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Work experience (in chronological order):

Position	Division/ Department	University/Institution	From	To
Postdoctoral Fellow	Molecular Pharmacology	National Cancer Institute, CCR, NIH, USA.	July, 06	July, 11
FTE (Research fellow)	Molecular Pharmacology	National Cancer Institute, CCR, NIH, USA.	July,11	Dec, 12
Assistant Professor	School of biological Sciences	Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science	Dec,12	Sep, 17
Associate Professor	School of biological Sciences	Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science	Sep,17	Apr'2021
Professor	School of biological Sciences	Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science	Apr,2021	Ongoing

Professional Recognition/ Award/ Prize/ Certificate, Fellowship:

S.No	Name of Award	Awarding Agency	Year
1	SREENIVASAYA MEMORIAL AWARD 2023	Society of Biological Chemistry, India	2023
2.	Elected fellow of National Academy of Science & Technology (FNASc)	National Academy of Science (NASI), India	2020
3.	ICMR-Prem Nath Wah Award (Basic/clinical Oncology)	Indian Council of Medical Research, Govt. of India	2020
4.	National Bioscience Award, DBT	Department of Biotechnology, Govt. India	2019
5.	Elected member of GRC	Guha Research Conference, India	2019
6.	Elected member FAScT	West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology	2019
7.	Selected speaker, Gordon conference	Gordon conference, USA	2018
8.	ISA-Senior Visiting Fellow-2016	University of Bologna, Italy	2016
9.	Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance Intermediate Fellow	Wellcome Trust/ DBT India Alliance	2013
10.	Ramanujan Fellowship	DST, GOI	2013
11.	Ramalingaswami Fellowship	DBT, GOI	2013
12.	NCI outstanding Postdoctoral Fellow award (among top five)	National Cancer Institute, NIH, USA	2012
13.	Gordon Conference Travel Award and selected speaker	Gordon Conference, USA	2012

14.	Cold Spring Harbor Meeting Travel award and selected speaker	Cold Spring Harbor meeting, USA	2011
15.	Fellows Award for Research Excellence	NIH, USA	2011
16.	Fellows Award for Research Excellence	NIH, USA	2010
17.	NDDO Honorary Award Lecture	8 th International Symposium on Targeted Anticancer Therapies 2010, March 4-6. Washington DC, USA.	2010
18.	Postdoctoral visiting fellowship award	National Cancer Institute, NIH, USA	2006

Ph.D thesis title: Molecular Characterization of the structure of DNA Topoisomerase 1 gene of *Leishmania donovani*

Guide Name: **Dr. Hemanta K. Majumder**, Ph.D, FNA, FASc., FNASc., FAScT, FTWAS,

NASI- Senior Scientist Platinum Jubilee Fellow, Sir J.C. Bose National Fellow (DST)

CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata

Year of Award.: **2006**

Details about no of Ph.D. and Postdoctoral fellows trained:

Postdoctoral fellows: 6 (completed): Ongoing 1 (DBT-RA and Project RA)

Ph.D awarded: 3 (Completed)

Ph.D students: 8 (ongoing)

Int MSc-Phd thesis: 13 (completed), Ongoing 2.

Detail of patents.

US Patent: Bicycle topoisomerase i inhibiting compounds, process for preparation and use thereof Application number# 17059289 Date: 2021/8/12,

Indian Patent filed on dated 29.05.2018 with application No. 201811020003. Title: Bicyclic compounds as topoisomerase I inhibitors

Publications (List of papers published in SCI Journals, in year wise descending order).

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Key Publication of PI (Prof. Benu Brata Das)

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Reports/Chapters/General articles etc.

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Synergistic Activities:

Project evaluation PAC Member: DBT-Cancer biology TEC member, appointed by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India 2022

Conference Organizer: Organized an International IABS-2018 Conference as the Coordinator on “DNA topology, chromatin structure, chromosome segregation and the dynamics of biopolymers” in IACS, Kolkata at 2018.

Co-Organizer for the National Conference “YIM-2019” at Presidency University, Kolkata, India

Grant Reviewer: Served as a member of 9-grant review includes Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance. Medical Research Council-UK. IUSSTF, Irish Research Council. Australian Research council grants. Also, served as grant reviewers of several Indian grants.

Outreach Activities: Delivered 37 research talks at the National and International conferences and universities/research institutes. Served as a judge for poster presentation at various conferences/meetings.

Journal Reviewer: Serves as a peer-reviewer for many scientific journals including *Nature Communications*, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, *Cancer letters*, *PLOS One*, *Molecular Pharmacology*, *ACS- J Med Chem*, *Eur J. Med Chem*, *Genetics*, *Nature Scientific Report*, etc.

Thesis Committee Member: Served/serving as thesis committee member of 10 Ph. D. and 5 M. S. students at IACS.

Invited Talks: 55 (International and National)

Invited speakers: EMBO DNA repair meeting and Workshop (2024); EMBO DNA topoisomerase meeting 2023; Chromosome Stability 2022; 2018, 2016; Russian Academy of Sciences (ICG SB RAS) 2022; International Ataxia-Telangiectasia Workshop 2019 (ATW2019), Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, USA. University of New Castle, Medical School, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, 2019; Edinburgh, Wellcome Trust Cell Biology Division, Edinburgh, Scotland, US. 2019; Centre of Gene regulation in Health and Disease at Cleveland State University (CSU), Cleveland, OH, USA dated 28th August, 2018; DNA Topoisomerases in Biology and Medicine Gordon Research Conference July 29 - August 3, 2018; EMBO Topoisomerase meeting at Les Diablerets, Switzerland 2017; ISA visiting professor honorary lecture, Institute of Advances Sciences, University of Bologna, Scuola Superiore di Studi Umanistici, via Marsala 26, Bologna, Italy NOV 08, 2016.