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Academic Qualifications:

- Postdoctoral researcher at the Laboratory of Analytical Chemistry (2009)
- Ph.D. in Chemistry (2008), Chemistry Dept., University of Athens (UoA)
- B.Sc. in Chemistry (2004), Chemistry Dept., UoA

Appointments:

- 2021: Assistant Professor, Chemistry Dept., UoA

Teaching Activities: (current)

Undergraduate courses :

- Instrumental Analysis II (course/lab), Dept of Chemistry
- Clinical Chemistry (course/lab), Dept of Chemistry and Pharmacy

Postgraduate courses

- Clinical Biochemistry-Molecular Diagnostics
- Oncology: From Oncogenesis to therapy

Research Interests/Activities: (last 10 years)

- Development and clinical applications of highly sensitive real time PCR methods for quantitative gene expression
- miRNAs detection.
- Circulating Tumor Cells: Development of novel methods for their detection, numeration and molecular characterization
- Development of highly sensitive and specific assays for mutations detection
- Methylation of tumor suppressor genes

Scientific Publications/Citations:

- 38 publications in refereed journals
- 6 book chapters
- 2190 citations (H-index =21)

Top five publications

- Markou A, Londra D, Tserpeli V, Kollias I, Tsaroucha E, Vamvakaris I, Potaris K, Pateras I, Kotsakis A, Georgoulis V, Lianidou E. DNA methylation analysis of tumor suppressor genes in liquid biopsy components of early stage NSCLC: a promising tool for early detection. *Clin Epigenetics*. 2022 May 10;14(1):61. doi:10.1186/s13148-022-01283-x.
- Markou AN, Smilkou S, Tsaroucha E, Lianidou E. The Effect of Genomic DNA Contamination on the Detection of Circulating Long Non-Coding RNAs: The Paradigm of *MALAT1*. *Diagnostics* (Basel). 2021 Jun 25;11(7):1160. doi:10.3390/diagnostics11071160.
- Markou A, Tzanikou E, Ladas I, Makrigiorgos GM, Lianidou E. Nuclease-Assisted Minor Allele Enrichment Using Overlapping Probes-Assisted Amplification- Refractory Mutation System: An Approach for the Improvement of

Amplification-Refractory Mutation System-Polymerase Chain Reaction Specificity in Liquid Biopsies. *Anal Chem*. 2019 ;91:13105-13111.

- Markou A, Tzanikou E, Strati A, Zavridou M, Mastoraki S, Bournakis E, Lianidou E. *PIM-1* Is Overexpressed at a High Frequency in Circulating Tumor Cells from Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Patients. *Cancers* (Basel). 2020 ;12:1188.
- Markou A, Zavridou M, Sourvinou I, Yousef G, Kounelis S, Malamos N, Georgoulis V, Lianidou E. Direct Comparison of Metastasis-Related miRNAs Expression Levels in Circulating Tumor Cells, Corresponding Plasma, and Primary Tumors of Breast Cancer Patients. *Clin Chem*. 2016 ;62:1002-11.
- Markou A, Farkona S, Schiza C, Efstathiou T, Kounelis S, Malamos N, Georgoulis V, Lianidou E. PIK3CA mutational status in circulating tumor cells can change during disease recurrence or progression in patients with breast cancer. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2014 ;20(22):5823-34.

Selected Distinctions:

- Award for one of the 5 most highly cited papers published in Lung Cancer. (2013)
- Award for one of the 10 most cited Articles in Clinical Chemistry (2013)
- Three awards in Annual Meeting of American Association of Cancer Research (2008,2011,2012)
- One national scholarship (IKY 2015)
- Funding for research project to support Postdoctoral researchers (HFRI 2017)

Projects and Academic Activities:

- Journal Referee for Analytical Chemistry, Clinical Chemistry and molecular Diagnostics Journal
- Guest editor in special issue of Cancers
- Principal Investigator in of the research project entitled: «Liquid biopsy for the early detection of clinical relapse in patients with operable early stage non-small cell lung cancer and evaluation of genetic heterogeneity»