

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE OF BENON E. MUGABE



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Dr. Benon E. Mugabe is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda in January 1991 with a B.Sc. degree majoring in Chemistry and Biochemistry and in January 1996, he graduated with an M.Sc. degree in Biochemistry from the same University. Dr. Mugabe served as a Lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, from 1996 to 2001. He also worked as a Quality Controller at Uganda Coffee Development Authority, Kampala, Uganda between 1995 and 2001 where he also served as a team leader for the Mycotoxin Research on Coffee. In 2001, Dr. Mugabe received training in Quality Services, Innovation Resources, Analytical and Packaging Support at the Innovation and Quality Center (I&Q), Saralee Dowie Egberts, Utrecht, Netherlands, and also trained in Mycotoxin analysis at the Center for International Research and Agricultural Development (CIRAD), Montpellier, France. In August 2001, Dr. Mugabe received a scholarship to pursue his Ph.D. studies in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Center for Drug Discovery, Baylor University, Waco, Texas from where he graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry in December 2005. Dr. Mugabe is currently pursuing postdoctoral training under NIH Training Program in Dr. Malik's Laboratory, in the Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. His current research is centered on investigating the greater role of lipids/lipoprotein metabolism and vascular growth factors in cardiovascular diseases such as atherosclerosis and hypertension and is focused in the area of cellular signaling and molecular mechanisms involved in the action of vasoactive agents and growth factors in vascular smooth muscle cell function. Dr. Mugabe is married and has three children.