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Please briefly describe your current role in your position

*I provide quality and technical oversight on all aspects of microbial controls, and raw material controls to ensure compliance with good manufacturing practice (GMP) for advance therapy medicinal products (ATMP).*

What is your terminal and/or current position in academia?

*Postdoc*

How did you hear about your current position? Was it a career option that you were aware about during your educational process?

*I actively searched for an industry job.*

How did you end up working at your current affiliation?

*I started working in the pharmaceutical industry 22 years ago as a Microbiology Postdoc in the Quality Control (QC) department. My current position is the result of different positions and roles within QC.*

How long have you been working at your current affiliation?

*22 years*

What type of position is your current job?

*In-person*

Is your role more a managerial or individual contributor role?

*Manager*

What are your day to day tasks that you perform in your position?

*Managing technical teams, writing technical assessments and reports, meetings with technical functions.*

What do you like best about your job?

*My job offers a wide range of complex and exciting tasks and I contribute to developing and manufacturing of life-saving drugs. I could not think of a better motivation.*

What do you dislike about your job?

*Nothing.*



If your job is outside of academia, what is similar and what is different about your current job and your terminal position in academia?

*During my Postdoc time in academia I enjoyed collaborating with different partners and exploring new projects. I am lucky that my various roles within the industry always allowed me to continue doing these kind of things.*

How did your microbial ecology education prepare you for your current position?

*My academic education prepared me for my job, I could not do it without it. I still benefit from things I learned 30 years ago.*

What skills do you wish you learned during your educational process that would better prepare you for your current role (e.g. machine learning, management skills, etc.)?

*I was lucky to have great teachers (professors, supervisors etc) along the way, which prepared me well.*

Do you have any recommendation and/or tips for early career microbial ecologists looking for jobs similar to yours?

*Work hard, be curious, think outside the box, network with good people and stay away from bad people.*