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SUMMARY

Adjunct Faculty - Health Sciences

Abu Dhabi University • Al Ain & Abu

- Dhabi• UAE• Sep 2019 Till date
- ✓ Introduction to Public Health;
 Biostatistics; Epidemiology;
 Environmental Science, Maternal & Child Health
 - BSc Public Health
 - BSc Environmental Health & Safety

Visiting Faculty – Health Sciences • Jumeira University • Dubai • UAE• Feb

- to June 2021
- Microbiology; & Organic
 Chemistry for Health Sciences
 - BSc Environmental Health Science

Senior Lecturer - Life Sciences • 10

- years Manipal University, Dubai, UAE
- ✓ University Teaching:
 - Handled more than 15 courses of Biology & Biotechnology
- Temp Biology Teacher Institute of Applied Technology• Al Ain • UAE• Jan to Feb 2020

Research Assistant • Jun - Nov 2021

- Higher Colleges of Technology
- Research
- ✓ ResearchGate Score: 10.34
- √ 7 publications
- ✓ Citations 174; h-index: 5

IELTS ACADEMIC

Overall Band Score: 7.5

- CEFR C1 (Advanced)
- Completed Feb 2019

EDUCATION

PhD Biomedical Science • 2016 (Equivalency under

process by MOE)

Bharathidasan University, India
Folate conjugated Gold nanocomposite mediated
Hyperthermia: Approach for enhanced cancer
chemotherapy

MPhil Biotechnology • 2005

Bharathidasan University, India

MSc Biochemistry • 2003

University of Madras, India

BSc Biochemistry • 2001

University of Madras, India University seventh rank holder

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS & SKILLS

Online Teaching - MS Teams, BlackBoard, Lockdown

- Browser, Eklavia 2020-21
- Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) 2019
- Protein expression & Molecular techniques 2019

Madras Diabetic Research Foundation, India

Human Cell Culture Techniques • 2011

Rajiv Gandhi Center for Biotechnology, India

Techniques of Nanotechnology • 2012

Bharathidasan University, India

Molecular Biology Techniques • 2014-2016

Manipal University, UAE

■ Paramedical science & technology • 1999-2000

Bio-gene Diagnostics & Research Center, India Voluntary health services, India

Plant Cell Culture Techniques • 2006

University of Madras, India

■ Tools of Computational Biology • 1999-2006

Bharathiar University, India



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SPECIALIZATION

- Health Sciences
- Applied Biology
- Biochemistry
- Biotechnology
- Computational Biology
- Environmental Science

BIOLOGY COURSES

- Foundation Biology
- Biotechnology
- Plant & Agricultural Biotechnology
- Environmental Biology
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Microbiology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Histology
- Biochemistry
- Genomics & Proteomics
- Molecular Modeling
- Bioinformatics
- Enzymology
- Nanotechnology

HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES

- Biostatistics
- **■ Epidemiology**
- Microbiology
- Tissue Engineering
 Introduction to Public Health
- Organic chemistry for Health



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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 - BSc Environmental Health & Safety
- Research Assistant• Higher Colleges of Technology• ADWC, UAE• Jun - Nov, 2021

Temp Biology Teacher • Institute of Applied Technology• Al

- Ain, UAE• Jan Feb, 2020
 - Taught Biology & Health Sciences
- Senior Lecturer Manipal University, Dubai 2007 2017
- √ Handled about 15 different courses of Biology, Biotechnology & Health
- BSc Biotechnology
 - MSc Medical Biotechnology

ACADEMIC TRAININGS

Online Teaching & Assessment - MS Teams/Lockdown

- browser 2020
- BlackBoard Learning Management System & H5P 2019
 Abu Dhabi University, UAE
- Basic Arabic Learning Program 2017
- Learning Management System e-learning 2016
- SmartBoard Techniques 2016
- Outcome based learning 2015
- Classroom teaching effectiveness 2014
- Pedagogic & Personal Effectiveness 2013
- Effective teaching skills 2009

Manipal University, UAE





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RESEARCH AWARDS

- Second Prize Fourth UAE National Genetic Diseases Conference • 2013
- Sheriff A, Edgar A, Sethi DK, Rayees N, Renuka N, Banu H. Gold Nanocomposites: A novel approach towards breast cancer therapy, Dubai
- Fifth Prize Fourth UAE
 National Genetic Diseases
 Conference 2013
- Chokly A, Ganesh M,
 Narayanan K, Khan SS, Renuka
 N, Banu H. Structural insight
 into p53 Bcl2 protein complex
 in breast cancers through
 molecular dynamics simulation
 and docking studies using wild
 type as well as top three p53
 missense mutants of breast
 cancer and Bcl2 computational
 models, Dubai.

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

- Scientific Writing Project Associate Lapiz DigitalServices, India 2004 2006
- Ensuring the quality of electronic scientific abstracts of Pharma-Chemistry and Pharma-Biology patents for a UKbased client for a team of about 15 members.
- Scientific Patent Abstractor Lapiz Digital Services, India •
 2003 2004
- Writing electronic scientific abstracts of Pharma-Chemistry and Pharma-Biology patents.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Springer Biol Trace Elem Res Impact factor: 2.43 2018
 - **Banu H**, Renuka N, Faheem SM, Ismail R, Singh V, Saadatmand Z, Khan SS, Narayanan K, Raheem A, Vasanthakumar G, Premkumar K. Green synthesized gold and silver nanoparticles using date palm pollen extract induces apoptosis and regulates p53 and Bcl-2 expression in human breast adenocarcinoma cells. doi: 10.1007/s12011-018-1287-0.
- Elsevier Comput Biol Chem Impact factor: 1.850 2018
 Banu H, MC Joseph, MN Nisar. In-silico approach to investigate death domains associated with nano-particle-mediated cellular responses. 75:11-23.
- Elsevier J Photochem Photobiol B Impact factor: 4.383 2015







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- First Prize Third Ras-AlKhaimah Medical & Health
 Sciences University Scientific
 Conference 2012
- Nasab R, D'Silva J, George E, Ghaddar Z, Kedhari M, Banu H, Ansari Renuka Z, Vasanthakumar G, Matar M. Altered aHb structure and its unstable complex formation with AHSP increases the formation of Reactive Oxygen Species in Hemoglobin Fontainebleau $[\alpha 21(B2)Ala \rightarrow Pro]$: Molecular dynamics simulation and docking studies

OTHER AWARDS

- Second Prize Dubai RTA's Innovation Journey • 2016
- Banu H, Popy Akther, Jumana Abdul Samad, Idea for ecofriendly and safe transportation system for future – Car Metro.
- First Prize Essay on biography of India 2001
- First Prize Islamic: University essay writing 2000 Second
- Prize Inter-departmental

Banu H, Sethi DK, Edgar A, Sheriff A, Rayees N, Renuka N, Faheem SM, Premkumar K, Vasanthakumar G Doxorubicin

Loaded Polymeric Gold Nanoparticles Targeted To Human Folate Receptor Upon Hyperthermia Potentiates Chemotherapy In Breast Cancers. 149:116-28.

■ Springer • Plasmonics • Impact factor: 2.335 • 2014

Banu H, Stanley B, Faheem SM, Renuka N, Premkumar K, Vasanthakumar G. Thermal Chemosensitization of Breast Cancer Cells to Cyclophosphamide Treatment Using Folate Receptor Targeted Gold Nanoparticles 9 (6), 1341-1349.

Austin • J Biotechnol Bioeng • Open Access • 2014

Faheem SM, **Banu H**, Gold Nanoparticles in Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment: A Review. 1(6):5

■ Elsevier • Biochimie • Impact factor: 3.413 • 2011

Banu H, Renuka N, Vasanthakumar G. Reduced catalytic activity of human CYP2C9 natural alleles for gliclazide: Molecular dynamics simulation and docking studies. 93: 1028-1036.

In preparation • 2021

Renuka N, **Banu H**, Vasanthakumar G. Docking studies on reduced metabolism of Losartan in Human CYP2C9 natural Alleles.

Perera HJ, **Banu H**, Recent developments in composite reinforcement using date palm fibers for improved performance through physical and chemical modifications Perera HJ, Goyal A, **Banu H**, Saeed AlKhazraji. Low Cost Fluorinated Diatomaceous Earth Polyurethane Foam for the Absorption of Oil

Perera HJ, **Banu H**, Superhydrophobic diatomaceous earth for water repellent surfaces – A review







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Creative Writing Competition • 2000

- Second Prize Islamic: University essay writing • 1999
- First Prize Islamic: University essay writing 1998

PROFESSIONAL MENTORING

Post-graduates

Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2017 (1) Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2016 (1) Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2015 (2) Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2014 (3) Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2013 (4)

Under-graduates

Nanotechnology & Cancer • 2017 (4) Computational Biology • 2014 (1) Computational Biology • 2010 (1)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AS PEER REVIEWER

- Elsevier Life Sciences
- Elsevier Photochemistry& Photobiology B: Biology



CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Fifth UAE Undergraduate Student Research Competition • 2017

Parvez N, Panesar M, Kedari M, Khan MA, **Banu H**, Hussain A. Sulforophane induces apoptosis in cervical cancer cell lines, Abu Dhabi

- Current Trends in Biotechnology, Manipal University 2016

 Banu H. Conjugated gold nanoparticles for enhanced drug delivery, Dubai
- Current Trends in Biotechnology, Manipal University 2015
 Faheem SM, Banu H. Nanoparticles for cancer treatment,
 Dubai
- Middle East Molecular Biology Congress & Exhibition 2014
 Banu H, Renuka N, Faheem SM, Vasanthkumar G, Khan SS,

Ismail R, Saadatmand N, Singh V. In vitro cytotoxicity testing and molecular analysis of modulation of gene expression of pro-apoptotic gene p53 and anti-apoptotic gene BCl2 on cancer

cell lines after treatment with green synthesized metal nanoparticles, Cancer genomics session, Dubai

Second UAE Undergraduate Student Research Competition • 2014

Raheem A, Narayanan K, **Banu H**, Renuka N. Rapid One-Pot Green Synthesis of Stable Silver and Gold Nanoparticles using Bioflavanoids of Date Palm Pollen Extract and in vitro Cytotoxicity Study for Breast Cancer Treatment, Abu Dhabi

Second UAE Undergraduate Student Research Competition • 2014

Khan SS, Hashim S, Puttekkadan SA, Renuka N, **Banu H**, Enhancing The Bioavailability Of Anticancer Compounds From Medicinal Desert Plants In Cancer Cells Using Nanotechnology, Abu Dhabi





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- Elsevier Ethanopharmacology
- Elsevier Materials Science & Engineering C
- Elsevier Biological TraceElement Research
- SpringerLink 3Biotech

MEMBERSHIP

 UNESCO – Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AS JUDGE

- Fifth UAE Undergraduate Student Research Competition Public Health Abu Dhabi 2017
- 24th National Children's Science Congress • Dubai • 2016
- 22nd National Children's ScienceCongress Dubai 2014
- Science India Forum 2014

Fourth UAE National Genetic Disease Conference • 2013

Sheriff A, Edgar A, Sethi DK, Rayees N, Renuka N, Faheem SM, **Banu H**. Gold Nanocomposites: A novel approach towards breast cancer therapy, Dubai

■ Fourth UAE National Genetic Disease Conference • 2013

Chokly A, Ganesh M, Narayanan K, Khan SS, Renuka N, **Banu** H. Structural insight into p53 – BCl2 protein complex in breast cancers through molecular dynamics simulation and docking studies using wild type as well as top three p53 missense mutants of breast cancer and BCL2 computational models, Dubai

Third Ras Al Khaimah Medical and Health Sciences University Student Scientific Conference • 2012

Nasab R, D'Silva J, George E, Ghaddar Z, Kedhari M, **Banu H**, Ansari Z, Renuka N, Vasanthakumar G, Matar M. Altered α Hb structure and its unstable complex formation with AHSP increases the formation of Reactive Oxygen Species in Hemoglobin Fontainebleau [α 21(B2)Ala \rightarrow Pro]: Molecular dynamics simulation and docking studies, Dubai

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & POSTER PRESENTATION

Proceedings of Bioinformatics & Computational Biology • 2011

Renuka N, **Banu H**, Vasanthakumar G. Altered gliclazide metabolic pathway and its implications on increased therapeutic response in CYP2C9*2: Molecular Dynamics and Simulation Studies. 2: 537-543.

Poster presented at Middle East Molecular Biology Congress



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VOLUNTEERING SERVICE

- Blood Donation Camp Coordinator2012-2017
- Health Awareness Camp Coordinator • 2012-2016
- Measles Vaccination Campaign Coordinator • 2016
- Diabetes Walkathon Coordinator2016
- Inter-school Science Competitions2012-2016

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- English Read, Write & Speak
- Arabic Read
- Tamil Read, Write & Speak
- Hindi Read

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- DOB 28 March, 1980
- Gender Female
- Marital Status Married
- Nationality India
- Passport No P3915191
- Expiry: 4 Oct, 2026
- Residence Visa Spouse
- sponsorship



& Exhibition • 2014

Renuka N, **Banu H**, Vasanthakumar G, Khan SS, Ismail R, Narayanan K, Raheem A, Hashim S, Synthesis and characterization of metal nanoparticles using extracts of indigenous plants of UAE and delivery of anticancer bioflavonoids to MCF-7 breast cancer cell lines, Dubai

OTHER RESEARCHES

Twelfth International Symposium on Microbial Ecology • 2008

Aarti A, **Banu H**, Kalyani G, Faheem SM, Khan MA. PCR based study on alkane degrading bacteria from UAE Environment, Australia

Fourth UAE Undergraduate Student Research Competition • 2016

Banu H, Jumana AS, Naval PK, Popy A. Environmental Protection From Vehicular Air Pollutants Using Native Plants Of UAE & Using Plants As Ecological Bio-Indicators Of Air Quality, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Second Forum for women in research • QUWA: Empowering women in research and innovation

Perera HJ, Banu H, Saeed AlKhazraji, Goyal A. Low cost fluorinated diatomaceous earth polyurethane foam for the adsorption of oil, University of Sharjah, Aug 26,2021.

STATEMENT OF TEACHING

- Handled several subjects of Biology, Health Sciences & Computational Biology to University students in Dubai and Al Ain, UAE for more than twelve years.
- Academic trainings and long years of teaching experience prepares to be an effective teacher.





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REFERENCES

 Dr. Renuka Seenivasan •
 Higher Colleges of Technology, UAE

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 Higher Colleges of
 Technology, UAE

Faculty, Maths & Natural Sciences,

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Dr. Arif Hussain • Professor &Chairperson, Manipal University, UAE

School of Life Sciences, Manipal University, Dubai, UAE Mobile: 0556848720 Mail: dr.arifhussain@yahoo.co.in

- Application oriented teaching skills, student-centered approach, and understanding & patience in class helps in building up a good rapport and harmonious relationship with students.
- Mentored and supervised students in both academics and research projects.
- Active in administrative duties and volunteering services at the department and university.
- Worked with students and colleagues from different ethnic backgrounds.
 - Excellent communication skills & familiarity in teaching students with modern media aids such as animations and
- other virtual aids. Also, trained in remote teaching with MS Teams and assessment tools such as Respondus Lockdown.

STATEMENT OF RESEARCH

- Active in scientific research in the area of Cancer Biology, Nanotechnology, Computational Biology & Environmental science.
- Primary goal is continue designing nanoparticle conjugates that provides enhanced drug delivery for the treatment of cancers and inflammatory diseases and reduce systemic toxicity of chemotherapeutic agents.
- Also, use computational biology as a tool to understand the molecular biological basis of diseases and disorders by studying the protein-protein interactions and proteindrug interactions.
- Encourage students to actively participate in academic research projects; present them in International Conferences and other platforms to create interest; and enable them to connect between concepts and their practical applications.



