBR Conference, Bergen, Norway
- 2025 Top 1% of world scientists in 2024 and top 2% in the entire career, based on citation impact (<https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/8>)
- 2025 2024 Top Scholar by ScholarGPS (top 0.5% of all scholars worldwide)
- 2025 Editor of Distinction Award 2025, Springer Nature
- 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 (<https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/3>)
- 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 (Groznanj, 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.

Books

- 2025 Science without drama: how to conduct research and write something about it [in Croatian, original title: Znanost bez drame: kako istraživanje provesti i o tome nešto napisati.] **Puljak L** (editor) and collaborators. Naklada Slap, Jastrebarsko, Croatia.
- 2023 Evidence-Based Medicine [in Croatian, original title: Medicina temeljena na dokazima]. Davor Štimac and collaborators. Author of one chapter, Risk of bias (**Puljak L**)
- 2023 Croatian translation of Junqueira's Basic Histology: Text and Atlas, 17th Edition. Croatian title: Junqueira Osnove histologije. Naklada Slap, Jastrebarsko, Croatia. Translated one chapter, Epithelial tissue (**Puljak L**).
- 2022 Sapunar D, **Puljak L**. TRIBE – 10 years of excellence. University of Split School of Medicine, Split, Croatia.
- 2016 Croatian translation of Dale Purves' Neuroscience, 5th edition. Croatian title: Neuroznanost. Editors: Heffer M, Puljak L, Kostić S. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb.
- 2014 Translator (**Puljak L**) of the Croatian version of the book: Evans I, Thornton H, Chalmers I, Glasziou P. Testing Treatments. Croatian title: Gdje su dokazi? Profil, Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2014 Embryology and Histology of a Human [in Croatian; original title: *Embriologija i histologija čovjeka*]. Saraga Babić M, **Puljak L**, Mardešić S, Kostić S, Sapunar D. Redak, Split, 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 Medicines

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-applications-for-the-23rd-who-expert-committee-on-selection-and-use-of-essential-medicines-available-for-public-review-and-comment>
The application was successful: <https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1374985/retrieve>

Editorial experiences

- 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 website

Postdoctoral activities

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

Mentoring (81 defended theses):

Mentored graduate students (25 PhD and 2 MSc theses)

2025	Ružica Bojčić, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
2025	Fran Šaler, Doctoral thesis, University of Split
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	Svjatlana 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 (54 theses)

- 2025 Matea Valešić, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia
 2025 Ivona Škrinjar, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia
 2025 Dinko Klinec, Master of Nursing thesis; Catholic University of Croatia
 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=337)

1. Kreslova M, **Puljak L**, Sapunar D. The impact of the Russo-Ukrainian war on Ukrainian scholarly publishing and research directions: bibliometric analysis. *Acta Medica Academica*. Accepted March 29, 2026.
2. Maretić M, Čavić D, **Puljak L**. The Comparison of Three Teaching Methods on the Knowledge and Satisfaction of Nursing Students in the Emergency Medical Procedures Class: A Non-Randomised Controlled Study. *UniCath Journal of Biomedicine and Bioethics*. Accepted April 9, 2026.
3. Relić D, Matić I, **Puljak L**, Čivljak M. Workplace Violence Against Nurses in Croatia: A Cross-Sectional Study on Its Frequency, Impact, and Solutions. *Acta Med Acad*. 2026 Mar 25. doi: 10.5644/ama2006-124.505.
4. Škrinjar I, Vučić K, **Puljak L**. Sample size and consensus methods used in Delphi studies are heterogeneous: meta-research study. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2026 Mar 30:112262. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2026.112262.
5. Fernandes Montagner A, Sarkis-Onofre R, Pires dos Santos AP, **Puljak L**, Prócida Raggio D, Pereira-Cenci T. Spin bias in scientific publishing: upholding integrity in research reporting. *British Dental Journal*. Accepted March 17, 2026.
6. Silva J, Lima JP, Lawson D, Nyambi A, Sadeghirad B, Logie C, Moher D, Pieper D, Collins G, Guyatt G, Van Spall H, Franco JVA, Thabane L, **Puljak L**, Murad MH, Vanstone M, Tugwell P, Schandelmaier S, Welch V, Samaan Z, Brignardello-Petersen R, Darzi A, Mbuagbaw L. Limited consensus in expert opinions on studies evaluating the design, conduct, analysis, or reporting of health research: a survey study. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2026 Mar 20:112245. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2026.112245.
7. Schewe LV, Scheibler F, Fischer L, Baghus A, van Bostraeten P, Bresser C, Burgers JS, Conijn D, Dreesens D, Elwyn G, Forcino RC, Franco J, Garvelink M, Giguere A, Gionfriddo MR, Gupta S, Hoffmann T, van Leeuwen A, Maes-Carballo M, Munn Z, Peleg M, Perestelo-Perez L, Schubbe D, Sprengers D, Stacey D, Stiggelbout A, Trujillo-Martín MM, van der Wee L, Florez ID, Hutchinson A, Li S, **Puljak L**, Karge T, Langer T, Orduhan C, Schaefer C, Pieper D. Criteria to Prioritize Clinical Practice Guideline Recommendations for Patient Decision Aid Development: Results from a Modified Delphi Consensus Study. *Journal of Clinical Epidemiology*. 2026 Mar 16:112229. doi: 10.1016/j.jclinepi.2026.112229.
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