CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- **PhD, Immunology**, conferred 1987, University of Nairobi, Kenya, (Studies conducted at International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases, (ILRAD now called ILRI)
- **Master of Science**, conferred 1978, University of Nairobi,
- **Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine**, conferred 1975, University of Nairobi.

NOTABLE SHORT COURSES/ WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- Scientific Writing.
- Conventional and molecular testing of drug resistant TB
- GCP training
- Pedagogical training
- In Immunology and Biotechnology Applied to Infectious Diseases 2.
- Molecular Biology.
- Basic Immunology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present positions:

PROFESSOR: September 2009- present
Department of Medical Microbiology, Makerere University, P.O. Box 7072, Kampala
Duties: Teaching, Research and Supervision of postgraduate students.
Head: LEAP Uganda
Visiting Professor: Gulu University Medical School

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR (COLLABORATION): Med Biotech Labs Kampala. 2007-present
Duties: Coordination of scientific research and Postgraduate student supervision

Past positions:

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: March 2001-September 2009
Department of Medical Microbiology, Makerere University, P.O. Box 7072, Kampala
Duties:Teaching, Research and student supervision

SENIOR LECTURER: November 1, 2000-February 2001
Department of Medical Microbiology, Makerere University, Kampala
Teaching,Research and student supervision.

SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST (1997 - 2000) - Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), P.O. Box 1005 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
Duties: Deputy/Acting Director;
Head of experimental animal unit and EU project on TB vaccine improvement.
Proxy member of the Board of Governors of ALERT, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1998 to 2000.
Spent 25% time teaching at the Faculties of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Science, Addis Ababa University.
Supervised postgraduate students

SENIOR TO PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST: (1987 -1996) Institute of Primate Research (IPR), P.O. Box 24481, Nairobi, Kenya.
Co-ordinator/PI, WHO Leishmaniasis Vaccine Development Programme; Acting Director 1993-1996;
Research and Student supervision.

RESEARCH FELLOW: (1982-1987). International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases, Nairobi, Kenya (ILRAD), P.O. Box 30709, Nairobi, Kenya).
Duties: Research on immunobiology and immunity to *Theileria parva* and African trypanosomes.

SCIENTIFIC OFFICER: (1980). International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), P.O. Box 30772, Nairobi, Kenya.
Duties: Studied immunology to *Leishmania* parasites and African trypanosomes.

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW: (1979-1980). The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI), Royal Parade, Parkville Victoria 3050, Australia Melbourne.
Duties: Studied immunity to Leishmania

RESEARCH FELLOW: (1978-1979). International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Nairobi, Kenya.
Studied African trypanosomes, trypanosome-vector interactions and epidemiology of African trypanosomiasis.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Has supervised over 26 students including those for MSc and PhD degree awards

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- External examiner for:
- Addis Ababa University (1996-2000);
- Kampala International University (2006-present);
- Moi University (2006-2008)

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Occasional reviewer for: African Journal of Health Sciences since 1998
- Member Editorial Board, African Health Sciences, Feb. 2001-present
- Occasional Reviewer of the Ethiopian Medical Journal- 1998-present
- Occasional Reviewer of the African Journal of Biotechnology. 2006-present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS-Past and Present

- Member of 6 local and international associations

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/PROJECTS

Has won over ten major research grants and is currently having 2 grants running including;

- DNDi-LEAP collaborative project- 2009-to present
  Title: Anti-leishmanial drug sensitivity profiles and genetic polymorphisms of clinical isolates of *Leishmania donovani* complex from main endemic areas of VL in East Africa
- DNDi-LEAP collaborative project- 2011-to present
  Title: Pharmacovigilance Plan for Combination of Sodium Stibogluconate and Paramomycin in the Treatment of Visceral Leishmaniasis in Uganda

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Has published over 55 papers in peer-reviewed journals and 35 publications in conference/workshop proceedings