

Look at the focus on action verbs! This is a very strong description of his role. ▶

- Strong synthesizing, writing, and information technology skills: wrote scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals, as well as the highly technical replies to the questions raised by the reviewers. Wrote funding application and produced regular progression reports.

Interpersonal skills:

- Coached and collaborated with other scientists, outlining objectives, methodology, and conclusions, actively listening to people and stimulating interest and discussion.
- Exchanged constructive feedback and support and learned delegating responsibility.

Adaptability:

- Collaborated and communicated at all professional levels, and with people from diverse origins and cultures. Can work both independently and in team settings.
- Adapted to living abroad, increased my command of English, learned perseverance and self-motivation.

Management and organization:

- Managed several projects and collaborations in parallel, planned work to achieve goals and targets on time, set realistic objectives, developed creative solutions to problems. Attended introductory courses of management.
- Used to seek and critically assess large amounts of information, to define the cause of problems, determine available options and to use my own experience and that of others to move things forward.

Teaching:

- Supervised and taught technicians and M.Sc. students, adapting to different scientific levels and backgrounds, stimulating discussion and reflexion.
- Participated in evaluation juries and marked M.Sc. essays.

Clinical Research Associate - 1999

Searle Pharmaceuticals, Belgium

- 4 months placement as Clinical Research Associate at Searle Pharmaceuticals
- Worked following SOPs and ICH's GCP on several projects in parallel and met deadlines.
- Integrated the global development process of drugs and the business and entrepreneurial culture.
- Developed my interpersonal skills at all professional levels: actively participated to staff meetings, met investigators to discuss inclusion and exclusion criteria for new clinical trials, helped design and correct new trials, followed up current trials by visiting, phoning and writing to investigators, helped set up a large investigator meeting.
- Prepared a vast dossier about Alzheimer's disease to teach staff and discuss the feasibility of trials for a new drug indication. This sequentially led to the start of my Ph.D. thesis.
- Was offered a fixed position at the end of the placement.

Pharmacist - 1998

Pharmacy open to public

- 8 months placement as Pharmacist: counselling, preparation of drugs, selling.
- Developed communication and business awareness.
- Took the initiative to largely reorganize stock and improve its handling, learned team work, meeting deadlines and doing several works in parallel.

This student has chosen to list his publications and conferences under this title; for a scientific role you would be more likely to use 'Publications' as a title but in this instance it is another example of where he has recognised that to a possibly non-scientific employer, he's better off using less academic jargon. ►

Responsibilities: ● Elected representative of the Ph.D. students and post-docs at the Council of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.
Organizing member of the EURON Ph.D. days in 2002 and 2003.

Other Skills:

- IT: extensive knowledge of standard office software, Photoshop, SPSS, SAS, Prism.
- Languages: French (mother tongue), English (fluent), Dutch(moderate).
- Full clean driving license.
- Efficient, organized, reliable, fast-learner, highly motivated, get the job done.

Interests: I have great interest in history, particularly antiquity, and organize readings, museum visits and travels accordingly. I also enjoy practicing martial arts.

Achievements: Selected publications and communications:

- Parnelle P., Octave J.-N. (2004) Presenilin I stabilizes the C-terminal fragment of the amyloid precursor protein independently of-secretase activity. *The Journal of Biological Chemistry* 279, 25333-25338.
- Best oral communication prize: Sf9 cells provide new insights in the role of presenilin I in the gamma-secretase activity, EURON meeting, September 25-26 2003, Brussels, Belgium.
- Sf9 cells as a new model to study the influence of PSI on gamma-secretase activity and amyloid beta peptide production (poster), 6th international meeting on AD/PD, May 8-12 2003, Seville, Spain.
- Parnelle P., Kienlen-Campard P., Octave J.-N. (2002) Failure of the interaction between presenilin I and the substrate of gamma-secretase to produce Aβeta in insect cells. *Journal of Neurochemistry* 83 (2), 390-399.
- Is presenilin I the long-sought gamma-secretase, EURON Workshop on neurodegenerative disorders, April 3-6 2001, Bonn, Germany.
- Processing of the amyloid precursor protein of Alzheimer's disease in insect cells, EURON meeting, September 14th 2000, Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Technical Skills:

Cellular biology:

- Cell culture: Sf9 insect cells, blastocyst-derived cells, CHO, COS, HEK-293, SHSY, primary cultures of rat and mouse cortical/hippocampal neurons. Transfection and nucleofection.
- Microbiology: liquid and solid culture of bacterias, isolation and transformation; preparation and purification of baculoviruses and adenoviruses, work in class III laboratory.
- Microscopy: confocal, fluorescence and light microscopy.

Molecular biology:

- Vector design: primers design, digestions, ligations, cloning.
- Cloning: transformation, RNA extraction, reverse transcription, PCR, DNA purification (CsCl gradient, mini- and maxi-preps), DNA gel analysis, quantification and extraction.

Biochemistry:

Western blot, (co-)immunoprecipitation, pulse-chase, ELISA, enzymatic assays.

Animal manipulation:

Handling, feeding, breeding, marking and genotyping of transgenics; dissection of embryos for primary cultures of neurons.

Analytical methods:

Titration, spectrophotometry, chromatography (thin layer, ion exchange, exclusion, HPLC), sound theoretical knowledge and interpretation of most analysis techniques (NMR, MS,...).