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Keywords: Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), 3D printing, bio-printing, microfluidics, and tissue chip models for PAH, drug delivery, lung, respiratory, inhalation, microparticles, nanoparticles, liposomes, pulmonary arterial hypertension, PLGA, pharmacokinetics, preclinical, drug development, biopharmaceutics, and bioequivalence,.

EMPLOYMENT

Chief Scientific Officer (Jan. 2023-Present): California Northstate University: Responsible for overseeing University's research program and establishing pharmaceutical manufacturing facility.

Program Director (Jan. 2023-Present): Doctoral Program in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, California Northstate University.

University Distinguished Professor (Nov. 2020-Present): Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, College of Pharmacy, California Northstate University.

Professor (Sept. 2016–November 2020): Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

University Distinguished Professor (September 2015-November 2020): Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Graduate Program Director (February 2013 – November 2020): Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics with Tenure (September 2008 – August 2016): Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics (September 2001 - August 2008): Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Postdoctoral Research Scholar (December 1999 - August 2001): School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Postdoctoral mentor: Dr. Dennis Pillion, Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. *Field of study:* Nasal delivery of peptide drugs

Formulation Scientist (June 1992 - September 1994): Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd, the largest pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh.

Research Fellow (October 1994- September 1995): Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, School of Pharmacy, Madrid University.

Field of study: Formulations of poorly soluble drugs Mentor: Dr. Maria D. Veiga

Funding: Spanish Government

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics, 1999; Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, School of Pharmacy, University of Madrid (Universidad Complutense De Madrid)
Grade received: summa cum laude
Mentor: Dr. Maria D. Veiga
Funding: Spanish Government
Ph.D. Dissertation title: Preparation and characterization of inclusion complex of tolbutamide and chlorpropamide with ß-cyclodextrin: Influence of different surfactants on the phenomenon of inclusion.

Master of Pharmacy (Research group), 1992; University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh *Grade received:* First Class standing (equivalent to GPA of 4.0)

M. Pharm. Dissertation title: Microencapsulation of diclofenac sodium and the in-vitro release profiles of the microcapsules

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honors) 1990; University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh Grade received: First Class standing (equivalent to GPA of 4.0)

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Exam (FPGE) offered by the NABP. Florida Pharmacy Board Certified Pharmacy Graduate Intern

AWARDS AND HONORS

- [1]. Member, Teaching Team of the Year Drug Delivery System, voted by the first-year pharmacy students, 2020
- [2]. Member, Teaching Team of the Year Basic Pharmacokinetics, voted by the 2nd -year pharmacy students, 2020
- [3]. Chair: DOD Covid-19 grant review panel 2020
- [4]. Co-Chair: NIH SBIR and STTR Study Section 2017, 2019, 2020
- [5]. Review Panel Member: DOD Respiratory Study Section, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- [6]. Member, Teaching Team of the Year, voted by the first-year pharmacy students, 2019
- [7]. Member, Teaching Team of the Year, voted by the first-year pharmacy students, 2014
- [8]. Mentor of the Year, elected by the Pharmaceutical Science Graduate students, 2012
- [9]. Team Leader of the Teaching Team of the Year, voted by the first-year pharmacy students, 2010
- [10]. NIH Ad-hoc reviewer (2009-present)
- [11]. NHLBI GO TRIP Study Section, 2009
- [12]. Review Panel Member: American Heart Association, Study Section, 2012-2014
- [13]. Review Panel Member: DOD Nano-medicine, Study Section, 2010
- [14]. Editorial board member: *Journal of Drug Targeting*, 2009-2011
- [15]. Associate Editor: Journal of Drug Targeting, January 2011-2015
- [16]. Editorial Board Member: European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, June 2011 present
- [17]. Editorial Board Member: Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, June 2011 present
- [18]. Recipient of the JSPS (Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science) Invitation Fellowship, 2005
- [19]. Recipient of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President's Young Investigator Award, 2004
- [20]. Recipient of the University of Alabama Postdoctoral Career Enhancement Award, 2001
- [21]. Recipient of an International Scholarship from the Spanish Government for doctoral studies at the University of Madrid, Madrid, Spain, 1994-1999

INVITED ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- [1]. Targeted inhalable nanoparticles for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), presented at Regeneron Inc. Feb. 22, 2023.
- [2]. Novel Drug Delivery and Microfluidic Systems for Better Therapy, Diagnosis and Understanding of PAH, Presented ar Annual Research Day, Oklahoma University School of Pharmacy, May 17th, 2021
- [3]. Microfluidic Devices to Better Understand the Pathophysiology of and to Use as a Diagnostic tool for PAH, Webinar for International Society for Aerosol Medicine, July 10, 2020.
- [4]. Repurposing rosiglitazone, a PPAR-γ agonist and oral antidiabetic, as an inhaled formulation, for the treatment of PAH, 22nd Congress of the International Society for Aerosol Medicine (May 26-29, 2019)
- [5]. Microfluidic tissue chips for pulmonary vascular diseases, 22nd Congress of the International Society for Aerosol Medicine (May 26-29, 2019)
- [6]. PAH on a chip and respiratory drug delivery, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham (October 13, 2018)
- [7]. Microfluidic tissue chips for studying PAH pathophysiology and therapy, China Heart Congress 2018, Beijing, China (August 3-5, 2018).
- [8]. Microfluidic tissue chips for the pathophysiology, therapy and diagnosis of PAH, Division of Pediatric, University of Colorado in Denver (June 4, 2018).

- [9]. Inhalational drug delivery: Principle and device, presented at Maternity and Children Pharmaceutical Care Symposium, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (April 27-29, 2016).
- [10]. Targeted inhalable nanoparticles for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), presented at The Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania (February 16, 2016).
- [11]. Targetable inhaled drug delivery systems for respiratory disorders: presented at the School of Pharmacy, Prince Sattam Bin Abdul Aziz University, Al-Kharj, Saudi Arabia (May 3, 2015).
- [12]. Pharmaceutical engineering of fasudil for the treatment of PAH: presented at Respiratory Drug Delivery (RDD) Europe 2013, Berlin, Germany (May 21-24, 2013).
- [13]. Inhaled drug therapy for pulmonary hypertension: presented at the Long March Asia-Pacific Congress of Pulmonary Circulation and Thromboembolic Diseases, Beijing, China (May 10-12, 2013).
- [14]. Macrophage uptake, important to avoid: presented at the Nanotoxicology and Nanomedicine Symposium at the 19th Congress of the International Society for Aerosol Medicine 2013, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC (April 6, 2013).
- [15]. Targeted and inhalational delivery of fasudil for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension: presented at the PharmaTech International Conference and Exhibition 2012, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (November 22, 2012).
- [16]. Principles and practice of pulmonary drug delivery: presented to the Graduate Students at Seoul National University under the World-Class University Program (September 13-15, 2010).
- [17]. Absorption of insulin from the respiratory route: presented at the Symposium on Pulmonary Absorption of Macromolecules at the Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Company in Copenhagen, Denmark (January 18, 2007).
- [18]. Long circulating formulations of low molecular weight heparins: presented at the International Symposium for Nano-bio Drug Delivery Systems. Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea (September 1, 2006).
- [19]. Teaching, Learning and Research, the American Way: presented at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan (July 18, 2005).
- [20]. Alkylglycoside mediated delivery of low molecular weight heparins via the respiratory route: presented at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan (July 11, 2005).
- [21]. Cyclodextrins and alkylglycosides in nasal drug delivery: presented at the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy upon invitation of the Associate Dean for Research (April 4, 2003).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS:

- [1]. A two-compartment tissue-chip to recapitulate the right ventricle and pulmonary artery as a single functional unit for studying PAH-induced RVH and to optimize PAH therapy, Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), Philadelphia, PA (October 16-19, 2019).
- [2]. Circulating endothelial cells (CECs) as a diagnostic and prognostic marker for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH): a proof of concept study in PAH patients, American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), San Antonio, TX (November 3-6, 2019).
- [3]. Multi-purposable filaments of HPMC for 3D printing of medications with tailored drug release and timed-absorption, the Annual Meeting of EUFEPS, Athens, Greece (May 24-26, 2018)
- [4]. Inhaled PLGA Particles of Rosiglitazone, oral antidiabetic, and SNAP, Nitric oxide donor as a promising targeted therapy for PAH, The Saudi Association for Pulmonary Hypertension, Dubai, UAE (April 5-7, 2018).
- [5]. Two-compartment tissue-chip for studying right ventricular hypertrophy induced by pulmonary arterial hypertension, BMES Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (October 17-20, 2018).
- [6]. Capturing, Counting and Identifying CECs: A potential diagnostic marker for patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, AAPS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 4-7, 2018).
- [7]. On demand and point-of-care printing of tablets for sustained drug delivery and personalized dosing: Inside 3D Printing, San Diego, CA (December 4-5, 2017).
- [8]. Engineered PLGA particles of montelukast plus heparin for combination therapy in asthma: 20th Congress of the International Society of Aerosols in Medicine, Munich, Germany (May 30 June 3, 2015).
- [9]. A cocktail of superoxide dismutase and fasudil encapsulated in targeted inhalable liposomes prevents PAH progression at a reduced dosing frequency: AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition San Diego, CA (November 2-6, 2014).

- [10]. Aerosolized targeted nano-erythrosomes containing fasudil, a rho-kinase inhibitor, for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension: Drug Delivery to the Lungs DDL24, Edinburgh, Scotland (December 11-13, 2013).
- [11]. Thrombus targeted nanocarriers attenuate bleeding complications associated with conventional thrombolytic therapy: AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition, San Antonio, TX (November 10-14, 2013).
- [12]. Efficacy testing of montelukast loaded large porous particles in an allergen-induced rat asthma model: 40th Annual Meeting of the Controlled Release Society, Honolulu, HI (July 21-24, 2013).
- [13]. Feasibility testing of low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)-loaded large porous PEG-PLGA microparticles for the treatment of asthma: 19th Congress of the International Society of Aerosols in Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC (April 7-10, 2014).
- [14]. Prolonged pulmonary vasodilation by inhaled liposomes of fasudil in monocrotaline (MCT)induced rat model of PAH: Annual Meeting & Exposition of the Controlled Release Society National Harbor, MD (July 30 - August 3, 2011).

GRANTSMANSHIP

Current Research Support:

- R42HL151045 (Mann) 9/2020-8/2023: \$113,997.00, \$352,113, \$352,404 in 1st, 2nd and 3rd years <u>Title:</u> Inhaled Fasudil and DETA NONOate CAR-Targeted Liposomes for PAH <u>Objective:</u> Conduct IND-enabling studies for an inhalable and targetable liposomal formulation
 - <u>Objective:</u> Conduct IND-enabling studies for an inhalable and targetable liposomal formulation of two anti-PAH drugs: fasudil and DETA NONOate. <u>Role: PI</u>
- [2]. 1R01HL144590-01, NIH 02/2019-01/2023 \$356,000/Year for four years <u>Title</u>: Recapitulating of sex-disparity in PAH on a microfluidic device and elucidation of the differences and similarities in the development, progression and therapy of PAH male versus female patients.

<u>Objective</u>: Assess the differences between male and female regarding PAH disease development, progression, and response to therapy. <u>Role</u>: PI

[3]. Cardiovascular Medical Research and Education Funds 05/2021-05/2023, \$50,00/year for three years

<u>Title:</u> Inhalable siRNA-loaded-targeted-liposomes for silencing genes implicated in PAH pathogenesis

<u>Objective</u>: Develop inhalable siRRNA-based therapy for PAH Role: Principal Investigator

[4]. Cardiovascular Medical Research and Education Funds 05/2021-05/2023, \$55,00/year for two years

<u>Title:</u> Feasibility study for mass production of polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)-based "PAH-on-a-Chip" for investigators engaged in PAH research.

<u>Objective</u>: Scale up PAH on a chip fabrication process <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator

Completed Research Supports

- [1]. 1R01HL114677-01A1, NIH 4/2015-3/2021 (NCE) \$271,000/Year for four years <u>Title</u>: Targetable and inhalable nanoparticle-based combination therapy for PAH <u>Objective</u>: To develop combination therapy for PAH using targeted delivery systems <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator
- [2]. Cardiovascular Medical Research and Education Funds 05/2017-08/2021 \$54,046/year for three years <u>Title:</u> PAH-mimicking chip to elucidate sex-based pathogenesis to develop gender-specific therapy <u>Objective</u>: To understand why PAH afflicts more women than men and explain why PAHafflicted women live longer than PAH-afflicted men <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator
- [3]. H122006, TTUHSC Internal Grant 01/2016-12/2021 \$75,000/year for 4 years <u>Title:</u> Medication shelf-life extension program

<u>Objective</u>: To develop a scientific basis, based on experimental data that can be used to extend the shelf-lives of frequently used drugs beyond the standard 16-20 months. <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator

[4]. Topadur Pharma Inc., Switzerland (01/01/2020-12/31/2020) \$6,500 for the entire project <u>Title</u>: Conduct dose-response study for therapeutic efficacy of an investigational drugs in PAH animals Objective: Assess the feasibility of using a patented drug as an alternative to currently used

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<u>Role</u>: Pl

- [5]. Beacon Pharm, Dhaka, Bangladesh (01/01/2020-12/31/2020) \$7,500 for the entire project. <u>Title</u>: Conduct biopharmaceutical studies for calcium tablets in rat models <u>Objective</u>: Evaluate whether calcium tablets produced by Beacon Pharma have better bioavailability than commercially available calcium tablets. <u>Role</u>: PI
- [6]. The International Foundation for Ethical Research (01/2019-6/2020) <u>Title</u>: A micropattern-engraved two-compartment tissue-chip as a non-animal model for studying right-ventricular hypertrophy induced by pulmonary arterial hypertension <u>Objective</u>: To develop a tissue chip for right ventricular hypertrophy induced by PAH that encapsulates the salient features of the pathology of various subclasses PAH of world health organization (WHO) Class I. <u>Role</u>: Faculty Sponsor
- [7]. RP130266, CPRIT, Texas: 12/2013-9/2016 \$777,268 for the entire project
 <u>Title:</u> Rational redox-driven non-toxic therapeutic strategies for pediatric brain cancer
 <u>Objective</u>: To develop intranasal delivery systems for redox-driven therapeutic agents to treat pediatric brain cancer
 <u>Role</u>: Co-Investigator
- [8]. Neofluidics LLC (Lubbock, TX): 9/2014-12/2015 \$25,000 for the entire project period Title: NeoPlate: a nanoliter volume drug screening device Objective: To validate a drug screening chip <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator
- [9]. 13PRE17030004, AHA 7/13-6/15 \$25,000/year for two years <u>Title:</u> Stealth delivery system for targeted and triggered release of tissue plasminogen activator <u>Objective</u>: To develop a heparin-triggered delivery system for thrombolytic macromolecules to attenuate hemorrhagic complication associated with current therapeutic regimen <u>Role</u>: Faculty Sponsor
- [10]. 1R15HL103431-01, NIH 4/2010-3/2013 \$100,000/year for three years <u>Title:</u> Anti-PAH drugs in inhalable nanoparticles for sustained pulmonary vasodilation <u>Objective</u>: To develop nanoparticles for delivery of anti-PAH drugs that will produce selective vasodilation of pulmonary arteries Role: Principal Investigator
- [11]. R15 HL07133-02, NIH 07/2006-06/2008 \$75,000/year for two years <u>Title:</u> Long circulating low molecular weight heparins for pulmonary delivery <u>Objective</u>: To develop a pulmonary formulation of low molecular weight heparin with long duration of action that can be administered non-invasively via the pulmonary route <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator
- [12]. R15 HL07133-02, NIH, 7/2004-6/2006 \$75,000/year for two years <u>Title:</u> Alkylglycoside mediated pulmonary delivery of low molecular weight heparins <u>Objective</u>: To conduct a feasibility study for pulmonary formulations of low molecular weight heparins for the prevention and treatment of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism <u>Role:</u> Principal Investigator

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<u>Title:</u> Nasal delivery of low molecular weight heparins <u>Objective</u>: To develop a nasal formulation of low molecular weight heparins using various absorption enhancers. <u>Role</u>: Principal Investigator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- [1]. Pharmacokinetics and Bio-Pharmaceutics
- [2]. Drug Delivery Systems Course Sequence of Pharm.D. Curriculum at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Taught all courses either as a team member or team leader of the Drug Delivery Systems course series: DDS I, DDS II and DDS III
- [3]. Advanced Pharmaceutics at the graduate level
- [4]. Drug Development and Discovery
- [5]. Regulatory Affairs
- [6]. Advanced Biopharmaceutics at the graduate level
- [7]. Graduate Pharmaceutics Parts I and II
- [8]. Scientific writing
- [9]. Case Studies I

Current Research Team:

- [1]. Tanoy Sakar, B.E, December 2021-Present
- [2]. Sakib Moinuddin, PhD. Feb. 2022-Present
- [3]. Ariful Islam, Ph.D. April 2023-Present

GRADUATE STUDENTS, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS AND VISITING SCIENTISTS TRAINED

Previous graduate students

- [1]. Ali Keshavarz, Ph.D. Graduated in spring 2020
- *Ph.D. Dissertation*: Microfluidic devices for the pathophysiology, diagnosis, therapeutic response in PAH.
- [2]. Ahmed Alobiada, Ph.D. Graduated in spring 2020 *Ph.D. Dissertation*: Nitric oxide donors (NOD) and an antimalarial drug as a combination therapy for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension
- [3]. Jahidur Rashid, Ph.D. Graduated in summer 2016 Ph.D. Dissertation: PLGA based inhalable particles of sildenafil and rosiglitazone for combination therapy in pulmonary arterial hypertension. Current employment: Senior Scientist, Pharmacometrics, Clinical Pharmacology at Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc., San Diego, CA
- [4]. Nilesh Gupta, Ph.D. (Graduated in fall 2014; <u>Recipient of the GSBS 2014-2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Award</u>) Ph.D. Thesis: Homing peptide equipped with cellular and lipidic carriers for inhalational delivery of anti-pulmonary arterial hypertensive drugs Current employment. Chief Scientific Officer and Co-Founder of Neofluidics LLC, San Diego, CA
- [5]. Kamrun Nahar, Ph.D. (Graduated Fall 2014) *Ph.D. Dissertation:* Respirable and targetable particulate delivery systems for PAH therapy *Current Employment:* Pharmacologist, US FDA, Washington DC
- [6]. Brijesh Patel, Ph.D. (Graduated in Spring 2014) Ph.D. Thesis: Inhalable dual drug delivery systems for the treatment of asthma Current employment: Chief R&D Officer, Advanced Bioderma Inc., Boca Raton, FL
- [7]. Shahriarul Absar Ph.D. (Graduated in spring 2014; <u>Recipient of the GSBS 2013-2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Award</u>) Ph.D. Thesis: Targeted/triggered delivery of thrombolytic macromolecules for localized clot lysis Current employment: Director, Regulatory Affairs, Astra Zenneca, MD
- [8]. Vivek Gupta, Ph.D. (Graduated in fall 2010; <u>Recipient of the GSBS 2010-2011 Outstanding</u> <u>Graduate Student Award</u>)

Ph.D. Thesis: Inhalable formulations of PGE₁ for sustained vasodilation in PAH *Current employment*: Assistant Professor, St. John's University School of Pharmacy, New York.

- [9]. Chandan Thomas, Ph.D. (Graduated in spring 2009; <u>Recipient of the GSBS 2009-2010</u> <u>Outstanding Graduate Student Award</u>) *Ph.D. Thesis*: Respirable particles for pulmonary delivery of hepatitis B vaccine *Current employment*: Consumer Safety Officer, US FDA, Washington DC
- [10]. Shuhua Bai, Ph.D. (Graduated Summer 2008) Ph.D. Thesis: Inhalable long acting formulations of low molecular weight heparins Current employment: Professor, Husson University, Bangor, ME
- [11]. Alamdar Hussain, Ph.D. (Graduated in fall 2005; <u>Recipient of the GSBS 2005-2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Award</u>) <u>Ph.D. Thesis</u>: The safety and efficacy of inhaled insulin formulated with alkylglycosides *Current employment:* Associate Professor, American Health Sciences University, Long Beach, CA, OK
- [12]. Fatima Mustafa, M.S. (Graduated in summer 2004) <u>M.S. Dissertation:</u> Nasal delivery of low molecular weight heparins: In vitro and in vivo evaluations *Current employment*: Pharmacist, RiteAid Pharmacy

Post-Doctoral Fellows:

- [1]. Parhiban Rajan, Ph.D. March 2019-Nov. 2019; <u>*Current Employment:*</u> Postdoctoral fellow UNC Biomedical Department
- [2]. Taslim A. Al-Hilal: Sep. 2015-Jan. 2019; <u>Current Employment:</u> Assistant Professor, University of Texas El Paso, El Paso, TX
- [3]. Farzana Alam: January 2016-December 2018; <u>*Current Employment*</u>: Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, EL Paso, Texas.
- [4]. Amit Rawat, Ph.D. (Sept. 2006 Feb. 2008); <u>Current Employment</u>. Sr. Scientist, DPI Pharmaceuticals, San Antonio, TX
- [5]. Tianzhi Yang, Ph.D. (July 2002 June 2004); <u>*Current Employment*</u>: Professor, Husson University, Bangor, ME
- [6]. Abdel Azim Zaghloul, Ph.D. (Sept. 2001 Oct. 2002); <u>*Current Employment*</u>: Associate Professor, Kuwait University, Kuwait

Reseearch Assistant Profesors:

- [1]. Nazir Hussain, Ph.D. Jan. 2021- Decmeber 2021. <u>Current Employment:</u> Fishcer Scientific, Philadelphia, PA
- [2]. Trieu Ngyuen, Ph.D. June 2021- July 2023: <u>Current Employment:</u> Unknown

International Visiting Scientists:

- [1]. Hossamaldein Abdelrahman, B.Pharm. (Fall-Spring 2016~2017); Teaching and Research Assistant, College of Pharmacy, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- [2]. Samia Hammouda, B.Pharm. (Summer-Fall 2015); Graduate Student, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
- [3]. Ana Maria Fernandez, Ph.D. (Summer 2015); Assistant Professor, School of Pharmacy, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- [4]. Hany M Ibrahim, Ph.D. (March 2014 August 2014); Lecturer, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt
- [5]. Ramadan Al-Shdefat, Ph.D. (Summer 2014); Dean, School of Pharmacy, Jadara University, Jordan

Summer Interns:

- [1]. Nadin Sultana, MS, summer 2019
- [2]. Jacob Biggers, summer 2018
- [3]. Sanjana Gangane, summer 2017
- [4]. Marwa Abdel-Maguid, summer 2017
- [5]. Lisa Langahan, summer 2016
- [6]. Sanjay Venugopal, summer 2015
- [7]. Shyanne Page, BS, summer 2014
- [8]. Kara Wilhelm, BS, summer 2014

- [9]. Hezhen Wang, Ph.D., summer 2010
- [10]. Sarah Willis, MS, summer 2010

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES SERVED

- [1]. Hussaini Syed Sha Qhattal, Graduated Spring 2013
- [2]. Snehal Padheya, Graduated Spring 2012
- [3]. Sunny Guin, Graduated Summer 2010
- [4]. Fancy Thomas, Graduated Fall 2008
- [5]. Jiukuan Hao, Ph.D., Graduated Spring 2008
- [6]. Sang Kyoon Kim, Ph.D. Graduated Spring 2007 from Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), South Korea
- [7]. Seulki Lee, Ph.D., Graduated in fall 2005 from the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), South Korea
- [8]. Kyeongsoon Park, Ph.D. Graduated Fall 2005 from Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST), South Korea
- [9]. Ragini Vuppugala, Ph.D., Graduated Spring 2005
- [10]. Anitha Palamakula, Ph.D., Graduated Spring 2004
- [11]. Mohammed Nutan, Ph.D., Graduated Summer 2004
- [12]. Rakhi Shah, Ph.D., Graduated Spring 2004

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES SERVED

- [1]. Chair, California Northstate College of Pharmacy Promotion and Review Committee
- [2] Member, TTUHSC Faculty Senate (2014-2016)
- [2]. Member, TTUHSC SOP Dean's Executive Committee (2014-2016)
- [3]. Chair, Research Advisory Committee (2011-2012)
- [4]. Chair, Search Committee for Medicinal Chemistry (Spring 2012)
- [5]. Chair, Search Committee for Instructor Pharmaceutics (Spring 2010 and Fall 2010)
- [6]. Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee (2010-2011)
- [7]. Member, Faculty Affairs Committee (2009-2012)
- [8]. Member, Peer Committee for Promotion and Tenure (2009-present)
- [9]. Member, Search Committee for Chair of Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (Spring 2009 2012)
- [10] Member, Search Committee for Instructor of Pharmaceutics (Spring 2009)
- [11]. Chair, Search Committee for Associate Dean for Faculty Development (2008-2009)
- [12]. Chair, Faculty Development Committee (2008-2010)
- [13]. Member, Graduate Program Committee (2009-present)
- [14]. Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Pharmacology (2008-present)
- [15] Chair, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Pharmaceutics (2006-2008)
- [16]. Chair and Member, Faculty Development Committee (2004-2006)
- [17]. Member, Student Affairs Committee (2002-2004)
- [18]. Member, Graduate Program Committee (2004-2006)
- [19]. Member, Search Committee for Drug Delivery Laboratory Instructor (2002-2003)
- [20]. Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Drug Metabolism (2002-2003)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- [1]. American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), 2016-present
- [2]. Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES), 2013-present
- [3]. American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientist (AAPS), 2000-present
- [4]. International Society for Aerosol Medicine, 2008-present
- [5]. Royal Chemical Society 2017-Present

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

[1]. Sarkar T, Nguyen T, Moinuddin SM, Stenmark KR, Nozik ES, Saha D, Ahsan F*. (2022) A protocol for fabrication and on-chip cell culture to recreate PAH-afflicted pulmonary artery on a microfluidic device. *Micromachines*,13(9):1483. doi: 10.3390/mi13091483. PMID: 36144106; PMCID: PMC9504537.

- [2]. Nguyen T, Ho L, Moinuddin SM, Sarkar T, Saha D, Ahsan F* (2022) Multicellular cell seeding on a chip: new design and optimization towards commercialization. Biosensors (8):587. doi: 10.3390/bios12080587. PMID: 36004984; PMCID: PMC9405756.
- [3]. Nguyen T, Sarkar T, Tran T, Moinuddin SM, Saha D, Ahsan F*. (2022) Multilayer soft photolithography fabrication of microfluidic devices using a custom-built wafer-scale PDMS slab aligner and cost-efficient equipment. *Micromachines*, 13(8):1357. doi: 10.3390/mi13081357. PMID: 36014279; PMCID: PMC9412704.
- [4]. Al-Hilal TA, Hossain MA, Alobaida A, Alam F, Keshavarz A, Nozik-Grayck E, Stenmark KR, German NA, Ahsan F* (2021) Design, synthesis and biological evaluations of a hypoxia-activated prodrug of fasudil, a ROCK inhibitor, to reduce its systemic side-effects. *Journal of Controlled Release*, 334:237-247.
- [5]. AI-Hilal TA, Keshavarz A, Kadry H, Lahooti B, AI-Obaida A, Ding Z, Li W, Kamm R, McMurtry IVF, Lahm T, Nozik-Grayck E, Stenmark KR, Ahsan F* (2020) Pulmonary-arterial-hypertension (PAH)-on-a-chip: fabrication, validation and application. Lab on a Chip, 20:3334-3345.
- [6]. Keshavarz A, Alobaida A, McMurtry IF, Nozik-Grayck E, Stenmark KR, **Ahsan F*** (2019) CAR, a homing peptide, prolongs pulmonary preferential vasodilation by increasing pulmonary retention and reducing systemic absorption of liposomal fasudil. *Molecular Pharmaceutics*, 16:3414-3419.
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