

CURRICULUM VITAE

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BRIEF PROFILE

- **Job:** Associate Professor (February 2016 onwards); Selection grade (Sept. 2014 to Feb. 2016); Senior Assistant Professor (Sept-2009 to Sept-2014), Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir.
Assistant Professor (Sept-2005-Sept-2009), Department of Biotechnology, University of Kashmir.
- **Major responsibility:** Post-graduate teaching and research.
- **Teaching:** Molecular biology, Genetic engineering and intermediary metabolism.
- **Research:** Translational regulation of proteins by microRNAs and Internal Ribosome entry Sites (IRES) and their status during cancer and hypoxia.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH

- **Post Doctoral Fellow (March 2005- March -2006):** Department of Neuroanatomy and Molecular Brain Research, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany.
- **PhD (Molecular Neuroscience) with “Summa Cum laude” Outstanding / Excellent. (August 2002- March 2005):** International Graduate School of Neuroscience, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany
- **MSc (Biochemistry) (Dec. 1996- March 1999):** Department of Biochemistry, University of Kashmir, India

AWARDS & HONOURS

- **SERC FAST TRACK Young Scientist, DST, NEW Delhi (2009)**
- **Received European “Highest” honor in PhD (Summa cum laude) (2005)**
- **International Graduate Fellowship (IGSN) (2002):** International Graduate School of Neuroscience, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany
- **National Entrance test for Research Fellowship (1999):** Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), India.
- **Eligibility test for the Appointment of Lecturers (SLET) (2000):** Jammu and Kashmir State

PUBLICATIONS**Research articles:**

- Niaz S, **Hussain MU**. Role of GW182 protein in the cell. *Int J Biochem Cell Biol*. 2018 Aug;101:29-38. doi: 10.1016
- Lone SN, Maqbool R, Parray FQ, **Ul Hussain M**. Triose-phosphate isomerase is a novel target of miR-22 and miR-28, with implications in tumorigenesis. *J Cell Physiol*. 2018 Jun 1. doi: 10.1002/jcp.26821
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- Maqbool R, Lone SN, **Ul Hussain M**. Post-transcriptional regulation of the tumor suppressor p53 by a novel miR-27a, with implications during hypoxia and tumorigenesis. *Biochemical journal*. 2016 Oct 15;473(20):3597-3610
- Maqbool R, Rashid R, Ismail R, Niaz S, Chowdri NA, **Hussain MU**. The carboxy-terminal domain of connexin 43 (CT-Cx43) modulates the expression of p53 by altering miR-125b expression in low-grade human breast cancers. *Cell Oncol (Dordr)*. 2015 Dec;38(6):443-51. doi: 10.1007/s13402-015-0240.
- **Hussain MU**, Olk S, Schoenebeck B, Wasielewski B, Meier C, Prochnow N, May C, Galozzi S, Marcus K, Zoidl G, Dermietzel R. Internal Ribosomal Entry Site (IRES) Activity Generates Endogenous Carboxy-terminal Domains of Cx43 and is Responsive to Hypoxic Conditions. *JBC* 2014 Jul 25;289(30):20979-90
- Khan MS, Pandith AA, Masoodi SR, Wani KA, **Ul Hussain M**, Mudassar S. Epigenetic silencing of TSHR gene in thyroid cancer patients in relation to their BRAF V600E mutation status *Endocrine*. Nov;47(2):449-55
- Ismail R, Rashid R, Andrabi K, Parray FQ, Besina S, Shah MA, **Hussain MU**. Pathological Implications of Cx43 Down-regulation in Human Colon Cancer. *Asian Pac J Cancer Prev*. 2014;15(7):2987-91.

- Waza AA, Andrabi K, **Hussain MU**. Protein kinase C (PKC) mediated interaction between connexin43 (Cx43) and K⁺(ATP) channel subunit (Kir6.1) in cardiomyocyte mitochondria: Implications in cytoprotection against hypoxia induced cell apoptosis. *Cell Signal*. 2014 Sep;26(9):1909-17
- Maqbool R, **Hussain MU**. MicroRNAs and human diseases: diagnostic and therapeutic potential. *Cell Tissue Res* 2014 Oct;358(1):1-15
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- Raihana Maqbool, Rehana Ismail and **Hussain MU**. Mutations in MicroRNA Genes and Their Binding Sites are Infrequently Associated with Human Colorectal Cancer in the Kashmiri Population. *MicroRNA* 2013, 2, 219-224.
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- M.A. Beigh, M. Showkat, **Hussain MU** and K.I. Andrabi. Loss of hydrophobic motif and activation loop phosphorylation is a consequence and not the mechanism of s6 kinase 1 inhibition by rapamycin. *Journal of Biological Regulators & Homeostatic Agents*. (2013) 27 (2)
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- Khan NP, Pandith AA, Yousuf A, Khan NS, Khan MS, Bhat IA, Nazir ZW, Wani KA, **Hussain MU**, Mudassar S. The XRCC1 Arg399Gln gene polymorphism and risk of colorectal cancer: a study in Kashmir. *Asian Pac J Cancer Prev*. 2013;14(11):6779-82.
- Aejaaz Waza, Khurshid Andrabi and **Hussain MU**. Adenosine-triphosphate-sensitive K⁺channel (Kir6.1): A novel phosphospecific interaction partner of connexin 43 (Cx43). *Exp Cell Res*. 2012 Dec 10;318(20):2559-66.
- **Ul-Hussain M**, Dermietzel R, Zoidl G. Connexins and Cap-independent translation: Role of internal ribosome entry sites. *Brain Res*. 2012 Jul 6.
- Qureshi MA, Jan N, Dar NA, **Hussain MU**, Andrabi KI. A novel p16INK4(A) mutation associated with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma in a high risk population. *Biomarkers*. 2012 Jun 22.
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- Vikas Handa, **Mahboob-Ul-Hussain**, Nirupma Pati, and Uttam Pati. Multiple Liver-Specific Factors Bind to a 64-bp Element and Activate Apo(a) Gene. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications* 292, 243–249 (2002)

Books

- **Connexins: The Gap Junction Proteins.** Author: **Mahboob Ul Hussain** (2014). Publisher: **Springer.** ISBN: 978-81-322-1918-7
- **DNA Recombinant Technology & Molecular Techniques.** Author: **Mahboob Ul Hussain.** Publisher: **Black Prints,** New Delhi (2013). ISBN: 978-93-82036-73-9
- **Biotechnology Laboratory Manual:** Authors: Ajaz A Waza and Mahboob Ul Hussain (2014). Publisher: **Black Prints,** New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-82036-29-6
- **Zebrafish retinal connexins, zfCx55.5 and zfCx52.6. Expression & regulation.** Mahboob Ul Hussain (2012) **Lambert academic publishing.** (978-3-8465-8996-0)

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- Invited and attended the DAAD Alumni Spring School on Mechanisms of Cognition, Learning and Memory, International School of Neuroscience, Bochum, Germany (2011)
- Delivered a talk on “Transcriptional and translational regulation of Connexin genes“ at International Gap Junction Conference, St John’s College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. (2003)
- Presented poster at Retinal Connexin Meeting, Research and Retinal Signal Processing, The Netherlands Ophthalmic Research Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (2004)
- Presented Poster at Ruhr University, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany (2004)
- Organized and presented poster at International Symposium on Genomic Instability and Cancer, University of Kashmir (2007)
- 2nd J&K Science Congress, University of Kashmir (2006)
- 3rd J&K Science Congress, University of Kashmir (2010)
- Attended a two day workshop on “Real time PCR” organized by Invitrogen Bioservices, India, Gurgaon Haryana India (2011)

PROJECTS

Completed

- ***Project Title:*** Expression Dynamics of carboxy-terminal domain of connexin 43 (Cx43) under ischemic stress and its role in ischemia preconditioning
Funding agency: Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi
Year & Cost: 2009/**15,73,200** (INR)
- ***Project Title:*** Internal ribosome Entry site (IRES) mediated expression of endogenously produced carboxy-terminal domain of connexin 43 (CT-Cx43): Status of expression in the breast cancer
Funding agency: Department of Biotechnology (DBT), New Delhi
Year/cost: 2010/**27,30,000** (INR)
- ***Project Title:*** Increased glycolytic capacity of Astrocytes during hypoxia: Role of the cap-independent Translational of glycolytic enzymes
Funding agency: Department of Biotechnology (DBT), New Delhi
Year/Cost: 2011 /**46,29,000** (INR)

On-Going/Sanctioned

- ***Project Title:*** Expressions dynamics of TP53 and its isoforms during hypoxia: Role of hypoxia-regulated microRNAs (miRNAs).
Funding Agency: Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi
Year/Cost: 2014 /**47,90,000** (INR)
- ***Project Title:*** To understand the signal transduction pathway involving the role of adenosine-triphosphate-sensitive K⁺ channel (kir6.1) and Cx43.
Funding agency: CSIR, New Delhi.
Year/Cost: 2013/**24,60,000** (INR)
- ***Project Title:*** Up-regulation of pyruvate Kinase M2 in human colorectal cancer: Role of post-transcriptional regulatory elements.
Funding agency: Department of Biotechnology (DBT), New Delhi
Year/Cost: 2015/**24,78,000** (INR)