

Summary of secondment N°1 (Non-Scientific summary)

Project (ESR11): Targeting metabolic cancer cell plasticity to overcome escape from radiotherapy

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During the whole month of May, I had a great opportunity to perform my secondment in the beautiful city Brussels with the team of Prof. Sonveaux.

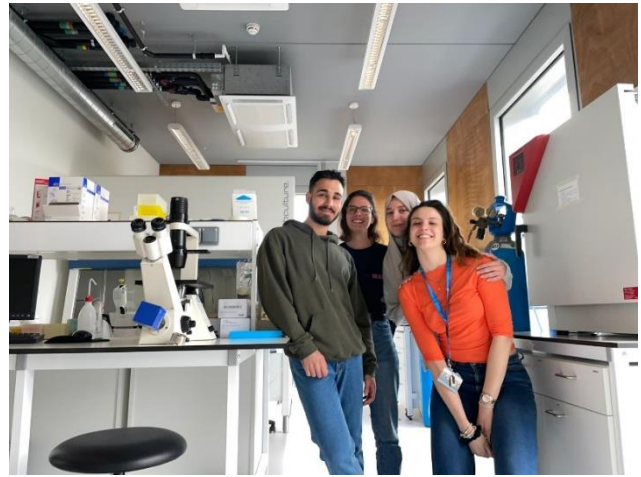
It was a unique work experience where I learned new scientific skills with importance for my PhD project such as the analysis of metabolites using the microdialysis analyser as well as the preparation and culturing of cells in 3D culture.

In addition, I had the chance not only to meet other ESRs who work under the supervision of Prof. Sonveaux but also expand my scientific network by getting to know other brilliant researchers and super kind persons within and outside the team of Prof. Sonveaux.

They were a great support to me and it was a great opportunity to expand my scientific knowledge. I am very grateful to all of them for giving me an unforgettable time during my secondment.

Moreover, I had a great time not only at the work place but also, I enjoyed Brussels a lot! It was truly amazing and I enjoy it each time I go there. There are many inspiring places to visit in Brussels such as “Grand-Place”, “Atomium”, “Mini-Europe”, “Palais de Bruxelles”, “Galeries Royales Saint Hubert”, “Monts des Arts”, and culinary specialties to explore, such as the French fries and the Belgian chocolate. And if it was not enough, I had the opportunity to attend “the Iris festival”.

I enjoyed my secondment a lot!



Grand-Place- Brussels