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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Director, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR), Jammu (March 2009 onwards).
- Vice-President and Head (Medicinal Chemistry) Piramal Life Sciences (Nicholas Piramal Research Centre), Mumbai (2005-2009): Responsible for new drug discovery projects in the areas of inflammation, cancer, diabetes and drug-resistant infections.
- Staff-Scientist-VI at National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, India (2005-2005).
- Staff-Scientist-V at National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, India (2001-2005).
- Staff-Scientist-IV at National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, India (1994-2000).
- Research Associate at Cambridge University (Dept. of Chemistry) England (1991-1993).
- Scientist at Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Lucknow, India (1986-1990).
- Scientist at Defense R&D organization (Govt. of India), New Delhi, India (1985-1985).
- Research Fellow (CSIR) at Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, India (1981-1985).

EDUCATION

- Post-doctoral studies at the Cambridge University, England (with Sir Alan Battersby FRS on biosynthesis of Vitamin B₁₂ and related corrins and porphyrins) (1991-1993).
- Ph.D. (Medicinal Chemistry) from Central Drug Research Institute Lucknow. (Thesis Title: Structure, synthesis and medicinal chemistry of polyketide) (1981-1987).

- M.Sc. (Organic Chemistry) from Bundelkhand University, India (1978-1980).

RESEARCH EXPERTISE AND INTERESTS

- 28 years of research experience (both in scientific institution and Pharma Company) in drug discovery, medicinal chemistry, natural-products chemistry, organic-synthesis, chemical-biology and glycobiology.
- Chemical biology of Glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchors in parasitic protozoa.
- Molecular target based drug discovery for cancer, diabetes, inflammation and infections.
- Research and leadership experience in both academic as well as industrial setting.
- Specific interest in the questions related to the chemistry of small molecules in biology.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Ranbaxy Research Award (2014) for Pharmaceutical Sciences.
- Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of India.
- Adjunct Professor, Institute of Life Sciences, Hyderabad (2009 onwards).
- Bronze Medal of the Chemical Research Society of India, Bangalore (2005).
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Chemical Sciences* (published by the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore (2008 onwards)).
- Member of Expert Committee on Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Research Program of the Department of Science and Technology (Govt. of India) (2009 onwards).
- Member of Genetic Engineering Approval Committee (GEAC) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Govt. of India) (2009 onwards).
- Member of the High Power Committee of NMITLI program of CSIR (2009 onwards).
- Member Program Advisory Committee (Organic-Chemistry) of the Department of Science and Technology (Govt. of India) (2004 onwards)
- Member of Task Force (Plant Biotechnology) of the Department of Biotechnology (Govt. of India) (2008-onwards).
- Member of Research Council of Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, Delhi.
- Member of Research Council of Central Inst. Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, Lucknow.

- Member of Research Council of Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Calcutta.
- Member of Program Advisory Committee (Bio-prospecting & Molecular-Taxonomy) of the Department of Biotechnology (Govt. of India) (2003-2005).
- Member of Expert Committee of the CSIR on the trans-disciplinary research (2005-2008).
- Invited lecture at the Gordon Research Conference (Glycobiology) in USA (2005).
- 45 Invited lectures at the various International and National scientific conferences.
- Referee for various journals published by ACS, RSC and Elsevier.
- Grant-reviewer for American (NSF), British (Wellcome-Trust) and Indian (DBT, DST and CSIR) national funding agencies.
- Received continuous research grants from various Indian (DST, DBT and CSIR) and the US (NIH) funding agencies.
- Member of the ACS (USA) and RSC (UK).
- BOYSCAST-Fellowship of DST (Govt. of India) for the Chemical Sciences (1991).
- A number of Ph.D. students supervised both in chemistry and biology (recognized as Ph.D. guide of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, JNU, New Delhi).

VISITING ASSIGNMENTS

- Visiting Scientist (1991) at Cambridge University, England.
- Visiting Scientist (1996) at the Institute Armand-Frappier, University of Quebec, Canada.
- Visiting Scientist (2000-2001) at Virginia Tech University Blacksburg USA.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS (In chronological order, 2016 downwards)

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4. Hussain, Aashiq.; Qazi, A.K.; Mupparapu, N.; Guru, S.K.; Kumar, Ashok.; Sharma, P.R.; Singh, S.K.; Singh, P.; Dar, M.J.; Bharate, S.B.; Zargaf, M.A.; Ahmed, Q.N.; Bhushan, S.; Vishwakarma, R.A.; Hamid, A. Modulation of glycolysis and lipogenesis by novel PI3K selective molecule represses tumor angiogenesis and decreases colorectal cancer growth. **Cancer Letters**, 2016, 374, 250-260.
5. Manda, S.; Sharma, S.; Wani, A.; Joshi, P.; Kumar, V.; Guru, S.K.; Bharate, S.S.; Bhushan, S.; Vishwakarma, R.A.; Kumar, A. and Bharate, S.B. Discovery of a marine-derived bis-indole alkaloid faspaplysin, as a new class of potent P-glycoprotein inducer and establishment of its structure-activity relationship. **European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry**, 2015, 107, 1–11.
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13. Sinha, S.; Amin, H.; Nayak, D.; Bhatnagar, M.; Kacker, P.; Chakraborty, S.; Kitchlu, S.; Vishwakarma, R.; Goswami, A.; Ghosal, S. Assessment of microtubule depolymerization property of flavonoids isolated from *Tanacetum gracile* in breast cancer cells by biochemical and molecular docking approach. **Chemico-Biological Interactions**, 2015, 239, 1–11.
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21. Saikam, V.; Dara, S.; Yadav, M.; Singh, P. P.; Vishwakarma, R.A. Dimethyltin Dichloride Catalyzed Regioselective Alkylation of cis-1, 2-Diols at Room Temperature. **Journal of Organic Chemistry**, 2015, 80, 11916–11925.
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