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Candidate Statement

I hold a degree in Pharmaceutical sciences, a PhD in Biological sciences and since 2003 I am an Assistant Professor at University of Minho in Portugal. I teach Pharmacology in the 3rd year of the Medical degree of the School of Health Sciences and I do research in the Oncobiology field.

My main research interest is in cancer metabolism, especially glycolytic metabolism. We are a young research group which tries to understand how the differences in cell metabolism could be explored as targets for cancer therapy. Especially, we are trying to comprehend the role monocarboxylate transporters (MCTs) in different types of solid tumors, exploring lactate transport as target for cancer therapy. At the moment my research group is composed by 2 Trainee students, 4 Master's students, 4 PhD students and a Post-doc.

This is an up to date area of research which has been gaining interest over the last years, however there are not many research groups exploring lactate transport in cancer. Thus, becoming a member of the EACR Council would be a great opportunity to establish collaborations and develop networks either at the National or the European level.