Dr Jonathan Millar

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I am an accomplished clinician-scientist with expertise in clinical research and computational biology. I have led interdisciplinary teams in high-impact research settings, including key roles in the world's largest critical care genome-wide association study (genomicc.org) and the international PANTHER phase II platform trial for acute respiratory failure (panthertrial.org). With over 50 original articles published, 7,000+ citations, and a £20M+ funding portfolio, I have made significant contributions to my field. My recent focus on AI applications in genomics and clinical trials has fuelled my passion for developing these cutting-edge approaches and translating them into real-world settings.

Recent appointments

2023 - Present Senior Clinical Research Fellow University of Edinburgh

- Principal investigator within the Baillie-Gifford Pandemic Science Hub, Institute for Regeneration & Repair.
- Research interests in functional genomics, foundation models of genomics, and their application to clinical trials.
- Key collaborations with researchers in the UK, Europe, US, Canada, and Australia.

2023 - Present Honorary Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow

- Consultant physician in Scotland's largest critical care department and major trauma centre.
- Established clinical interest in acute severe respiratory failure/ARDS and extracorporeal life support.

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2020 - 2023Edinburgh Clinical Academic Track (ECAT) Clinical Lecturer in Intensive Care Medicine<br/>University of Edinburgh and the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
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- Combined clinical and academic training as part of the prestigious ECAT/Scottish Research Excellence Development Scheme (SCREDS).
- Postdoctoral research in the lab of Prof. Kenneth Baillie (baillielab.net).

Education

FFICM	Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine	
	All parts at first attempt.	
PhD	University of Queensland	2021
	NHMRC Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2019	
	 Thesis: Combining Cell Therapy and ECMO in ARDS 	
	• Supervisors: Prof. John Fraser, Prof. Danny McAuley, Dr Jacky Suen	
MBBS	University College London Medical School	
	Bernard Hart Prize for Clinical Neurosciences	
	 Bunzl and Hart Prize for Psychiatry 	

Academic training

2020 - 2023	ECAT/SCREDS Clinical Lecturer in Intensive Care Medicine, University of Edinburgh
2018 - 2020	Honorary Clinical Lecturer in Intensive Care Medicine, University of Glasgow
2018	Clinical Research Fellow, Wellcome-Wolfson Institute for Experimental Medicine, Queen's University Belfast
2016 - 2018	NHMRC Doctoral Fellow, University of Queensland
2013 - 2015	Glasgow Clinical Academic Training Environment Specialist Trainee, University of Glasgow
2012 - 2013	Clinical Research Fellow in Emergency Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
2009 - 2011	Academic Foundation Trainee, Northern Ireland Deanery and Queen's University Belfast

Medical training

GMC: 704461	1 Entry to the Specialist Register for Intensive Care Medicine - August 2023
2020 - 2023	Honorary Specialist Registrar in Intensive Care Medicine, South East Scotland
2018 - 2020	Specialist Registrar in Intensive Care Medicine, West of Scotland
2018	Clinical Research Fellow, RICU, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
2016 - 2018	Resident Medical Officer, ICU, St. Andrew's War Memorial Hospital, Brisbane
2013 - 2015	Acute Care Common Stem (Emergency Medicine), West of Scotland
2012 - 2013	Clinical Research Fellow in Emergency Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
2011 - 2012	General Duties Medical Officer, Royal Army Medical Corps, British Army
2009 - 2011	Academic Foundation Trainee, Northern Ireland Deanery and Queen's University Belfast

Selected publications

Citations = 7,015 h-index = 23 i10-index = 32

1. Millar JE, et. al. 2024. The genomic landscape of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: a meta-analysis by information content of genome-wide studies of the host response. **medRxiv**,13.234301089.

2. Pairo-Castineira E, ..., Millar JE, ..., Baillie JK. 2023. GWAS and meta-analyses identifies 49 genetic variants underlying critical COVID-19. **Nature**, 617(7962):764-768.

3. Kousathanas A, ..., Millar JE, ..., Baillie JK. 2022. Whole genome sequencing reveals host factors underlying critical COVID-19. **Nature**, 607(7917):97-103.

4. Pairo-Castineira E, ..., Millar JE, ..., Baillie JK. 2021. Genetic mechanisms of critical illness in COVID-19. **Nature**, 591(7848):92-98.

5. Millar JE, et. al. 2020. Combined mesenchymal stromal cell therapy and ECMO in ARDS: a randomised controlled trial in sheep. **Am. J. Respir. Crit. Care Med.**, 202(3):383-392.

Selected grants and awards

2024	Edinburgh Molecular Mechanisms Cluster					
Medica	Research Council (MR/Y030877/1)	Co-applicant	£ 5,313,306			
2024	Precision medicine Adaptive Network platform	Trial in Hypoxer	nic acutE respiratory failuRe			
NIHR EI	ME (NIHR158714)	Co-applicant	£ 6,530,146			
	5022 Functional genomics and ARDS: in-silico and in-vitro gene editing to dissect genome wide ssociations in patients with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome					
Academ	ny of Medical Sciences (SGL027\1017)	Personal	£ 26,359			

A full list of publications, inited lectures, grants, and awards can be found at https://jemillar.io