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SUMMARY

Health Psychology researcher with significant academic and applied research experience. Proficient in mixed-methods research, experimental design, and data analysis. Skilled in investigating psychological determinants of health behaviors and providing recommendations for evidence-based behavior change interventions.

SKILLS

Research: Meta-analysis, Survey studies, Design science, Psychometric assessment, Focus group interviews, Semi-structured interviews
Technical: R, SPSS, Mplus
Statistical Analysis: Regression Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Bayesian Analysis, Factor Analysis, Multilevel Modeling, Content Analysis, Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis
Tools: Qualtrics, Google Workspace, Google Analytics, Zoom, Figma, Adobe Illustrator

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Merced, CA

Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences

May 2026

- **Focus:** Health Psychology
- **Certification:** Advanced training in Quantitative Methods, Measurements, and Statistics (QMMS)
- **Advisor:** Dr. Martin Hagger
- **Relevant Course Work:** Science of Behavior Change, Community-Engaged Research, Advance Psych Statistics II, Structural Equation Modeling, Multivariate Analysis, Measurement Theory & Psychometrics

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Merced, CA

M.A. in Psychological Sciences (CGPA: 4.00/4.00)

Aug 2023

- **Focus:** Health Psychology
- **Advisor:** Dr. Martin Hagger
- **Thesis:** A meta-analytic review of self-management behaviors in Familial Hypercholesterolemia

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY, LAHORE

Pakistan

M.S. in Clinical Psychology (CGPA: 3.79/4.00)

June 2019

- **Advisors:** Dr. Mahwesh Arooj Naz
- **Thesis:** Identity Crisis, Emotional Intelligence and Suicidal Ideation in Emerging Adults

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Merced, CA

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Sep 2021-Present

Applying Social Psychological Theories and advanced statistical methods to predict and change health behaviors, make evidence-based recommendations, and understand health outcomes.

- Conducted **meta-analytic review** using **R** examining self-management behaviors in Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) patients. Analyzed 1,500+ participants data to identify behavioral predictors (es 0.170-0.474), providing evidence-based intervention recommendations.
- Led the implementation of a large-scale multi-lab **experimental study** on thought suppression, coordinating with **37 international labs**. Managed data collection for 200+ participants using **double-blind procedure**, resulting in cross-cultural validation of theories.
- Led **qualitative research** on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among California Latinos. Conducted **8 focus groups** with 40+ participants using **design-focused approach**. Used **thematic analysis** to deliver culturally-tailored messaging recommendations to health organizations.
- Designed and executed a **survey study** using **Qualtrics** to assess public attitudes towards tobacco and cannabis use policies. Analyzed responses from 600 participants to provide actionable insights on public perception trends for policymakers.
- Moderated **focus group interviews** for tobacco policy research, using **qualitative analysis** methods to translate community perspectives into practical policy implementation strategies.
- Established **international research collaborations** with teams of **Australia** and **Finland**. Conducted 3 cross-country studies that identified patterns in health behaviors across diverse cultures.
- Developed and delivered **structured training sessions** for research assistants in **meta-analysis** methodology, including screening, data extraction, and quality assessment, resulting in improved team efficiency and research output quality.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

2024

- Teaching Assistant for **Psychology and Film** [Spring 2024] and **Personality Psychology** [Fall 2024]
 - Maintained regular office hours and provided **timely feedback**, resulting in improved student engagement.
 - Designed and led **interactive discussions** and **guest lectures** on specialized topics including dark triad personality traits and role of emotions. Developed engaging multimedia content and case studies, resulting in 90% positive student feedback and increased class participation.

Managed the editorial process for a leading interdisciplinary journal, overseeing manuscript progression from submission to publication

- Managed **editorial support** for manuscript submission using **ScholarOne**. Processed 200+ manuscripts monthly, reducing processing time by 20% through streamlined workflows.
- Developed manuscript tracking system using **Excel** and **data visualization tools**. Created automated dashboards improving tracking efficiency by 30%.
- Screened 200+ manuscripts monthly using **quality assessment frameworks**. Streamlined allocation process, increasing peer-review process advancement by 25%.
- Optimized **peer-review process** by strategically matching manuscripts with expert reviewers based on research expertise. Maintained a database of 1000+ reviewers and achieved 85% acceptance rate for review invitation acceptance.
- Led monthly **editorial strategy meetings** with editorial teams. Created structured agendas and documentation procedures, resulting in improved communication and 40% faster resolution of publication queries.

PUNJAB INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (PIMH)

Pakistan

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

2019 – 2021

Implemented evidence-based cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) intervention for both in-patient and out-patient population, used standardized assessment tools to track treatment outcomes and improve therapeutic efficacy of various psychological disorders.

- Developed **therapy protocol** with team of **25 psychologists**. Successfully implemented standardized protocol across the hospital system, improving care consistency.
- Delivered **individualized psychotherapy** using CBT and DBT frameworks for major depressive disorder, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorders, and eating disorders. Achieved positive treatment outcomes through evidence-based intervention approaches and regular progress monitoring.
- Coordinated care for 40+ inpatients through **multidisciplinary collaboration**. Coordinated with team of psychiatrists and nurses to optimize treatment outcomes.
- Designed and facilitated **group-based psychotherapy** sessions and introduced music therapy interventions for in-patients, leading to increased treatment engagement and improved emotional expression among participants.
- Conducted psychological standardized **assessments and clinical interviews**, to generate data-driven insights, for idiosyncratic treatment plans and systematic outcome evaluations.

PUBLICATIONS, PEER-REVIEWED

1.	Wang, D., Hagger, M., Majeed, R. , Zoe, G. (n.d.). Ironic effects of thought suppression – A multilab registered replication report. <i>Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Sciences</i> [In-principle acceptance].	
2.	Majeed, R. , & Hagger, M. (n.d.). The trans-contextual model of motivation in education: Progress and new directions. <i>In Motivation in Physical Education</i> . Springer Education [In Submission].	
3.	Majeed, R. , Hamilton, K., Watts, G. F., & Hagger, M. S. (2024). Social cognition correlates of self-management behaviors in patients with Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH): A meta-analytic review. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i> , 351, 116968. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116968	
4.	Griffith, M., Majeed, R. , & Hagger, M. (2023). Psychological mediators of relations between socio-structural variables and physical activity: A proposed mechanistic model. <i>Asian Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychology</i> , https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajsep.2023.09.001	
5.	Majeed, R. , Ahmad, M., & Gul, M. (2022). Exploration of Gender Role Conflicts in Transfeminine Individuals: An IPA Study. <i>Pakistan Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology</i> , 19(1), 20-26.	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1.	Examining social cognition correlates of self-management behaviors in patients with Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH)'. 81st Annual meeting, Society for Biopsychosocial Science and Medicine, Brighton, UK	March 2024
2.	'Examining social cognition correlates of self-management behaviors in patients with Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH)'. Society of Behavioral Medicine, USA	April 2024
3.	'Introduction to Meta-Analysis: Step-by step process to conducting research', HAPI Lab, Australia	Nov 2023
4.	'Emotional regulation: Understanding emotions and their management'. SHARPP Lab, USA	Sep 2022

FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

1.	Fulbright Foreign Student Program Fellowship	2021-2026
2.	Psychology Graduate Student Development Award, University of California, Merced	2024
3.	Graduate Student Supplemental Travel Awards, University of California, Merced	2023
4.	Social Science and Medicine Editorial Support	2021-2023