Aldehyde Dehydrogenase Family 1 Member A3 Amino Acid Sequence
(Sandra Black Cuilliton, watercolor)

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I hope each of you are doing well and able to enjoy these summer months that are ahead of you. Whether vacationing at the beach, mountains, or even somewhere local, I hope you can at least take a short break from your work to refresh and recharge. In addition to getting away, something you may consider taking on to recharge your career may be pursuing continuing education courses. I was skimming through the courses offered by AMWA and am truly amazed by the opportunities provided to us. From courses on Dangling Participles to Clinical Study Reports and Time Management, AMWA has over 100 courses that it offers for nominal prices. When you have some free time, take a few moments to browse all that AWMA has to offer in their education catalogue and consider furthering your career through continuing education.

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Join Our Chapter LinkedIn Group!

We would like to encourage you to join our chapter LinkedIn page! This page will be a great resource for our chapter to discuss medical writing, post chapter announcements, and network. We hope you will join us and help us create an engaging platform. When you join, please take a moment and introduce yourself to the LinkedIn group and share what you love about your job. We would like to get to know you!

You can request to join at the following link: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12517224/

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at: rebecca@epionmedcom.com
Veronika Redmann led a discussion over Zoom on May 11th about contract writing and negotiations. She described two legal documents often used by freelance writers: nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) and work contracts, and outlined specific sections commonly found in these documents. She concluded with a discussion regarding negotiating terms and conditions, and many attendees shared their personal experiences with contracts and negotiations. Seventeen people (13 AMWA members) participated in the session.

Upcoming events in 2021 include a how-to session on July 12th regarding book publishing; best practices for public speaking on September 30th; and a summary of the best and worst books read by our members this year on November 3rd.

Lisa Balbes and Joanne McAndrews have been co-organizing the group since September 2006, when it was formed as a merger of the local AMWA and STC-CIC groups. A schedule of upcoming luncheons can be found on our chapter website (http://www.amwa-midamerica.org/index.html). A complete list of past topics, as well as handouts, is available on the History tab on that website.
The 2021 conference program will shine a spotlight on the importance of medical communication, and the strength and commitment of the medical writing community.

New this year! Preconference virtual AMWA Workshops on October 25 & 26 for conference attendees. These highly-rated, small group, intensive 3-hour programs are led by AMWA Faculty with expertise and experience in all aspects of the field. Get training and increase your skills in scientific publications, regulatory writing, clinical research, and foundational and advanced topics in medical communication. Additional fees apply. We expect these to fill up quickly, so register now.

https://www.amwa.org/page/conference_program
“I did not think, I simply investigated.”

— Wilhelm Röntgen, German physicist, celebrated for his discovery of x-rays, Nobel Prize in Physics 1901

One of the first X-rays by Röntgen of the left hand of his wife Anna Bertha Ludwig.