

# Dr Ania Antonella Manjon

## Academic Formation

**PhD (April 2021-current):** Cellular Interaction in Reproduction and Cancer Laboratory, Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME). Director: Dr. Mónica Vazquez-Levin

**Degree:**

March 2016-February 2021: MSc in Genetics, Universidad de Morón. Final grade: 9,41/10

**Grants:**

2016-2020: Fundación Universidad de Morón study scholarship

2021-2026: PhD Fellowship from CONICET

2023: Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds travel grant

## Professional skills

### Laboratory techniques:

- Medium and solution preparation
- Molecular biology techniques: nucleic acids extraction, retrotranscription, PCR, sample preparation for protein extraction (tissue, cells, fluids), Western Immunoblotting, Immunocytochemistry
- Cell culture
- Gametes handling: semen routine analysis, sperm selection, TUNEL, gamete interaction techniques (mouse cumulus penetration assay, hemizona assay, sperm penetration assay with hamster oocytes, *in vitro* fertilization with mice gametes)
- Experimental animal handling (mouse and hamster)
- Microscope handling

### Informatic skills:

- Statistical analysis with GraphPad
- Research in databases: PubMed, Ensembl, STIRNG, Treefam, Human Protein Atlas, Gene Cards, UniProt, InterPro, SwissModel, Proteomic DB, TADKB, gnomAD, Franklin, Protein Database, Gene Expression Omnibus
- Data analysis: Transcript data analysis (from public databases or RNAseq), exome variant analysis and interpretation (from VCF format).
- Protein modelling: HHPred, AlphaFold2, AlphaFold3. Visualization and analysis with USCF ChimeraX
- Sequence alignment: online tools such as EBI's and UniProt's. Alignment curation with Jaview
- Predictors of protein characteristics or gene variant effect: PredGPI, Protein Molecular Weight, DiPro, GraphBepi, IUPRED2A, REVEL, PANTHER PSEP, AlphaMissense
- ImageJ for microscopy images processing
- R studio handling
- Photoshop handling



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## IDIOMAS

- English (B2)
- French (B1)
- Italian (basic understanding)

## Publications

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### Evaluation of Myo-inositol Effects upon Frozen-Thawed Bovine Sperm Quality

Verón GL, Paladea R, Bello R, **Manjon AA**, Monti JI, Vazquez-Levin MH

International Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics. Junio 2021, Vol. 10 (6), pp. 001-015  
<https://doi.org/10.46882/IJABG/1170>

### Impact of heat waves on semen quality: A retrospective study in Argentina between 2005 and 2023

Verón GL, **Manjon AA**, Arévalo L, Santiago J, Vazquez-Levin MH

The Science of the total environment, 943, 173813. Junio 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2024.173813>

### A 2-Step Remote TUNEL approach for Sperm DNA Fragmentation Assessment. Analysis in donors and patients

Verón GL, **Manjon AA**, Bello R, Catalano D, Arévalo L, Santiago J, Vazquez-Levin MH

European journal of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive biology, 299, 231–239. Junio 2024,  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejogrb.2024.06.018>

### Critical analysis of the publication “Impact of heat waves on semen quality: A retrospective study in Argentina between 2005 and 2023”

Vazquez-Levin MH, Verón GL, **Manjon AA**.

Argentine Society of Gynecological and Reproductive Endocrinology Journal. Vol. XXXII N° 1 January-June 2025: 35-41. Figure chosen as the journal cover

### Uncovering the Role of IZUMO Family Members in Human Fertilization

**Manjon AA\***, Verón GL\*, Garay SA, Juarez A, GE de Raffo F, Vazquez-Levin MH.

Molecular Reproduction and Development. 2025 Aug;92(8):e70040. doi: 10.1002/mrd.70040. PMID: 40760720.

### Novel sperm protease PRSS38 is involved in human and mouse fertilization

**Manjon AA**, Verón GL, Stegmayer G, Vitale R, GE de Raffo F, Lane L, Vazquez-Levin MH. Sent to consideration

## Book chapters

### Estudios globales en andrología: de la investigación al laboratorio clínico

Vazquez-Levin MH, Verón GL, **Manjon AA**, Mariatti C, Catalano D.

Cerezo Parra Gerardo, Rocío Núñez Calonge y Mónica Vazquez-Levin, eds. 2023. Salud Reproductiva Masculina. México: Yao Díaz, 2023. ISBN: 978-607-99997-1-1

<https://play.google.com/store/books/details?id=q6jEEAAAQBAJ&pli=>

### Laboratory Evaluation of Sperm-Ovum Interaction

Vazquez-Levin MH, Verón GL, **Manjon AA**.

Encyclopedia of Reproduction, 3rd edition

In press

## Research background

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### Internship in the Experimental Thrombosis Laboratory, Academia Nacional de Medicina:

Studies in endothelial progenitors' infection by Coxsackie B3 virus and consequences in their regenerative potential

Director: Dr. Soledad Negrotto.

Period: 03/2019 – 07/2019

### Degree thesis in the Cellular Interaction in Reproduction and Cancer Laboratory, Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME):

Title: “Estudios sobre la expresión y funciones de una proteasa novel identificada mediante el uso de abordajes bioinformáticos”

Period: 10/2019-02/2021

Thesis defense: February 18th 2021. Grade: 10/10.

### Internship in the Genetics of Male Infertility Laboratory, Dipartimento di Scienze Biomediche Sperimentali e Cliniche, “Mario Serio”, Università degli Studi di Firenze:

Director: Dr. Csilla Krausz

Period: 01/2024 – 03/2024

## Teaching

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**Posgraduate subject "Seminars in endocrine physiology and biochemistry" in the IBYME from University of Buenos Aires**

2021-current

**"Physiological and molecular bases of the fertilization process. Application in the andrological diagnosis" course, Argentine Society of Biology (SAB)**

2022-current

**"Online course of actualization in male reproductive health", Argentine Society of Gynecological and Reproductive Endocrinology (SAEGRE)**

2023-current

## Courses

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**Artificial insemination in bovines' course:**

Instituto Fahy, 2015. 30 hours, Practical and theory

**Introduction to Human Behavioural Genetics course:**

University of Minesotta (online course, coursera.org). June 8 2020- 22 July 2020. 8 weeks, theory

**VII Andrology interdisciplinary course:**

Sociedad Argentina de Andrología (SAA) (virtual). 9 April 2021- 9 de December 2022. Theory

**Real Time PCR course**

Genetics council of Sociedad Argentina de Investigación Clínica (SAIC) (virtual). 9 May 2022-13 May 2022. Theory

**2nd IBYME'S science communication course**

Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME). 16 June 2022- 14 July 2022. Theory

**Endocrinology area from Clinical Biochemistry I course**

Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica de la Universidad from Buenos Aires (UBA). 4 May 2023-7 June 2023. Practical and theory. Grade 9/10

**Laboratory Animals course**

Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica de la Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). 8 May 2023- 26 June 2023. Practical and theory. Grade 8/10.

**Human Molecular genetics course**

Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica de la Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA). 12 May 2023- 29 June 2023. Practical and theory. Grade 8/10.

**Bioinformatic tools for the analysis of protein structure, disorder and interactions**

Universidad de San Martín. 80hs, 13-24 May,2024. Theory. Grade 8/10

**Practical capacitation in florescence microscopy techniques.**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica. 46hs June 10-14 2024. Practical and theory. Grade 9/10

**Genetics, genomics and precision medicine in human pathology course.**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica. 42hs July 10-17 2024. Practical-theory. Grade 8/10.

**Nanobiotechnology principles**

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica. 50hs July 1-12 2024. Practical-theory. Grade 10/10.

## Presentations

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### Poster presentation in the “IV Argentinian Biology Societies meeting”

Title: A novel sperm protease identification by bioinformatic, biochemistry and functional approaches.  
 Authors: **Manjon AA\***, Verón GL\*, Duek P, Raffo F, Lane L & Vazquez-Levin MH (\* same contribution)  
 September 2020

### Poster presentation in the “XXIII annual meeting of the Argentine Society of Biology”

Title: Identification of sperm proteases and evaluation of their transcripts as male reproductive health biomarkers.  
 Authors: **Manjon AA**, Verón GL, Vazquez-Levin MH  
 December 2021

### Poster presentation in the “XVII annual meeting of biosciences societies”

Title: Expression of serine protease AR2 in mouse sperm and assessment of its participation in fertilization  
 Authors: **Manjon AA**, Verón GL, Duek P, Raffo F, Lane L & Vazquez-Levin MH  
 November 2022

### Presentation in the IBYME institutional seminar

Presentation of the seminar "Sperm proteins and fertilization: characterization of new entities combining bioinformatics with molecular and functional studies"  
 December 2022

### Presentation in the IX Argentinian Andrology Congress

Title: Use of bioinformatic, biochemistry and functional approaches for the identification of sperm serine proteases relevant for fertilization  
 Authors: **Manjon AA**, Verón GL, Duek P, Raffo F, Lane L & Vazquez-Levin MH  
 May 2023

### Seminar in the Genetics of Male Infertility Laboratory

Title: "Candidate genes for idiopathic infertility, Genetics of Male Infertility Laboratory, University of Florence, January 2024

### Seminar in the Instituto de Fisiopatología y Bioquímica Clínica (INFIBIOC)

Title: "Sperm proteases: from bioinformatics identification to functional characterization", Instituto de Fisiopatología y Bioquímica Clínica (INFIBIOC) de la Facultad de Farmacia y Bioquímica de la UBA, August 2024

### Seminar in the Centro de Estudios Biomédicos, Básicos, Aplicados y Desarrollo (CEBBAD)

Title: "Characterization of sperm proteins bioinformatically identified and its participation in fertilization". Centro de Estudios Biomédicos, Básicos, Aplicados y Desarrollo (CEBBAD), Maimónides University, August 2024

### Presentation in the 9th Argentine Symposium of Young Researchers in Bioinformatics

Title: Integration of conventional and computational biology approaches for the identification of potential male infertility biomarkers.  
 Authors: **Manjon AA**, Verón GL, Duek P, Lane L, Garay SA, Juarez A, Krausz CG, Vazquez-Levin MH  
 November 2024. Oral and poster presentation

### Presentation in the IBYME institutional seminar

Title: "Male fertility in time of changes: from climate to genética". Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME).  
 November 2024

### Presentation in the XLIV Annual meeting of the Argentine Society of Andrology

Title: "Impact of heat waves on semen quality: A retrospective study in Argentina between 2005 and 2023".  
 Authors: Verón GI, Manjon AA, Arévalo L, Santiago J, Vazquez-Levin MH. Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental (IBYME). November 2024

### 17° Latin-American Assisted Reproduction Congress

Title: "Towards Innovative Male Infertility Diagnosis and Treatment: Decoding Protein Interactions and Genetic Variants"  
 Authors: **Manjon AA**, Garay S, Juarez A, Vazquez-Levin MH.  
 April, 2025, poster

## Popular science activities

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### **Assistant in Genetics symposiums organized by the University of Morón**

2018-2019

### **Coordinator in a science communication event in a secondary school**

November 2019 and July 2025. Activities: coordinate games related to science with students

### **Speaker in a science communication event for secondary school students in IBYME**

September 2022, 2023 and 2024

### **Speaker in a science communication event for general public in IBYME (“Noche de los museos”)**

September 2023

### **Coordinator in a science communication event for general public in the Argentinian Book Fair**

April 2024 y 2025. Activities: coordinate games related to science

## Congresses and meetings assistance

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### **X Genetics actualization meeting:**

Universidad de Morón, 2016

### **II Research meeting:**

Universidad de Morón, 2017

### **XII Genetics actualization meeting:**

Universidad de Morón, 2018.

### **III Littoral regional genetics meeting:**

INTA Rafaela, 2018

### **XIII Genetics actualization meeting**

Universidad de Morón, 2019

### **VIII Argentine Andrology congress**

Fundación Instituto Leloir, 2019

### **“Gamete preservation: progresses, challenges and future perspectives” virtual workshop**

SAB, SAPREF and Universidad de Maimónides, 2020

### **IV Argentinian Biology Societies meeting**

Argentine society of biology (SAB) (virtual), 2020

### **XXI meeting of the Argentine society of biology**

Virtual, December 2020

### **XIX Argentinian congress of reproductive medicine**

Argentine society of reproductive medicine (SAMER) (virtual), March 2021

### **III scientific annual meeting 2021**

SAMeR and SAB (virtual), 2021

### **VI international meeting of the Instituto de Investigación y Tecnología en Reproducción Animal**

(INITRA) from the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

(virtual), 2021

### **“XVII annual meeting of biosciences societies”**

SAIC, SAI, FAIC and SAFIS, November 2022

### **XXIII annual meeting of Argentine societies of biology**

Argentine society of Biology, December 2022

### **IX Argentinian Andrology Congress**

Argentinian society of andrology, May 2023

### **Annual meeting of the Argentine Society of Biology**

2023

### **Presentation in the 9th Argentine Symposium of Young Researchers in Bioinformatics**

November 2024

### **1st IDPfun2 Conference: "Unravelling the complexity of Intrinsically Disordered Proteins:**

**Technological Innovations and Future Perspectives"**

April 2025

### **Regular assistant to the IBYME institute seminars**

2020-2025. Weekly seminars

### **Regular assistant to the AndroLatam meetings**

2022-2025. Coordinated by Dr. Vazquez-Levin

### **Regular assistant to the “Reproseminars”**

2020-2025. Currently coordinated by Paula Stein, Nicolás Brukman and Cecilia Blengini