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Solomon M. Adams

College/University:
University of Pittsburgh

Title of Research:
Targeting the Genetic and Molecular Role of ABCG2 Following Traumatic Brain Injury

Research Area:
Neurodegenerative and Neurological Disorders

Focus:
Neurotrauma

Mentor:
Philip E. Empey

Student Major:
Clinical/Translational Science



Blythe J. Adamson

Second Year Fellow
College/University:
University of Washington

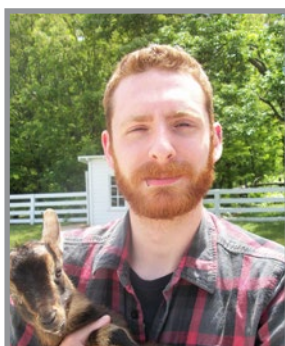
Title of Research:
The Potential Cost-Effectiveness of Pharmacotherapy-Related Interventions in Support of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States

Research Area:
Infectious Diseases

Focus:
HIV

Mentor:
Louis Garrison

Student Major:
Pharmacoeconomics/
Health Outcomes



Jon W. Bogart

Second Year Fellow
College/University:
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Title of Research:
A Chemoenzymatic Platform for the Discovery of Thiopeptide Therapeutics

Research Area:
Antibiotics, Oncology, Tuberculosis

Focus:
Antibiotics, Drug Resistance, Tuberculosis.

Mentor:
Albert Bowers

Student Major:
Chemistry/Chemical Biology



Joel E. Brandis

College/University:
University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy

Title of Research:
Development of Bioanalytical Mass Spectrometric Approaches to Measure Iron Release in Plasma of Patients Treated with IV Iron Preparations

Research Area:
Iron Anemia

Focus:
Chronic Kidney Disease Associated Iron Anemia

Mentor:
Sarah Michel

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Manting D. Chiang

College/University:
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Title of Research:
Application of PKPD Modeling in the Central Nervous System and its Application to Pain

Research Area:
Pain

Focus:
Neuropathic Pain

Mentor:
Leonid Kagan

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Ashley L. Cole

College/University:
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Title of Research:
Comparative Effectiveness and Safety of First-Line Chemotherapeutic Regimens for Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer

Research Area:
Oncology

Focus:
Pancreatic Cancer

Mentor:
Stacie Dusetzina

Student Major:
Pharmacoeconomics/
Health Outcomes



Alexandra R. Crowe

College/University:
University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center

Title of Research:
Post-Translational Regulation of Transporters Organic Anion Transporting Polypeptides (OATP) 1B1 and 1B3 by Immunosuppressant Cyclosporine A: Implication in Transporter-Mediated Drug-Drug Interactions

Research Area:
Hepatic Transporters and Their Regulation

Focus:
OATP-Mediated Drug-Drug Interactions

Mentor:
Dr. Wei Yue

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Anees M. Dauki

College/University:
The Ohio State University

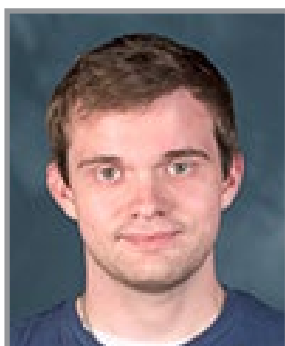
Title of Research:
Understanding the Role of Androgen Receptor Signaling Pathway in Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Research Area:
Oncology

Focus:
Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Mentor:
Christopher Coss

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Brandon S. Drennen

Second Year Fellow

College/University:
University of Maryland,
School of Pharmacy

Title of Research:
Towards a New Therapeutic Modality for the Treatment of Alzheimer's: Interception of Transient Helical States of Beta-Amyloid with Small-Molecule Proteomimetics

Research Area:
Neurodegenerative and Neurological Disorders

Focus:
Alzheimer's Disease

Mentor:
Steven Fletcher

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Anne S. Gibson

College/University:
The University of Utah

Title of Research:
The Role of Dopamine in Methamphetamine-Induced Striatal Dysfunction

Research Area:
Addiction

Focus:
Addiction therapy

Mentor:
Dr. Kristen Keefe

Student Major:
Biomedical/Neural Sciences



Jesse A. Jones

College/University:
University of Tennessee
Health Science Center

Title of Research:
Targeting Type 1A Topoisomerases for Selective Anti-Streptococcal Drug Design

Research Area:
Infectious Disease

Focus:
Drug-resistant Streptococcus

Mentor:
Kirk Hevener

Student Major:
Medicinal/Pharmaceutical Chemistry/
Drug Discovery



Venkata P. Kompella

College/University:
The University
of Texas at Austin

Title of Research:
Impact of Diet-Induced Obesity on DNA Structure-Induced Mutagenesis in Mice

Research Area:
Obesity and Oncology

Focus:
Genetic Instability

Mentor:
Karen M. Vasquez

Student Major:
Pharmacology/Toxicology



Clarence R. Manuel

College/University:
St. John's University

Title of Research:
Effects of Pre-Maternal High-Fat Diet Consumption and Endotoxin on the Incidence of Pre-Term Birth and Fetal Outcome

Research Area:
Reproductive Pharmacology

Focus:
Pre-Term Birth

Mentor:
Sandra Reznik

Student Major:
Pharmacology/Toxicology



Hannah V. Oakes

College/University:
East Tennessee State University

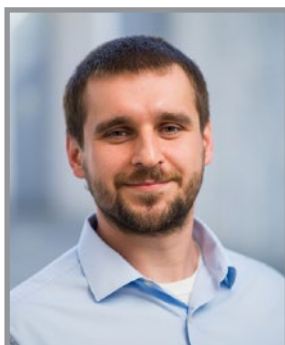
Title of Research:
Long-Term Effects of Methylphenidate on Neuronal Viability and Plasticity

Research Area:
Neurodegeneration

Focus:
Oxidative Stress

Mentor:
Brooks B. Pond

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Lukasz J. Ochyl

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College/University:
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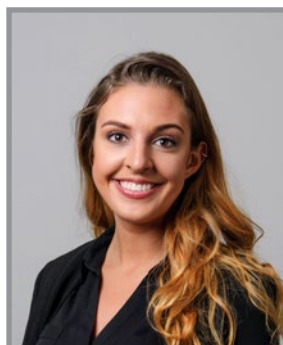
Title of Research:
Tumor Membrane Nanoparticles for Elicitation of Cellular and Humoral Immune Responses

Research Area:
Immunotherapy

Focus:
Melanoma

Mentor:
James Moon

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Stephanie C. Piekos

College/University:
University of Connecticut

Title of Research:
Permanent Alterations in CYP-Mediated Drug Metabolism Following Neonatal Antiepileptic Drug Treatment and the Effects on Therapeutic Efficacy and Safety in Adult Life.

Research Area:
Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics

Focus:
Drug-Drug Interactions

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Jacob A. Poliskey

Second Year Fellow
College/University:
The University of Iowa

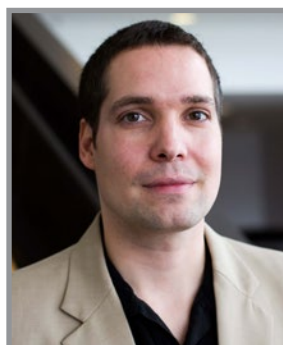
Title of Research:
Targeted Nonviral Delivery of RNA to the Liver

Research Area:
Genetic Disorders

Focus:
Hemophilia

Mentor:
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Student Major:
Medicinal/Pharmaceutical Chemistry/Drug Discovery



Davin S. Rautiola

College/University:
University of Minnesota

Title of Research:
Prodrug/Enzyme Systems for Intranasal Delivery of Benzodiazepines

Research Area:
Neurological Disorders

Focus:
Seizures

Mentor:
Ronald Siegel

Student Major:
Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Brian M. Reilly

College/University:
University of California,
San Diego

Title of Research:

Investigating the Role of DNA Methylation Regulator Mutations in Increased Response to Hypomethylating Agents in Myelodysplastic Syndromes.

Research Area:

Hematology/Oncology

Focus:

Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Mentor:

Rafael Bejar

Student Major:

Biomedical/Neural Sciences



Katherine A. Roach

College/University:
West Virginia University

Title of Research:

Assessment of the Potential for Different Forms of Nano-Gold to Cause Allergic Sensitization and Immune Effects Following Dermal, Inhalation, or Parenteral Exposure at Pharmacologically and Occupationally-Relevant Doses

Research Area:

Nanotoxicology

Focus:

Allergic Disease

Mentor:

Jenny Roberts

Student Major:

Pharmacology/Toxicology



Larry Rodriguez

College/University:
University of
Southern California

Title of Research:

The Role of P2X4 Receptors within the Mesolimbic Pathway in Dopamine Signaling and Disease

Research Area:

Alcohol Dependence

Focus:

Dopamine Signaling

Mentor:

Daryl Davies

Student Major:

Pharmacology/Toxicology



Vivian Rodriguez Cruz

College/University:
University at Buffalo, The
State University of New York

Title of Research:

Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate Toxicokinetics and Toxicodynamics: Drug-Drug Interactions

Research Area:

Addiction

Focus:

Addiction Therapy

Mentor:

Marylin Morris

Student Major:

Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability,
Metabolism and Elimination)



Sharay E. Setti

College/University:
Auburn University

**Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in
Pharmaceutical Sciences for
Underrepresented Minorities**

Title of Research:

Investigating the Role of the Lateral Entorhinal Cortex in Alzheimer's Disease via Optogenetic Manipulation

Research Area:

Neurodegenerative disorders

Focus:

Alzheimer's Disease

Mentor:

Miranda Reed

Student Major:

Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability,
Metabolism and Elimination)



Neal R. Shah

College/University:
West Virginia University

Title of Research:

Effects of Vascular and Genetic Differences in Primary Lung Tumor and Lung-Brain Metastases

Research Area:

Oncology

Focus:

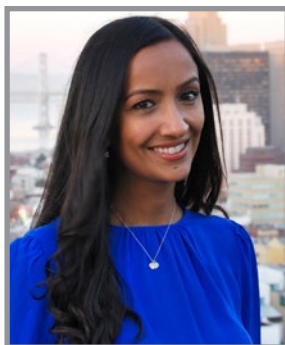
Brain tumor

Mentor:

Paul Lockman

Student Major:

Pharmaceutical Sciences
(Drug Delivery, Bioavailability,
Metabolism and Elimination)



Jasleen K. Sodhi

College/University:
University of California,
San Francisco

Title of Research:

Improving the In Vitro to In Vivo Extrapolation of Human Drug Clearance with Consideration of the Heterologous Nature of the Liver

Research Area:

Drug Development

Focus:

In Vitro to In Vivo Extrapolation of Hepatic Drug Clearance

Mentor:

Leslie Benet

Student Major:

Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics



Faith M. Stevison

College/University:
University of Washington

Title of Research:

Quantitative Prediction and Assessment of Concentration Dependent Transcriptional Signaling Using Retinoic Acid as a Model Compound

Research Area:

Dermatology

Focus:

Acne

Mentor:

Nina Isoherranen

Student Major:

Pharmaceutical Sciences (Drug Delivery, Bioavailability, Metabolism and Elimination)



Alexander M. Strom

College/University:
University of Minnesota

Title of Research:

Probing a New Target HINT1 for the Management of Chronic Pain through Analgesia and the Reversal of Opioid Tolerance

Research Area:

Drug Tolerance

Focus:

Opioid Tolerance

Mentor:

Carston Wagner

Student Major:

Medicinal/Pharmaceutical Chemistry/Drug Discovery



Casey R. Tak

College/University:
The University of Utah

Title of Research:

Barriers to Zoster Vaccination in Adults Aged 60+: The Effect of Demographic and Clinical Characteristics, Cost-Sharing, and State Immunization Regulations on Rates of Zoster Vaccination

Research Area:

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

Focus:

Herpes Zoster

Mentor:

Catherine Sherwin

Student Major:

Pharmacoeconomics/Health Outcomes)



Irene Vuu

College/University:
University of Minnesota

Title of Research:

Use of Dogs with Naturally-Occurring Epilepsy as a Translational Platform for Evaluating Potential New Therapies for the Treatment of Status Epilepticus

Research Area:

Epilepsy

Focus:

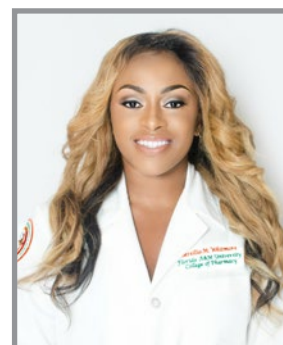
Status Epilepticus

Mentor:

Lisa Coles

Student Major:

Pharmacotherapy/Experimental Therapeutics



Aurellia M. Whitmore

College/University:
Florida A&M University

Title of Research:

Targeting Human DNAJAs for Sensitization to Cytotoxic Cancer Chemotherapy

Research Area:

Oncology

Focus:

Cancer Therapy and Drug Resistance

Mentor:

Hernan Flores-Rozas

Student Major:

Pharmacology/Toxicology



Adam D. Ambrosetti

Title of Research:
Impact of an Investigational Anti-Cancer Agent on Lumacaftor-Mediated Functional Correction of F508del CFTR

Mentor:
X. Robert Wang

College/University:
Samford University



Chibuokem G. Amuneke-Nze

Title of Research:
Implementation of Tailored Student Pharmacist Communication via Medication Therapy Management and the Impact on Minority Male Medication Taking Behaviors

Mentor:
Jamie C Barner

College/University:
The University of Texas at Austin



Cody A. Black

Title of Research:
Elucidating the Mechanism of Transport Responsible for Acquired Cellular Drug Resistance

Mentor:
Ron Hills

College/University:
University of New England

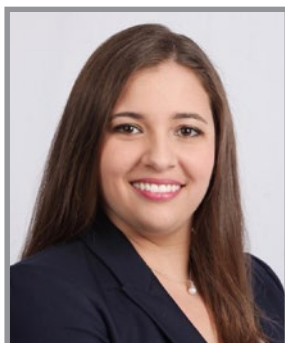


Morgan A. Casal

Title of Research:
Phenotypic Characterization of Allospecific B-Cells in Antibody-Mediated Rejection in Lung Transplant Recipients

Mentor:
Chris Ensor

College/University:
University of Pittsburgh



Elena V. Fernandez

Title of Research:
Community Pharmacists' Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors in Dispensing Naloxone Under a Standing Order

Mentor:
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College / University:
Virginia Commonwealth University

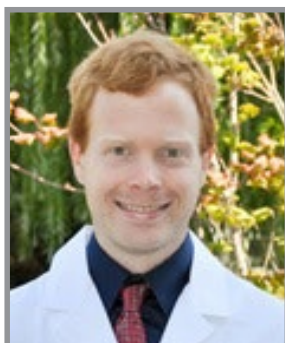


Bettine E. Gibbs

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Targeting Both Aberrant Metabolism and Cell Proliferation in Cancer Therapy

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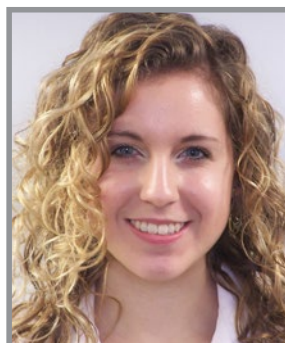


Paul A. Hardy

Title of Research:
Green Tea as a Novel Precipitant of an Intestinal UGT1A-Mediated Natural Product-Drug Interaction in Healthy Human Volunteers

Mentor:
Mary F. Paine

College/University:
Washington State University



Kayla M. Hiryak

Title of Research:
Synthetic Biological Approach to Treating Calcium Oxalate Kidney Stones

Mentor:
Adam VanWert

College/University:
Wilkes University



Dana J. Holger

Title of Research:
Effects of Altered Neuregulin-1 (NRG1) Regulation on Mitochondrial Dysfunction Associated with the Pathobiology of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Mentor:
Malav Trivedi

College/University:
Nova Southeastern University



Amy B. Lin

Title of Research:
Developing AL-0217 Derivatives to Treat and Understand Zika Virus Infection

Mentor:
Qisheng Zhang

College/University:
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Marc R. McCann

Title of Research:
Maternal Vaccination to Mitigate Infant RSV Disease

Mentor:
Kerry Empey

College / University:
University of Pittsburgh



Katie A. McCrink

Title of Research:
Development of a Novel Angiotensin Receptor Blocker for Aldosterone Suppression in Heart Failure

Mentor:
Anastasios Lymperopoulos

College/University:
Nova Southeastern University



Elliott K. Miller

Title of Research:
Efflux Pump Inhibitors in PLGA Nanoparticles as an Adjunct to Isoniazid

Mentor:
Pavan Muttli

College/University:
University of New Mexico

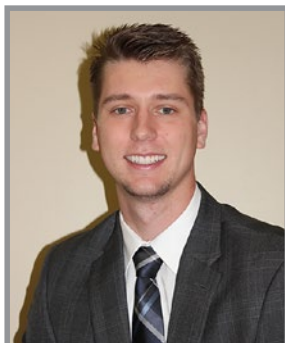


Nawsheen S. Shoab

Title of Research:
Strategies to Improve Quality-of-Care in a Pharmacy-managed Oral Oncolytic Program

Mentor:
Scott Vanhorn

College/University:
Washington State University

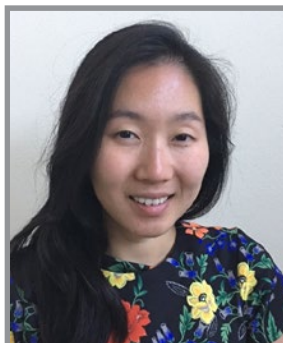


Christopher RT Stang

Title of Research:
Selectivity and Mechanistic Investigation of Novel Chalcones Targeting Glioblastomas

Mentor:
Ryan Schneider

College/University:
The University of Findlay



Bo R. Weber

Title of Research:
Antibiotic Prescription on Discharge from Acute Care to Long-Term Care

Mentor:
Jon Furuno

College/University:
Oregon State University

AWARDS DESCRIPTION

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical and Clinical Sciences:

Awarded to students in a graduate PhD program in pharmaceutical science who have the potential to contribute to the field and ultimately impact patient and public health

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Pharmaceutical Sciences for Underrepresented Minorities:

Awarded to a minority student in a graduate PhD program in pharmaceutical science who has the potential to contribute to the field and ultimately impact patient and public health

Phi Lambda Sigma-AFPE First year Graduate School Fellowship:

Awarded to Phi Lambda Sigma members to encourage the pursuit of a PhD in the pharmaceutical sciences in a college of pharmacy graduate program

Rho Chi-AFPE First Year Graduate School Fellowship:

Awarded to members of the Rho Chi Honor Society who has demonstrated high potential for success in a graduate program (PharmD and/or PhD) based on academic achievement, research achievement, and personal achievement

Kappa Epsilon-AFPE Graduate School Fellowship:

Awarded to members of the Kappa Epsilon Fraternity to encourage outstanding members to pursue an advanced degree in a college of pharmacy graduate program in the pharmaceutical sciences

Gateway to Research Scholarship:

Awarded to students in a PharmD program who have been nominated by a faculty member for a mentored research project



Meghan E. Whalen

Research Subject:

The Impact of Age and Drug-Drug Interactions on the Exposure of Artemisinin-Based Combination Therapies in Young Ugandan Children

Mentor:

Francesca Aweeka

College/University:

University of California, San Francisco

2017 AFPE Kappa Epsilon Awardees



Zaneera Hassan

Research Subject:

Quantification of Host Microbiome Proteomes by LC-MS/MS: Application of Clinical Proteomics to Preterm Birth

Mentor:

Adam M. Hawkridge

College/University:

Virginia Commonwealth University

2017 AFPE Rho Chi Awardee



Corey J. Hayes

Research Subject:

Impact of Opioid Dosing Strategies on Pain Scores and Adverse or Unintended Clinical Outcomes

Mentors:

Brad Martin and Teresa Hudson

College/University:

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences



Gordon L. Amidon, Ph.D.
Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical
Chemistry,
The University of Michigan
M.A. in Mathematics,
The University of Michigan
B.S., State University of
New York, Buffalo

2017 AFPE Mentor of the Year: Gordon L. Amidon, Ph.D

Charles R. Walgreen Jr.
Professor of Pharmacy
University of Michigan

Dr. Gordon L. Amidon, the Charles R. Walgreen, Jr. Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Michigan is AFPE's 2017 Mentor of the Year. The Mentor of the Year Award recognizes faculty who are nominated by their students, current or past AFPE Fellows, for their **guidance, dedication, leadership, instruction, and encouragement**. Amidon has **mentored over eighty doctoral and postdoctoral students**, and twenty of his mentees have gone on to pursue academic careers.

In addition to being an outstanding mentor, Amidon is a prolific researcher and author. He has published over 350 papers, 30 book chapters, 370 abstracts, and coedited eight books, and is internationally known for his research in the field of drug absorption, transport phenomena, solubility and dissolution, and prodrugs.

Professor Amidon has mentored over 80 doctoral and postdoctoral students with more than 20 selecting academic careers. Students are quick to praise Amidon for his support, guidance and encouragement as a mentor:

"Dr. Amidon has passion for student education and research. His passion is shown in his daily interactions with students."

"Being Professor Amidon's student is the best thing happened in my professional career. Professor Amidon taught us how to develop research ideas, how to conduct research, how to communicate the findings, how to interact with professionals, and beyond."

"Professor Amidon is truly an inspirational mentor. His insightful vision of science deepened my understanding of pharmaceutical science, and his creative thoughts always inspired me to discover the new things and enjoy the happiness from the scientific findings. An educator for many years, he is kind, funny, sharp and simply has a way with words that is unforgettable. His class was always informative, interesting and memorable. But he taught me a lot more than science. **He taught me the power of self-confidence, discipline and how to push myself to reach my full potential. He demonstrated to us what a great scientist and mentor look like, and he is truly a role model for me in my research and career.**"

Regarding his selection as AFPE's 2017 Mentor of the Year, Dr. Amidon writes: "It is both deeply satisfying and humbling to receive the AFPE Mentor of the Year Award. Satisfying because training and educating students to function as professional scientists has been personally, for me, the most enjoyable component of my academic career. Humbling because it has been my good fortune and joy to actually have the opportunity work with the many very bright students over my 45+ years in the academic profession of Pharmacy; to teach them and to watch them learn and grow."

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