



Evmorfia Konstantakou, PhD



**HBA-USA Election
Board of Directors 2025-2028**

Professional profile (Expertise, degrees, current position, previous positions)

Evmorfia (Eumorphia) Konstantakou, PhD is a Principal Scientist II at Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research at the department of Preclinical Safety and Translational Medicine. Her background is in Cancer Biology, and recently in Toxicology. She received her Bachelor degree and PhD from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and she continued her post-doctoral training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School on 2016. On 2021 she became an Instructor in Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Scientific profile (Research interests, publication record, distinctions & awards)

Her research currently focuses on investigative toxicology and *in vitro* methodologies to assess toxicity. Prior to that her research was focused on the understanding of the biology of CNS Hemangioblastomas, a rare brain tumor, in order to identify the cell origin of the disease and the mechanisms underlying the tumor formation, and to uncover and validate targets for therapy. Additionally, she studied the impact of inhibitors related to cell metabolism and DNA damage on prostate cancer.

She is an author of 20 original articles, 1 review and 1 book chapter
[\(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/evmorfia.konstantakou.1/bibliography/public/\)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/evmorfia.konstantakou.1/bibliography/public/)

She received the following scholarships/fellowships: a) PhD Fellowship from Hellenic State Scholarships Foundation “IKY”(National competition), Athens, Greece, b) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship from European (and National contribution) Research Grant, “Thalis”, Athens, Greece and c) Bertucci Postdoctoral Fellowship, MGH, Boston, USA

Priorities regarding activities that the HBA-USA should undertake

- Strengthen the connections between Greek scientists in Greece and USA.
- Enhance the opportunities and support of Greek young scientists in USA

Time commitment that the candidate can take during his term as a BD member:

Less than 4 hours/month ___
4-10 hours/month x
10-20 hours/month ___
More than 20 hours/month ___

Highest position that the candidate would prefer to hold in the BD (more than one can be selected):

President ___
Vice-President ___
General Secretary ___
Treasurer ___
Appointed Secretary ___

Councilor

Any of the above

Additional comments that the Candidate wants to make:

At my current position and as a Postdoc and Instructor at HMS/MGH I was always trying to connect with young scientists in Greece and help them to expand their experience in USA. Now, through a well established organization, as HBA USA, I will have the opportunity to further support these actions and help any kind of collaborations between Greek scientists in Greece and USA.