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PhD in microbiology  
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## Education

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- 2014-2017 **PhD in Microbiology** Pasteur Institute, Paris, France  
2013-2014 **Post Master Degree: Management of public policies** Pont ParisTech –AgroParisTech.  
2012-2013 **Master Degree, "Interdisciplinary Approaches to life sciences"** Center for Interdisciplinary Research (CRI) (Paris 7)  
2009-2013 **Engineering degree from AgroParisTech:** Paris Institute for life and environmental sciences  
2007-2009 **Classe préparatoire :** Program preparing the national entrance exams for the selective "Grandes Ecoles" (Lycée Henri IV, Paris). Majoring in Biology, Physics, Chemistry (ranked 43 out of 5000 candidates)

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## Working Experiences

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- 2020-curr. **Researcher/ Group leader at INSERM (French National Institute of Health and Medical Research), Paris, France.**  
IAME (Infection Antimicrobials Modelling Evolution) Unit.
- 2018-2020 **Post-doc at the Weizmann Institute of Sciences, Rehovot, Israel.**  
Department of Molecular Genetics. Rotem Sorek's lab.
- 2014- 2017 **PhD in Microbiology at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, France**  
Microbial Evolutionary Genomics and Synthetic Biology labs. Supervisors: Eduardo Rocha and David Bikard.
- 2013- curr **French civil servant:** Engineer of the « Corps of Bridges, Waters and Forests »  
Technical Grand Corps of the French State. Resource for informed public policies for the Ministry of Agriculture
- 2011-2014 **Short terms working experiences outside biology :**  
**Consulting mission for the French Ministry of Women Rights** Mission at the interface of research and public policies on gender equality. Supervisor: Y. L'Horty (2014, 4 months).  
**French Embassy in The US, Economic Department, Agricultural Affairs, Washington DC.** Political and economic analysis of U.S. agricultural and food policies (2011, 6 months).

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## Scientific productions

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### Selected publications (full list available at the end of the document)

- Tesson F., Hervé A., Touchon M., d'Humières C., Cury J., **Bernheim A.**  
*Systematic and quantitative view of the anti-viral arsenal of prokaryotes.* biorRxiv, (2021)
- Bernheim A.**, Millman A., Ofir G., Meitav G., Abraham C., Shomar H., Rosenberg M., Tal N., Melamed S., Amitai G., Sorek R.  
*Prokaryotic viperins produce diverse antiviral molecules.* Nature 589, 120-124 (2021)
- Millman A\*, **Bernheim A\***, Stokar-Avihail A.\*, Fedorenko T., Voichek M., Leavitt A., Sorek R.: *Bacterial retrons function in anti-phage defense* Cell 183 (6), 1551-1561 (2020)
- Bernheim A**, Sorek R : *The bacterial pan-immune system: anti-phage defense as a community resource* Nature Reviews Microbiology 18, 113–119 (2020, Perspective)
- Bernheim A**, Bikard D, Touchon M, Rocha EPC : *A matter of background: DNA repair, pathways as a possible cause for the sparse distribution of CRISPR–Cas, systems in bacteria.* Phil Trans B B 374 (1772), 2018008 (2019)
- Bernheim A**, Calvo-Villaman A, Basier C, Cui L, Rocha EPC, Touchon M, Bikard D, *Inhibition of NHEJ repair by type II-A CRISPR-Cas systems*, Nature Communications 8 (1), 1-9 (2017)

### Patents:

- PhD:* **Inhibition of NHEJ repair using Csn2** US n° 62/589,660 (2017)  
*Post doc:* **Anti-viral and anti tumoral compounds** P-583071-USP (2019), licensed to Pantheon Biosciences.

### Selected communications:

#### **Systematic and quantitative view of the anti-viral arsenal of prokaryotes (2021)**

- Evergreen conference, USA (Selected Talk)
- Keynote speaker, PHAGES Network, Roscoff, France (Invited Speaker)

- Viruses of Microbes webinar , online (Invited Speaker)

### **Conservation of anti-viral immunity in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (2020, 2021)**

- MicroSeminar 2020 (available online seminar) : [youtu.be/MmQ5lrWV9yA](https://youtu.be/MmQ5lrWV9yA).
- Seminar at the Center of Research and Interdisciplinarity, Paris, France (Invited speaker)
- Neptune Seminar Series CIIMAR, Porto, Portugal (Invited speaker)
- Seminaris IBB (Institut de Biotecnologia i de Biomedicina), Barcelona, Spain (Invited speaker)
- Seminar at the John Innes Center, Norwich, England (Invited speaker)
- Seminar at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, France (Invited Speaker)
- Seminar at the Cochin Institute, Paris, France (Invited Speaker)
- Seminar at the Necker Institute, Paris, France (Invited Speaker)
- 2021 VEGA Series, Joint Genomic Institute, California, USA (Invited Speaker)
- Seminar at UCL Department of Infection, London, Uk (Invited Speaker)
- Seminar at St Andrews University, Scotland (Invited Speaker)
- Keynote at PPU program, Pasteur Doctoral School, (Invited Speaker)

### **A novel gene family providing chemical defense against phages (2019,2021)**

- New Concepts and Approaches in Microbiology, Heidelberg Germany, 2019 (Selected Talk)
- CRISPR 2019 : Quebec, Canada, 2019 (Selected Talk)
- French Society of Virology 2021, Paris, France (Selected Talk)

### **CRISPR-Cas systems interactions with DNA repair pathways shape CRISPR-Cas systems distribution among bacterial genomes (2017)**

- FEMS 2017 : European Society of Microbiology Valencia, Spain (Selected Talk)
- SFM 2017: French Society of Microbiology, Paris, France (Invited speaker)
- ALPHY 2017 : Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics, Lyon, France, (Selected Talk)

### **Why so rare if so great: the determinants of the sparse distribution of CRISPR-Cas systems in bacterial genomes ?**

Journée Claude Bernard, French Society of Biology, French Academy of Medecine, Paris, France (Invited Speaker)

### **Fellowships and Grants**

**ERC starting grant 2021:** European Research Council (1.5M)

**ATIP-avenir laureate 2021:** INSERM-CNRS (300k€)

**ANR JCJC 2021,** French Nation Research Agency (300k€)

**Rosalind Franklin Young Investigator Award 2021,** American Society of Genetics and Gruber Foundation (75k€)

**CRI group Leader,** Center for Research and Interdisciplinarity (300k€)

**EMBO Long term fellowship** (2018)

**Weizmann Institute of Science's Dean of Faculty's** fellowship (2018)

**Israel Academy of Sciences,** post-doctoral fellowship (2018)

### **Scientific Prizes**

**Jacques Monod Prize for Young Investigators,** Fondation Jacques Monod (2020,16k)

**Prize for outstanding achievements during post-doctoral research** Weizmann Institute of Science (2020)

**Bettencourt Schueller Prize for Young Researchers, Fondation Bettencourt Schueller** (2018, 25k€)

**100, 300 talents 2016, 2017 L'Oréal-UNESCO** for Women in Science

**Poster prize** CRISPR Conference 2016.

**Grand Prize iGEM (Competition of synthetic biology)** Winning project among 210 international teams

### **Teaching and supervision experience**

#### **Teaching**

- “**The immune systems of bacteria**”, (Master 2, Pasteur Institute)

- **Bacterial genetics (Magistere of Genetics of University of Paris, master IMVI)** Coordination and teaching of the module (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Master Degree, one week, 2020, 2021).

- ‘**Disruptive technologies and public policies**’ for Master students, Science-Po Paris, School of Public Affairs. Creation of a innovative class about links between science and public policies for 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Master Degree; 2h/week for 12 weeks. (2016, 2017).

- « **Quantitative evaluation of public policies for gender equality** » in the Master PAPDD (**Public policies and administration Management for Sustainable Development**).(3hours: 2015, 2016, 2017)

- « **Introduction to synthetic biology**» Master 1 of cellular biology, Medical Faculty of Paris-Bichat. (2 hours, 2017)

## Science and Society work

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### Selected Associative Activities

#### **Co-author with F. Vincent of the book “L’intelligence artificielle pas sans elles”, Belin edition, 2019**

Loose title translation : *Artificial Intelligence, not without her*. **Book for the general public** on algorithms bias and more generally on links between sex/gender and artificial intelligence. The book was accompanied by development of an exhibition, a comic book and a series of conferences on AI sexist bias (Description of the full campaign [here](#)). Book was reprinted 3 times in a few months and sold in several thousands of copies. Inspired political, activist and companies to make algorithms less biases.

**Co-Founder and Co-President of WAX Science:** [WAX Science](#) is an NGO that promotes science without stereotypes and gender balance in science by creating and spreading innovating tools (co-presidency 2013-2016 ; 2022-). It was founded in 2013 and during the co-presidency rose to 40 active volunteers, 6 full time interns, 50k€ budget, dozens of projects, and more than 10 000 people reached by the activities of the association.

**Co-Founder and Co-President of ItCounts:** an open source, citizen science crowd-sourcing application to promote gender balance. <http://itcounts-app.org/>.

**Member of the Club “Science Publique” on France Culture :** Debate for one hour every 2 months on national radio channel France culture about general scientific subjects with scientific personalities (2013-2015)

### Selected prizes

**European Gender Summit** Laureate with the video ‘[Science It’s Your Thing](#)’ (2012, more than 50 000 views )

Awards for **Digital Educative Technology** (Ministry of Education and Research, 2013).

**Innovative Project** of the Year (AIV, 2013, **25k€**).

“**Disruptive Activism**” Prize of Hackathon Women Innovation by Orange ; Build up program by Google for 6mths

**AFNIC Foundation** laureate for Digital Solidarity. (2016, **30k€**)

### Selected media

**Speaking on national radios and TV:** [France Inter](#) (Les Savantes, la TAC), [France Culture](#) (Science Publique), [Europe 1](#) (30 glorieuses) and France Info ([L’instant T](#))

**Portraits and articles about WAX Sciences:** [Cheek Magazine](#), [ELLE](#), [Le Figaro](#), [Studyrama](#), [L’Etudiant](#), [Mademoizelle](#), [Le Monde](#), [Marie Claire](#)...

**Articles about the book** « l’intelligence artificielle pas sans elles » : ([Le Monde](#), [Les Echos](#), Challenge, [L’Opinion](#), [Liberation](#), [Uzbek et Rica](#), [France Inter](#), [France Info](#), ...).

### Selected communications

**L’Echappée Volée :** General public conference (TED-like, 1200 people) on stereotypes in science ([vidéo](#)), the text of the talk was published in the book "**Demain, territoire de tous les possibles**" under the direction of Michel Levy-Provencal, Larousse.

**General public conferences** towards:

- **youth** (Youth We Can, La Riposte...)
- **start-up** (Osons la France, Hello Tomorrow...)
- **gender equality** (Women Forum, Forum de la mixité...).
- **art and sciences** (Gaieté Lyrique, Festival Numok, Lieu Unique...)

**Talks and workshops for institutionnal organizations, NGOs companies :** More than 40 talks for companies (RATP, BNP Parisbas, Altran...), NGOs (Animafac, Open Knowledge Foundation, Network of women administrators...), institutional organizations (French Academy of Medecine, Council of Europe...)

**Writings for different specialized journals** (with F. Vincent)

Revue de la Ligue des droits de l'homme: *La diversité, outil de questionnement scientifique*

Diplômées: *Cultures numériques, la norme mâle*.

## Full List of Publications

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### \* Equal contributions

#### INSERM

##### **Systematic and quantitative view of the anti-viral arsenal of prokaryotes**

Tesson F., Hervé A., Touchon M., d'Humières C., Cury J., **Bernheim A.**  
[biorRxiv](#), 2021.09.02.458658 (2021)

##### **Prophage-encoded hotspots of bacterial immune systems**

Rousset F., Dowding J., **Bernheim A.**, Rocha E.P.C, Bikard D.  
[Cell Host and Microbes](#), *in press*.

##### **Evolutionary and mechanistic diversity of Type I-F CRISPR-associated transposons**

Klompe S, Jaber N, Bel L, Mohabir J, **Bernheim A**, Sternberg S  
[Molecular Cell](#) 82 (3), 616-628e5 (2022)

#### Post-doctoral

##### **Prokaryotic viperins produce diverse antiviral molecules.**

**Bernheim A.**, Millman A., Ofir G., Meitav G., Abraham C., Shomar H., Rosenberg M., Tal N., Melamed S., Amitai G., Sorek R  
[Nature](#) 589, 120-124 (2021)

##### **Bacterial retrons function in anti-phage defense.**

Millman A\*, **Bernheim A\***, Stokar-Avihail A.\*, Fedorenko T., Voicheck M., Leavitt A., Oppenheimer-Shaanan Y., Sorek R  
[Cell](#) 183 (6), 1551-1561 (2020)

##### **The bacterial pan-immune system: anti-phage defense as a community resource**

**Bernheim A.**, Sorek R  
[Nature Reviews Microbiology](#) 2020 18, 113–119 (Perspective)

##### **Multiple phage resistance systems inhibit infection via SIR2-dependent NAD<sup>+</sup> depletion.**

Garb J, Lopatina A. **Bernheim A.**, Zaremba M, Siksnys V, Melamed S, Leavitt A, Millman A, Amitai G, Sorek R  
[bioRxiv](#) (2021)

##### **Virus cooperate to defeat bacteria**

**Bernheim A.**, Sorek R  
[Nature](#) 2018 559 (7715), 482-484, (News and Views)

#### Phd

##### **Atypical organizations and epistatic interactions of CRISPRs and cas clusters in genomes and their mobile genetic elements**

**Bernheim A.**, Bikard D, Touchon M, Rocha EPC  
[Nucleic Acids Research](#) 2020 48 (2), 748-760

##### **A matter of background: DNA repair, pathways as a possible cause for the sparse distribution of CRISPR–Cas, systems in bacteria.**

**Bernheim A.**, Bikard D, Touchon M, Rocha EPC  
[Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B](#) 2019 B 374 (1772), 2018008

##### **Inhibition of NHEJ repair by type II-A CRISPR-Cas systems**

**Bernheim A.**, Calvo-Villaman A, Basier C, Cui L, Rocha EPC, Touchon M, Bikard D  
[Nature Communications](#) 2017 8 (1), 1-9

##### **CRISPRCasFinder, an update of CRISPRFinder, includes a portable version, enhanced performance and integrates search for Cas proteins.**

Couvin D., **Bernheim A.**, Toffano-Nioche C., Touchon M., Michalik J., Néron B, Rocha EPC, Vergnaud G., Gautheret D., Pourcel C.  
[Nucleic Acids Research](#) 2018 46 (W1), W246-W251

##### **Genetic exchanges are more frequent in bacteria encoding capsules.**

Rendueles, O, de Sousa, J, **Bernheim A.**, Touchon M, Rocha EPC  
[PLoS Genetics](#) 2018 (14(12)) 1-25

### **A Eukaryotic-like Serine/Threonine Kinase Protects Staphylococci against Phages**

Depardieu, F, Didier J.P, **Bernheim A**, Sherlock A, Molina H, Duclos B, Bikard D.,  
Cell Host and Microbes 2016 20 (4), 471-481

### **Methods for the Analysis and Characterization of Defense Mechanisms Against Horizontal Gene Transfer: CRISPR Systems**

Calvo-Villamañán A., **Bernheim A.**, Bikard D.  
Horizontal Gene Transfer. 2020 235-249 (Book Chapter)

## **Master**

### **Genetic and life-history traits associated with the distribution of prophages in bacteria**

Touchon M, **Bernheim A**, Rocha EPC  
ISME Journal 2016 10 (11), 2744-2754

### **Phage-mediated Delivery of Targeted sRNA Constructs to Knock Down Gene Expression in *E. coli***

**Bernheim A.\***, Libis V.\*, Lindner A., Wintermute E.,  
Journal of Visualized Experiments 2016 109 e53618.

### **Silencing of antibiotic resistance in *E. coli* with engineered phage bearing small regulatory RNAs**

Libis, V\*, **Bernheim, A\***, Basier C, Deyell M, Aghoghogbe I, Atanaskovic, I, Amel C, Benony M, Koustoubelis N, Lochner A, Marinkovic Z, Zahra S, Zegman Y, Lindner AB, Wintermute EH,  
ACS Synthetic Biology 2014 3 (12), 1003-1006

### **Engineering gene overlaps to sustain genetic constructs in vivo**

Decrulle A, Frenoy A, Meiller-Legrand T, **Bernheim, A**, Lotton C, Gutierrez A, Lindner AB  
Plos Computational Biology 2021 17(10): e1009475

### **Characterization of Mycobacterial Growth Inhibition by Lytic Enzymes Expressed in Vectorized *E. coli In Situ***

Atanaskovic I, Bencherif C, Deyell M, Jaramillo-Riveri M, Benony M, **Bernheim A**, Libis V, Koustoubelis A, Zegman Y, Lochner A, Basier C, Aghoghobe I, Marinkovic Z, Zahra S, Toulouze M, Lindner AB, Wintermute EH,  
ACS Synthetic Biology 2014 3 (12), 932-934

### **Assessment of the health impact of GM plant diets in long-term and multigenerational animal feeding trials: A literature review.**

Snell C, **Bernheim A**, Bergé JB, Kuntz M, Pascal G, Paris A, Ricroch AE,  
Food and Chemical Toxicology 2012 50 (3-4) 1134-48