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Carrier objective: I Ashu, PhD student under the supervision of Dr. Alpana Sharma in Department of Biochemistry, AIIMS, New Delhi. My focus is on functional aspects of preexisting immune system particularly memory T cells before and after checkpoint inhibitor therapies in Renal cell carcinoma. Ion channels and autophagy are two major mechanisms that involve in determination and regulation of cellular fate of memory T cells within the immune system. In PhD duration, we are trying to understand the regulation of these factors through newly identified ubiquitin ligase to determine physiology of memory T cells in tumor microenvironment.

Academic details:

- Pursuing PhD (Biochemistry Department) from All India Institute of Medical Sciences under session 2018, Delhi (India).
- Join PhD (July 2017) at National Institute of Immunology, Delhi (India).
- National level CSIR-JRF qualified in July 2016.
- M.Sc (Biochemistry) from All India Institute of Medical Sciences under session 2015-2017.
- B.Sc (H) in Biochemistry from Deshbandhu College, Delhi University duration 2012-2015.
- Schooling had been completed from Delhi CBSE Board.

| Degree/Courses | Percentage | Year Passing | Attempt |
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| 12 th G.S.K.V CBSE Delhi | 74% | 2012 | First |
| B.SC (Biochemistry H) Deshbandhu college, DU | 74% | 2012-2015 | First |
| M.Sc (Biochemistry H) AIIMS New Delhi | 68% | 2015-2017 | First |

Strengths:

- A proactive learner, hardworking and keeping attitude for learning and applying new knowledge.
- Thinking conceptually and quires about basic concept of science.

Theoretically and practically knowledge about the Techniques

- **Flow cytometry:** Sample preparation from blood and tissues, Acquiring, Data analysis and interpretation.
- **Molecular biology Techniques:** Isolation of genomic DNA, RNA from serum, PBMC and from tissue by liquid nitrogen, homogenizer, trypsin- EDTA, cDNA synthesis, PCR, gel electrophoresis, real time PCR and statistically analysis of data.
- **ELISA:** Serum and culture supernants by concentrating the protein by using Amicon falcons.
- **Immunofluorescence and/or Confocal Microscopy:** sample processing, panel designing, staining , analysis and data representation.
- **Immunohistochemistry:** Paraffin embedding the tissue, sectioning, and different staining and scoring.
- **Western blot:** Antibody optimization, immunoblotting and data interpretation using imageJ software.
- **Electron microscopy:** sample preparation, acquiring and analysis
- **In vitro work:** Dendritic cells culture from PBMC, Cells lines handling, Explants culture.

- **In vivo works:** Mice handling, culling, bones collection, smear test for breeding, oral gavages in mice, regimen preparation of mice.
- **Inductively coupled Plasma mass spectrophotometry (ICPMS):** Standard preparation for trace metal ions, sample preparation from human tissue samples, data analysis.
- **Exosomes:** Exosomes isolation from human samples and explant culture, characterization using Naonosight Analyzer and Electron microscopy , data analysis and interpretation.

Equipment handling details:

- Flow cytometry (Quanto/ LSR Fortessa X-20)
- Real time PCR machine (BD)
- Microscope (Inverted/ Florescent/ light).
- Confocal microscope

Poster and Oral Presentation:

- **Ashu¹, Santosh K¹, Dayasagar Das¹, Somesh Gupta², Sudheer K Arava³, Alpana Sharma¹.Role of Dendritic Cells in Immunopathogenesis of Vitiligo.** 43rd Annual conference of Indian immunological society (Immunocon 2016), India, 17th February 2017.
- **Singh A, Choudhury DS, Singh P, Singh VV, Singh NS, Sharma A. KCMF1 regulate autophagy and ion channels function in Renal Cell Carcinoma: A future therapeutic target.** 2nd Annual Research day, AIIMS, New Delhi. 18th October 2022.
- **Singh A, Choudhury DS, Singh P, Sharma A. Ubiquitin mediated regulation of autophagy in memory T cells of Renal cell carcinoma: therapeutic target.** 48th Annual Conference of Indian Immunology Society (Immunocon 2022), India, 8th – 9th July, 2022.

Publications:

- **Singh A, Choudhury SD, Singh P, Kaushal S, Sharma A. Disruption in networking of KCMF1 linked ubiquitin ligase impairs autophagy in CD8+ memory T cells of patients with renal cell carcinoma.** Cancer Lett. 2023 Jun 28;564:216194. doi: 10.1016/j.canlet.2023.216194. Epub 2023 Apr 20. PMID: 37084875.(Impact factor =9.7)

- **Singh A, Choudhury SD, Singh P, Singh VV, Singh SN, Sharma A. KCMF1 regulates autophagy and ion channels' function in renal cell carcinoma: a future therapeutic target.** J Cancer Res Clin Oncol. 2023 Aug;149(9):5617-5626. doi: 10.1007/s00432-022-04507-y. Epub 2022 Dec 14. PMID: 36515749. **(Impact factor=4.5)**
- **Singh A, Das D, Kurra S, Arava S, Gupta S, Sharma A. Dendritic cells and their associated pro-inflammatory cytokines augment to the inflammatory milieu in vitiligo skin.** Cytokine. 2021 Dec;148:155598. doi: 10.1016/j.cyto.2021.155598. Epub 2021 Jun 5. PMID: 34103210. **(Impact factor=3.9)**
- **Singh A, Sharma A. Lymphoid tissue inducer cells in cancer: a potential therapeutic target.** Mol Cell Biochem. 2023 Mar 15. doi: 10.1007/s11010-023-04699-y. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36922480. **(Impact factor=3.8)**
- **Das D, Singh A, Antil PS, Sharma D, Arava S, Khandpur S, Sharma A. Distorted frequency of dendritic cells and their associated stimulatory and inhibitory markers augment the pathogenesis of pemphigus vulgaris.** Immunol Res. 2020 Dec;68(6):353-362. doi: 10.1007/s12026-020-09166-0. Epub 2020 Nov 12. PMID: 33184735. **(Impact factor=4.4)**

Membership:

- **Indian immunological society, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi (Member id: 558/01/17).**

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