

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal Information

Name: Naim Kittana  
Date of Birth: Jan. 1982  
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## Educational level

2011-2014 Ph.D Pharmacology, 'Molecular Medicine program', Institute of Pharmacology, Heart Research Center Goettingen (HRCG), University Medical Center Göttingen (UMG), Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany. Thesis title "Role of Secretory Processes in Cardiac Fibroblasts in Heart Failure Development and Progression". Evaluation: (*Magna Cum Laude*)

2006-2008 MSc Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan. Average score 3.75 (excellent). Thesis title 'Chemoprevention of meloxicam, grapefruit juice and the combination of both against the formation of colonic aberrant crypt foci induced by 1,2-dimethylhydrazine in rat model'

2000-2005 BSc Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmacy, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. Average: 89.4% (very good)

1999-2000 High School, Qadri Tuqan Secondary School, Nablus, Palestine. Average: 92.7% (excellent)

## Scholarships

2011-2014 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship for PhD fellowship in Germany

2006-2008 DAAD scholarship for MSc degree in Pharmacology in Jordan

## Professional Experience

- Assistant professor of Pharmacology and Molecular Medicine, department of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine, Jan. 2015-still.
- PhD fellowship in the field of Pharmacology, under the program of Molecular Medicine program, Institute of Pharmacology, Heart Research Center Goettingen (HRCG), University Medical Center Göttingen (UMG), Georg-August-University, Göttingen, Germany, April. 2011-November, 2014.
- Lecturer of Pharmacology (fulltime), Faculty of Pharmacy, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. Aug. 2008- 2010.
- Member of quality control unit at the faculty of Pharmacy, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. Sep. 2008-Jul. 2010.
- Teaching Assistant (part-time), Faculty of Pharmacy, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine. Sep. 2005- Aug. 2006.
- Pharmacist (fulltime) at a community pharmacy, Nablus, Palestine. Jul. 2005-Aug. 2006.
- Quality Consultant, Doctors of The world-France (short term contract)
- Licensed and registered pharmacist in Palestine.

## Conferences, Posters and Talks

- Aline Jatho, **Naim Kittana**, Kerstin Schenk, Beate Ramba, Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann, Susanne Lutz: RhoA Controls Myofibroblast Characteristics. American Heart Association's Basic Cardiovascular Sciences 2014 Scientific Sessions: Pathways to Cardiovascular Therapeutics; 07/2014
- **N. Kittana**, W. Albrecht, A. Jatho, C. Würtz, K. Schenk, B. Ramba, S. Lutz (2014) Calcium Complexly Regulate Connective Tissue Growth Factor in Cardiac Fibroblasts. Talk at the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the German Society for Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology (DGPT), Hannover, Germany
- **N. Kittana**, W. Albrecht, A. Jatho, B. Ramba, S. Lutz (2014). Ang II-Induced Calcium Signaling Complexly Regulates CTGF in Cardiac Fibroblasts. Poster at the 12<sup>th</sup> Dutch-German Joint Meeting of the Molecular Cardiology Working Groups (DGJM), Groningen, Netherlands. (Poster prize)
- **N. Kittana**, A. Jatho, A. Ongherth, N. Krüger, C. Würtz, K. Schenk, B. Ramba S. Lutz (2013). Multiple Signaling Pathways Regulate Connective Tissue Growth Factor Expression and Secretion in Cardiac Fibroblasts. Poster at the 11<sup>th</sup> Dutch-German Joint Meeting of the Molecular Cardiology Working Groups (DGJM), Heidelberg, Germany.

- **N. Kittana**, A. Jatho, C. Würtz, K. Schenk, B. Ramba S. Lutz (2012). Role of Tubulin in the Regulation of CTGF Expression & Secretion in Cardiac Fibroblasts: Possible Role in Cardiac Fibrosis. Poster at the 10<sup>th</sup> Dutch-German Joint Meeting of the Molecular Cardiology Working Groups (DGJM), Kerkrade, Netherlands.
- **Naim J. Kittana**, Maha S. Shomaf, Abdulazim S. Salhab (2008). Chemoprevention of Meloxicam, Grapefruit Juice and Combination Against the Formation of Colonic Aberrant Crypt Foci in Rats Induced by 1,2-Dimethylhydrazine. Poster at the Annual Meeting of American College of Clinical Pharmacology

## Publications

- Jatho A, Hartmann S, **Kittana N**, Mügge F, Wuertz CM, Tiburcy M, Zimmermann WH, Katschinski DM, Lutz S.: *RhoA Ambivalently Controls Prominent Myofibroblast Characteristics by Involving Distinct Signaling Routes*. PLoS ONE 10/2015; 10(10):e0137519. DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0137519
- Anita Ongherth, Sebastian Pasch, Christina M Wuertz, Karolin Nowak, **Naim Kittana**, Cleo A Weis, Aline Jatho, Christiane Vettel, Malte Tiburcy, Karl Toischer, Gerd Hasenfuss, Wolfram-Hubertus Zimmermann, Thomas Wieland, Susanne Lutz: *p63RhoGEF regulates auto- and paracrine signaling in cardiac fibroblasts*. Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology 09/2015; DOI:10.1016/j.jmcc.2015.09.009
- A N Zaid, Ghosh A Abu, **N Kittana**: *Weight Uniformity of Scored Tablet Halves Manufactured by Palestinian Pharmaceutical Companies*. International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding 08/2013; 14(3):257-260.
- Rowa' Al-Ramahi, Abdel N Zaid, **Na'em Kettana**, Waleed Sweileh, Doa' Al-Jabi: *Attitudes of consumers and healthcare professionals towards the patient package inserts - a study in Palestine*. 03/2012; 10(1):57-63. DOI:10.4321/S1886-36552012000100010
- **Naim J Kittana**, Maha S Shomaf, Abdulazim S Salhab: *Chemoprevention of Induced Colonic Aberrant Crypt Foci in Rats by the Combination of Meloxicam and Grapefruit Juice*. Jordan Medical Journal 12/2009; 43(434):316-323.