

# Laimdota Zizmare

## Personal Data

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Status/Function: Postdoctoral Researcher  
Scientific focus: Metabolomics, Systems Medicine, Spatial Metabolomics, Immuno-oncology, Neurology  
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## Education and qualifications

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07/2019 – 11/2023 Dr Dr.rer.nat. (PhD) – Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, DE  
Thesis with Prof. B. Pichler, Prof. S. Laufer: *Common metabolites, distinct pathways: using high-field NMR spectroscopy metabolomics in immunology and neurology*

09/2017 – 09/2018 MSc Master of Science – Physical Sciences for Health, University of Birmingham, UK  
Project with Assoc. Prof. Z. Stamataki: *Impact of amiloride derivatives on the engulfment of live and dead T cells by hepatocytes*

09/2016 – 08/2017 MSc Master of Science – Medicinal Chemistry/Drug Discovery, Development and Delivery, University of Birmingham, UK  
Project with Dr. F. Fernandez-Trillo: *Novel enzyme-responsive nanomaterials as antimicrobials*

09/2012 – 06/2016 BEng Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, Riga Technical University, Riga, LV

## Work Experience

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07/2023 – now Postdoctoral Researcher, University Hospital Tübingen, iFIT Cluster of Excellence, Tübingen, DE

07/2019 – 06/2023 Doctoral Researcher in Metabolomics and Systems Medicine, Werner Siemens Imaging Center, University Hospital Tübingen, DE

07 – 08/2023 Visiting Researcher at the Maastricht Multi-modal Molecular Imaging Institute – M4i, MALDI MSI training and collaboration research stay, Maastricht, NL

07/2022 Visiting Researcher at Bruker Daltonics GmbH, MALDI-2 timsTOF instrument training, data acquisition, processing and data analysis, Bremen, DE

11/2018 – 06/2019 Project Operations Assistant at University of Birmingham Student Educational Enhancement Boot Camp on Digital Innovation, UK

09 – 10/ 2018 Laboratory Assistant at Celentyx Ltd. on Assay Development, Birmingham, UK

09/2018 Student Project Assistant on Drug Screening at AstraZeneca, Cambridge, UK

06/2015 – 08/2016 Quality Assurance and Logistics Manager at Chemical Trade Company Brenntag, LV

11/2013 – 06/2016 Research Assistant at Riga Technical University Organic Synthetic Chemistry, LV

## Teaching Experience

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10/2020 – now Bachelor and Master Student Supervision, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, DE

- Project planning and management, practical lab work and analysis support of a bachelor and 5 master student internships and thesis projects

10/2018 – 05/2019 Academic Mentor and Student Support Officer at University of Birmingham, UK

09/2017 – 05/2018 Student Experiment Demonstrator in Chemistry, at University of Birmingham, UK

- Paid position for undergraduate student laboratory support

## Additional Qualifications and Skills

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Languages **Latvian:** mother tongue; **English:** fluent (C2); **German:** intermediate communication (B1); **Spanish:** intermediate communication (B1).

Skills NMR spectroscopy, preclinical and clinical tissue and biofluid **metabolomics**, spatial omics workflows and **MALDI imaging**, biomarker discovery and systems biology in neurodegeneration, metabolic disorders, immunometabolism, cancer cell characterization, tumor microenvironment, immune system activation research

## Conferences, invited talks, presentations

Tübingen **Spatial Biology** Networking & Mini-Symposium, [oral presentation](#), 17 Nov 2023, Tübingen, DE

[Oral presentation](#) at the **Mass Spectrometry Imaging** and Integrated Topics **International Conference**, 24 Oct 2023, Montréal, CA

Medical Faculty Day **Science Slam** [oral presentation](#) on 'Metabolomics on the quest of microbiome exploration', 11 Oct, 2023, Tübingen, DE

Matariki 3-minute thesis (**3MT**) [presentation](#) competition finalist 2023

1st International iFIT Conference ("Image-guided and functionally-instructed **tumor therapies**"), [poster presentation](#), 21 – 23 Mar, 2023, Zell am See, AT

**Metabolomics and Human Health** Gordon Research Conference, [poster presentation](#), 12 – 17 Mar, 2023, Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco in Lucca (Barga), Lucca, IT

4<sup>th</sup> Munich **Metabolomics** Meeting, [poster presentation](#), 13 Oct, 2022, Munich, DE

[Poster presentation](#) at **18th Annual Conference of Metabolomics Society 2022**, 19 – 23 Jun, 2022, Valencia, ES

[Poster](#) and [virtual presentation](#) at 17th Annual Conference of **Metabolomics Society 2021** online, 22 – 24 Jun, 2021

[Poster](#) and [virtual presentation](#) at 16th Annual Conference of **Metabolomics Society 2020** online, 27 – 29 Oct, 2020

[Poster presentation](#) at EMBO/EMBL **Metabolism Meets Epigenetics** Symposium, 20 – 23 Nov 2019, Heidelberg, DE

[Poster presentation](#) at **Research Poster Conference** 15 Jun 2018, University of Birmingham, UK

[Poster presentation](#) of master's thesis at **School of Chemistry Research Symposium** 29 – 30 Jun 2017, University of Birmingham, UK

[Poster](#) of bachelor's thesis at **Balticum Organicum Syntheticum (BOS)** Symposium, 3 Jul 2016, Riga, LV

[Poster presentation](#) at the 59th Scientific Conference for Young Students of Physics and Natural Sciences **Open Readings**, 15 – 18 Mar 2016, Vilnius University, Vilnius, LT

## Training, courses

Graduate Academy course on **Grant Proposal Writing**, 8 Nov – 6 Dec, 2023, Tübingen, DE

Graduate Academy training on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party **Funding Acquisition**, 1 Dec, 2022, Tübingen, DE

Masterclass in "**International Scientific Communication: Communication, Teaming & Productivity Skills**" by the iFIT Excellence Cluster, 2021 – 2022, DE

EMBO Practical Course on Metabolomics **Bioinformatics** for Life Scientists, 24 – 28 Oct, 2022, Wageningen, NL

2<sup>nd</sup> International Summer School on **Non-Targeted Metabolomics**, 22 – 26 Aug, 2022, Tübingen, DE

Scientific writing workshop "**Advanced Scientific Writing**" with the iFIT Excellence Cluster, Derek Victor-Handley, 14 Jun – 16 Jul, 2021

"Introduction to RNA sequencing and functional interpretation", EMBL-EBI online, 21 – 25 Feb, 2022

Course "Introduction to **multiomics** data integration and visualisation", EMBL-EBI online, 22 – 26 Feb, 2021

Scientific writing workshop "**Fundamentals of Scientific Writing**" with the iFIT Excellence Cluster, Derek Victor-Handley, 7 Oct – 10 Nov, 2020

Course "Prototype your PhD" by Young Entrepreneurs in Science, online, 15 Oct, 2020

Courses "Displaying Results in Figures" and "Writing Grant Proposals" distance learning online for Natural & Life Sciences by the Graduate Academy, 11 Mar, 2021

Course "**From PhD to Innovator**" by Young Entrepreneurs in Science, online, 21 – 22 Oct, 2020

Course at **Bruker** – NMR software applications (TopSpin AVANCE) Advanced, 17 – 21 Feb 2020, Rheinstetten, DE

Course at **Bruker** – Metabolomics, 14 – 16 Oct 2019, Rheinstetten, DE

Course at **Bruker** – AMIX Software for NMR data processing, 9 – 10 Oct 2019, Rheinstetten, DE

Course at **Bruker** – NMR software applications (TopSpin AVANCE) Basic, 16 – 20 Sept 2019, Rheinstetten, DE

## Professional Memberships

2021 - 2023	Early-Career Member Network (EMN) <b>Committee Member/Treasurer</b> at the Metabolomics Society
2020 - now	Member of the International Metabolomics Society
2018 - now	Associate Member (AMRSC) of the Royal Society of Chemistry

## Awards and Honors

Royal Society of Chemistry Researcher Development and **Travel Grant** to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on **Mass Spectrometry Imaging** and Integrated Topics, Oct 2023, Montreal, CA (€ 500).

The Company of Biologists **Travel Fellowship** for 5-week research stay at Maastricht Multi-modal Molecular Imaging Institute – M4i, Jul – Aug 2023, Maastricht, NL (€ 3000).

**Researcher Development Grant** by Royal Society of Chemistry to attend the EMBO Practical Course on Metabolomics Bioinformatics for Life Scientists, Oct 2022, Wageningen, NL (€ 600).

Cancer metabolomics conference session **chair** at International Metabolomics Society Conference Metabolomics 2022, 22 Jun, Valencia, Spain.

Student Employee of the Year 2019 (SEOTY 2019) award nomination in the “Above and Beyond” category for admirable contributions as student staff worker, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.

Toastmasters International Competent Communicator Award for completing the first level **public speaking** and leadership manual (2016).

Member of the Year award at Board of European Students of Technology (BEST) – a non-profit student partnership organization in Europe – local group in Riga, for the most successful **fundraising** and goods-raising campaign in 2015/2016 and admirable **leadership** effort.

**Publications:** <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7208-3659>

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## 2024

Rohlfing, A.-K.\*; Kremser, M.\*; Schaale, D.; Dicenta-Baunach, V.; Laspa, Z.; Fu, X.; **Zimare, L.**; Sigle, M.; Harm, T.; Münzer, P.; Pelzer, A.; Borst, O.; Trautwein, C.; Feil, R.; Müller, K.; Castor, T.; Lämmerhofer, M.; Gawaz, M.P. **cGMP modulates hemin-mediated platelet death.** *Thrombosis Research* 234, 63-74 (2024). IF: 8.4 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.thromres.2023.12.008>

## 2023

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## 2022

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## 2021

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## 2020

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## 2017

Insua, I.; **Zizmare, L.**; Peacock, A. F. A.; Krachler, A. M.; Fernandez-Trillo, F. **Polymyxin B containing polyion complex (PIC) nanoparticles: Improving the antimicrobial activity by tailoring the degree of polymerisation of the inert component.** *Nature Scientific Reports* 7, 10 (2017). IF 4.4 <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-017-09667-3>.