

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT:

Assistant Professor

Rafsanjan University of Medical Sciences (**RUMS**)

Rafsanjan, Iran

since 2017

EDUCATION:

McGill University

PhD, Biochemistry

Montreal, Canada

May 2016

University of Tehran

MSc, Medical Biotechnology

Tehran, Iran

May 2010

University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

BSc, Biotechnology

May 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

RUMS University

Assistant Professor, Biochemistry

Rafsanjan, Iran
since 2017

- o Study of transgenerational and parental lifestyle risk factors for diseases such as obesity and metabolic syndrome in offspring
- o Aging and related factors
- o Population-based studies in Prospective Rafsanjan Cohort Studies, part of *PERSIAN*
- o Computational analysis of biological data on molecular evolution and cancer genetic diversity

McGill University

PhD, Biochemistry

Montreal, Canada

2011-2016

Functional characterization of the folliculin tumor suppressor associated with inherited BHD cancer-predisposition syndrome

- Genetic, biochemistry, and cellular molecular analysis to understand the underlying mechanism of BHD cancer-predisposition syndrome upon loss of the folliculin tumor suppressor using mammalian cells and the *C. elegans* model.
- Characterization of the function of folliculin as a negative regulator of stress kinase AMPK, HIF, and PCG1 and autophagy using genetic and biochemistry experiments and microscopy.
- Mechanism of metabolic and oxidative stress resistance regulation by folliculin affecting AMPK signaling.
- Protein-protein interaction analysis and in vitro functional assays to characterize folliculin protein complexes in the cell and to understand the cellular function of its protein-protein interactions.

University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

MSc student, Medical Biotechnology

2008-2010

Characterization of the role of ABC transporters in multidrug resistance in trophoblast tumor cells.

- Examined the role of ABC transporters in drug efflux and multidrug resistance to Doxorubicin, tamoxifen, and mitoxantrone in tumor cells using RNAi, cytotoxicity assays, and flow cytometry analysis.

HONORS and AWARDS

- Ranked **16th in Iran's national entrance exam for** universities 2003
- Chemical Biology Program Stipend Award, Biochemistry Department, McGill University 2014
- Graduate Excellence Fellowship, Biochemistry Department, McGill University 2012-2015

PUBLICATIONS:

Kasrineh FA, Esmaeili OS, Tavakoli T, Khalili P, Rajabi Z, Vatankhah H, Hajizadeh MR, Mahmoodi M, Hakimi H, **Jalali Z**. Prenatal irisin is inversely related to the term placental telomere length. **BMC Res Notes**. 2025 Mar 8;18(1):102.

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PRESENTED AND PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS IN CONGRESSES:

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SKILLS

Cell culture

Molecular biology techniques for gene cloning and mutagenesis

RNAi techniques using siRNA transfection and lenti/retrovirus transduction

Real-time PCR, Western, and flow cytometry analysis

Recombinant protein expression, purification, and *in vitro* functional assays

Fluorescence compound and confocal microscopy

Co-immunoprecipitation of protein complexes and pull-down assays

Bio-ID technique to screen for protein-protein interactions

Gene mapping

Bioinformatic analysis of molecular evolution and cancer genomics data

Basic statistical analysis in population-based studies

Basic computer programming in R