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Leila Taher, born 1978 in Santa Fe (Argentina), is a bioinformatician. She develops mathematical and informatics methods to support biomedical research. She is currently Assistant Professor of Bioinformatics in the Department of Biology at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (FAU). The focus of her research group is the investigation of the function of non-coding sequences in the human genome.

Leila Taher received her doctorate from the University of Bielefeld in 2006. Scientifically, she is mainly concerned with the annotation of genes in the human genome. She then spent two years researching at the Fundación Miguel Lillo/CONICET in Argentina. Her scientific studies took her to the USA, where she worked from 2008 to 2012 under Ivan Ovcharenko at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), an institute within the National Institutes of Health (NIH). There she was awarded the „Fellows Award for Research Excellence“ three times.

She then became Junior Group Leader at the Institute for Biostatistics and Computer Science in Medicine and Aging Research at the University Medical Center Rostock before accepting the offer of a Junior Professorship in Bioinformatics at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in April 2015. Since 2015 she has also been a visiting professor at the University Medical Center Rostock, where she regularly offers lectures and seminars. She completed her habilitation in 2016.

