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First, I would like to thank the editors of the journal for giving me the opportunity to introduce myself. Second, I would like to congratulate them for the enormous effort of keeping this journal flourishing in a competitive publishing academic world.

Like everyone else's history, the personal and professional history I will lay out is closely linked to the concept of the brain as a *dynamic, adaptable, information-seeking system* (David Eagleman, *Livewired*) shaped by our genetic material and by all those stimuli around us. This is mine profile, too.

I was born in Guadalajara, México, in the city of Tlaquepaque and the metropolitan area of Guadalajara, surrounded by the creativity of local artisans and the music of mariachi.

After completing my basic education, I decided to pursue a degree in Medicine at the University of Guadalajara, where I marveled at the wonders of medicine and neuroscience. The fact that the brain can study itself is something that never ceases to amaze me. Afterwards, I decided to enroll in a clinical Neurology specialty, at the Mexican Institute of Social Security Medical and the National Autonomous University of Mexico, seeking to learn about the suffering of fellow humans during times of disease.

During my time as a clinical neurologist in Guadalajara, my curiosity about the wonders of our brain continued growing, and I decided to pursue a PhD at the University College London. There, I witnessed the incredible world of stem cells and how they can be used as a potential remedy to cure or ameliorate brain diseases. At the same time, I was adapting and embracing the life of the cosmopolitan city of London. After my PhD, I did a research clinical fellowship in Neuroimmunology at Queen Mary University of London and the Royal London Hospital. There, I was fascinated by the immune system and its interaction with the nervous system.

Always driven by scientific and clinical curiosity in biomedicine and clinical neurology, I decided to move to the city of Berlin to a post-doctorate translational project involving early MS patients and B cells. Currently, I am located in the city of Basel, Switzerland, at the Basel University Hospital. Here, I work as an EDSS expert for major MS clinical trials and a clinical researcher.

Through this journey, I have become a creative clinical neurologist and translational researcher, always driven by scientific curiosity. I have gained plenty of experience and knowledge in different fields; neurology, neuroscience, neuroimmunology, and stem cell biology. I have a special interest in clinical trials, biomarkers, computer science, translational research, and science communication (in English and Spanish). Having worked and lived in different countries, I enjoy the challenge of working in multicultural, diverse, and complex environments. I like to teach other clinical fellows and postgraduate students, passing on what I have been given. I love wandering, reading, and doing creative activities.

Thank you for stopping by. Please, reach out and tell me more about your own journey at <https://www.neurowanderer.com/about-me/>.

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