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EDUCATION

- PhD** The University of Manchester, UK, 2008, *Biomolecular sciences*
- MPhil** NIBGE, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, 2004, *Biotechnology*
- MSc** University of the Punjab, Lahore, 2002, *Chemistry*
- BSc** University of the Punjab, Lahore, 1999, *Chemistry, Statistics, Zoology*

EMPLOYMENT

- School of Biological Sciences Oct 2020- present
University of the Punjab, Lahore
- Biodiscovery Institute, School of Pharmacy Jan 2020- Sept 2020
The University of Nottingham, UK
- Biological and Environmental sciences and Engineering Division Sept 2017- Dec 2018
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
Saudi Arabia
- Division of Structural biology and Medicinal Chemistry Dec 2015-Sept 2017
Centre for Biomolecular Sciences, School of Pharmacy
The University of Nottingham, UK
- Leeds Institute of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Medicine June 2013-Nov 2015
School of Medicine
University of Leeds, UK
- School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Life Sciences April 2008-May 2013
The University of Manchester, UK

RESEARCH INTERESTS & EXPERIENCE

I have vast experience of working in World leading universities in the field of *Structural biology (protein crystallography and electron microscopy) and Biomolecular sciences with special focus on membrane proteins, and recombinant vaccine development*. During PhD, I have worked on structural proteomics of prokaryotic integral membrane proteins especially ATP binding cassette transporters and type IV pilus biogenesis system. At the University of Manchester, I have also worked on structural characterization of vaccine candidates of *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B in collaboration with University of Oxford. During my job at the University of Leeds I have worked in collaboration with the University of Nottingham, UK to study the novel mechanism of thrombosis that is crucial for the development of antithrombotic therapeutics. In King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, I have investigated the protein folding and impact of aggregation triggering motifs on the solubility and folding of proteins. Currently I am working as an Associate Professor at the School of Biological Sciences, University of the Punjab Lahore.

AWARDS/HONORS

- BBSRC and The University of Manchester sponsored studentship for PhD (2005-2008).
- Wellcome Trust funded *Post-Doctoral* position by The University of Manchester (April 2008-April 2013).
- British Heart Foundation (BHF) funded *Post-Doctoral* position by the University of Leeds & University of Nottingham (June 2013- September 2017).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of *Society of General Microbiology (SGM)*.
- Member of *British Crystallographic Association (BCA)*.
- Member of *British Society for Haemostasis & Thrombosis*.
- Held a membership of *Biochemical Society*.

COURSES/CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

- Attended CCP4/DLS “Data collection and Structure Solution Workshop” held from December 13th to 20th 2016 at Diamond Light Source, Didcot, UK.
- Participated as an invited speaker for "*2nd International workshop on X-ray crystallography in Structural biology*" from held at FCC university, Lahore Pakistan from 15-19 October 2016.
- Participation in the annual meeting of British Society for Haemostasis & Thrombosis, UK Platelet Group & United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Doctors Organization held at The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh from 7-9 October 2014.
- Attended XVII BCA/CCP4 Summer School in Macromolecular Crystallography-September 5th to 11th 2010, University of Oxford, UK.
- Attended workshop on “Membrane Protein Crystallization and Crystallography” sponsored by EMBN-Train & E-MeP-Lab held at Diamond Light Source, Oxford, UK from 1st– 3rd April 2008.
- Attended CCP4 study weekends at the University of Leeds and University of Nottingham in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2021.
- Attended 1st FEBS special meeting on “ATP-Binding Cassette (ABC) Proteins: From Multidrug Resistance to Genetic Disease” held in Innsbruck, Austria from 4-10th March 2006.
- Attended Core research facilities workshops for X-ray crystallography, Biomolecular analysis, Electron microscopy and NMR during PhD at The University of Manchester.
- Attended teaching demonstrator course and worked as a teaching demonstrator in Faculty of Life sciences at The University of Manchester from 2006-2008.

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- Bioinformatics tools for molecular biology, genetic engineering and proteomics.
- Molecular biology and cloning to synthesize constructs for heterologous expression of recombinant proteins in bacterial, insect and mammalian expression systems.
- Membrane and soluble proteins expression, refolding and purification.
- Chromatographic systems including Akta Prime, Start and Purifier for size exclusion, ion exchange and hydrophobic separation of proteins.
- Protein characterization by SPR, SEC-MAL, CD, Fluorescence and UV spectroscopy.
- Electrophoretic techniques including SDS-PAGE, Native PAGE, Western blotting.
- Techniques to reconstitute immunologically important proteins.
- Electron microscopy, grid preparation and single particle averaging to determine low-resolution structure of proteins.
- Protein crystallization (manual, various automated robots including phoenix and

mosquito), Crystal optimization, seeding, cryo-protection.

- Diffraction data collection (regular trips to Diamond Synchrotron Source for in-house data collection since 2008, on-line remote data collection at The University of Manchester).
- X-ray Data processing to solve high-resolution structures of proteins using suits of software including imosflm, XDS, CCP4, Phenix, Coot, Pymol.
- Protein-protein interactions studies by ITC, SPR and Mass-spectrometry.

PROTEIN DATA BANK SUBMISSIONS

Following high-resolution protein structures have been solved and submitted to protein data bank (www.rcsb.org).

- **5DWZ** Structure of Condensing enzyme PqsBC (2016)
- **5AFP** Neuronal calcium sensor-1 (NCS-1) from *Rattus norvegicus* complex with rhodopsin kinase peptide from *Homo sapiens* (2015)
- **5AER** Neuronal calcium sensor-1 (NCS-1) from *Rattus norvegicus* complex with D2 dopamine receptor peptide from *Homo sapiens* (2015)
- **5AEQ** Neuronal calcium sensor-1 (NCS-1) from *Rattus norvegicus* (2015)
- **4AIP** The FrpB iron transporter from *Neisseria meningitidis*, F3-3 variant (2013)
- **4AIQ** The FrpB iron transporter from *Neisseria meningitidis*, F5-1 variant (2013)
- **4B7O** The FrpB iron transporter from *Neisseria meningitidis*, F5-1 variant apo- protein form (2013)
- **2WHN** N-terminal domain from the PilC type IV pilus biogenesis protein (2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter

- **Muhammad Saleem**, Jeremy Moore, Jeremy P. Derrick. Expression, purification, and crystallization of *Neisserial* outer membrane proteins. *Neisseria meningitides: Advanced Methods and Protocols*. Springer Science + Business Media, LLC 2012 Chapter 6, pp. 96-106

Research articles

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- Gunnstein Norheim; Holly Sanders; Jardar W Mellesdal; Idunn Sundfor; Hannah Chan; Carina Brehony; Caroline Vipond; Chris Dold; Rory Care; **Muhammad Saleem**; Martin C J Maiden; Jeremy P Derrick; Ian Feavers; Andrew J Pollard. (2015) An OMV Vaccine Derived from a Capsular Group B Meningococcus with Constitutive FetA Expression: Preclinical Evaluation of Immunogenicity and Toxicity. *PlosOne* 10(9) e0134353

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- Ojas H Mehta; Gunnstein Norheim; J. Claire Hoe; Christine S Rollier, Ph.D.; Jerry C Nagaputra; Katherine Makepeace; **Muhammad Saleem**; Hannah Chan; David J. P. Ferguson; Claire Jones; Manish Sadarangani; Derek W. Hood; Ian Feavers; Jeremy P Derrick; Andrew J Pollard; E. Richard Moxon. (2014) Adjuvant effects elicited by novel oligosaccharide variants of detoxified meningococcal lipopolysaccharides on *Neisseria meningitidis* recombinant PorA protein: a comparison in mice. *PlosOne* 9(12) e115713
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- Anwar, M. A; **Saleem, M**; Ghauri, M. A; Akhtar, K; and Khalid, A. M. Serological and Molecular Characterization Of Locally Isolated Acidophilic Chemolithotrophic Bacteria Used in Coal Heap Desulfurization. Accepted for presentation at “Extremophiles (An ASM Conference) in Cambridge, Maryland” held on September 19 – 23, 2004.

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