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**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION):**

1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, June 2015
2. Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert. Molecular Diagnostics) Ludwig-Maximillians University, Munich-Germany, February, 2013
3. Bachelor of Science (BSc Medical Laboratory Technology) Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, June 2006
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**OTHER CERTIFICATES**

1. Certificate on Good Clinical Practice, 2018, 2020 Ghana FDA
2. Certificate in Development of Rapid Point of Need Molecular System for the Detection of Emerging and Endemic Pathogens, University of Goettingen, Germany, September 2017
3. Certificate in Research Project Management, USAID/Ghana Evaluate for Health Project, June 2017
4. Certificate on Good Clinical Practice, University Medical Centre-Groningen (UMCG), June 2012

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| **ACADEMIC/RESEARCH POSITION** |

 **PRESENT ROLES**

1. Lecturer – Department of Molecular Medicine, KNUST School of Medicine and Dentistry, College of Health Sciences, KNUST, Kumasi (August 2020 – date)
2. Postdoctoral Research fellow - System Genomics Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Maryland, USA, July 2021-June 2023

**PREVIOUS ROLE**

1. Senior Research Fellow – Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana (August 2019 – July 2020)
2. Postdoctoral Research Fellow (BU Group) - Buruli ulcer Control and Research Group, Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Kumasi, (January 2016 – July 2019)
3. Research Assistant, Institute of Infection and Immunity, St. George’s University of London, London-UK, (May 2014 to December 2015)
4. Senior Laboratory Technologist, Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine, Kumasi (February, 2008- August 2011)

**EDITORIAL DUTIES**

1. Guest Editor of Special Issue: Point of Need Testing of Infectious Diseases – Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease, an Open Access Journal by MDPI
2. Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer for:
	1. PLOS Neglected Tropical Disease, 2017 to date
	2. Journal of Tropical Diseases & Public Health, 2016 to date

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| **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS** |

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| 1 | **EDCTP Mobilization of research funds for COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency -** COVID-19 diagnostics for Africa. October 2020 |
| 2 | **EDCTP Mobilization of research funds for COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency -** Multi-country blinded study to evaluate the suitcase lab for rapid detection of SARS-COV-2. October 2020 |
| 3 | **ARNTD Small Grants Program (SGPII) –** Field evaluation of a mobile lab suitcase employing Recombinase Polymerase Amplification for detection of *S. haematobium*. January 2019 |
| 4 | **EDCTP Travel award** – Support participation of the Ninth EDCTP Forum 2018, in Lisbon Portugal. June 2018 |
| 5 | **TWAS-DFG Cooperation Visit** Programme for Scientists from Sub-Sahara Africa – Fund cooperation visit to Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany. July 2018. |
| 6 | **EDCTP Career Development Fellowship** - Develop and Evaluate a rapidpoint of care diagnostic test for Buruli ulcer disease. July 2017 |
| 7 | **International Society for Infectious Diseases Grant -** Conduct a Proof ofConcept study in Developing a rapid diagnostic test for Buruli ulcer using recombinase polymerase amplification. August 2016 |

**RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST**

Infectious diseases with particular interest in:

* Next Generation Sequencing/bioinformatics
* Emerging Infectious diseases
* Immunopathogenesis of infectious diseases
* Development of diagnostic tools for resource-limited settings
* Computational biology

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| **PUBLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF RESEARCH** |

**2021**

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for community surveillance. Ghana Med J. 2020 Dec;54(4 Suppl):71-76. doi:

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4: Owusu M, Sylverken AA, El-Duah P, Ayisi-Boateng NK, Yeboah R, Adu E, Asamoah

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northern Ghana: insights from whole-genome sequencing. Arch Virol. 2021

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7: Simpson H, Tabah EN, Phillips RO, **Frimpong M**, Maman I, Ampadu E, Timothy J,

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| **Conferences/Seminars/ Workshops** |

1. Speaker & Panelist – **Tenth EDCTP Forum** 17-21 October 2021**,** Maputo, Mozambique. *Adopting, Adapting and Contextualising – EDCTP Fellows 8responding to COVID-19*
2. Keynote Speaker – **Ghana Science Association Webiner 2020** - Using Science, Technology and Innovation in the Current Pandemic and Beyond. Date 28th July 2020. Talk: *Diagnostics for COVID-19: A case for field deployable, rapid molecular tests for community surveillance.*
3. Invited Speaker- **WHO meeting on Buruli ulcer control and Research**. Date: 25th -27th March 2019. Talk: *Field-deployable recombinase polymerase amplification assay for Buruli ulcer.*
4. Attendance of **Consultative Meeting held by WHO and FIND on diagnostics for Buruli ulcer** held at the WHO Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland. Date: March 2018
5. Attendance of **Launch of EDCTP Alumni Network**, Johannesburg, SouthAfrica, Date: 3rd – 4th October 2017
6. Attendance of **2nd International Training course on the rapid point of need molecular system for the detection of emerging and endemic pathogens**, Goettingen, Germany, Date: 18th – 22nd September 2017
7. Attendance of the **WHO meeting on Buruli ulcer control and Research**. Date: 20th -22nd March 2017.
8. Participated in **Hands-on training on Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory tools for the diagnosis and surveillance of Yaws, Buruli ulcer and Haemophilus ducreyi** in the Molecular Diagnostics & Typing Laboratory, Laboratory Reference & Research Branch, Division of STD Prevention at the CDC in Atlanta, USA. Date: 1st - 26th august 2016.
9. Workshop participant: **Training in the use of fluorescent thin layer chromatography as a diagnostic tool for Buruli ulcer via the detection of mycolactone A/B, the causative toxin of the disease**. Department of chemistryand chemical Biology, Harvard University, MA, USA. Date: June 2014
10. Attendance of the **BURULIVAC Consortium came together for the 5th Progress and Management Meeting**, which was hosted by the Ludwig-Maximillians-Universitat in Munich**,** Germany. Date: September 2012.
11. Attendance of the **West African Research Network/West African Health organization** conference on “The constituent General assembly and the first Scientific Conference of the West African Research Network, Ouagadougou, 22nd-24th November 2010

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| **SERVICE**  |

**International:**

1. Member, WHO NTD Diagnostic Technical Advisory Group (DTAG): Skin-NTDs Subgroup to review and prioritize the diagnostics needs for NTD programs. Date: May 2020 -
2. Member of the WHO Network on Buruli ulcer PCR laboratories (BU LABNET) in the WHO African Region. Member of both the Advisory Group and Expert Panel. The responsibilities include to monitor the implementation of external quality assessment programme and to provide training and support for laboratories in the sub-region. From January 2020 to date
3. Consultancy service funded by the Germany Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association (GLRA) to provide external quality assurance for improve care for patients with Buruli ulcer through collaboration in ensuring quality diagnostic services for eligible clients. Date: 10th – 15th December 2018
4. Consultancy service funded by the AIM Initiative (AIM) to provide skills and knowledge to the MoH NTD Program and the laboratory professionals from the National Public Health institute of Liberia (NPHIL) to establish the capacity and procedures to conduct PCR testing for Buruli ulcer in Liberia. Date: 14th – 21st July 2017

**National:**

1. Member, National Technical Committee for Healthcare Organization Management – ISO TC 304. May 2020 – date
2. Technical support, National Reference Laboratory, Kumasi - Setup of the Molecular Diagnostic laboratory for COVID-19 testing. Date: August 2020 – December 2020.

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