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After graduating from the Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand, with a degree in Nursing Science in October 2002, I began employment as a Research Nurse in Siriraj Hospital (one of the government hospitals in Bangkok) in the department of neurology. Experiences gained from two years as a research nurse enabled me to move on to a clinical research associate post. During this period I was trained to monitor studies for compliance with ICH GCP and other applicable regulatory requirements and obtain a certificate from the Clinical Research Foundation Program in 2006.

I currently work in the Wellcome Trust's Thailand/Laos Major Overseas Programme (MOP), based at the Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit in Bangkok, and am combining a full time post in the malaria team as a Clinical Trial Administrative Coordinator with my studies for a PhD. The clinical trial administrative coordinator is the liaison between the clinical scientist and the project sites, and I manage the day-to-day operation of a number of projects as well as providing assistance to the team. In this role I played a central part in coordinating the AQUAMAT project, the largest ever trial on the management of inpatients with severe malaria. Currently I am responsible for administrative coordination of the TRAC study, a multi-centre randomised trial to detect in vivo resistance of Plasmodium falciparum to artesunate in patients with uncomplicated malaria.

I have received extensive relevant training for my role as Clinical Trial Administrative Coordinator; I have attended courses on Good Clinical Practice (GCP), Human Subject Protection, Research Ethics in Human Subjects and The Clinical Research Associate Foundation Program.

Since earlier this year I have been studying for my PhD from Chulalongkorn University, which is entitled. I am interested to learn about approaches for how to share raw clinical data in a same research community/ funder. In the other hand, I am also interested in data protection, confidentiality and research ethics. For my independent research project, I plan to do these topics for my PhD thesis. After completing my PhD program, I would like to work as a researcher and as a coordinator in ethical field in my research area.