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Employment history:

- Associate Professor (Physiology): College of Medicine, University of Sharjah, UAE (Jan 2024 – to date).
- Assistant Professor (Physiology): College of Medicine, University of Sharjah, UAE (Jan 2019 – Jan 2024).
- Research Assistant Member: Ageing and Metabolism Research Department, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City, USA (June 2018 – Jan 2019).
- Post-doctoral researcher: Ageing and Metabolism Research Department, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma City, USA (Aug 2015 - May 2018).
- Post-doctoral researcher: Department of Molecular Medicine, University of Pavia, Italy (Sep 2012 – June 2014).
- Senior Lecturer (Physiology): Khyber Medical University, Peshawar, Pakistan (April – Sep 2012)
- Junior Lecturer (Physiology): Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat, Pakistan (April 2007 – Jan 2008)

Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Faculty of Medicine, Department of Clinical Neurophysiology, Uppsala University Hospital, University of Uppsala, Sweden (March 2012). (Title of Ph.D. thesis: “Myonuclear Organization and Regulation of Muscle Contraction in Single Muscle Fibers; Effects of Aging, Gender, Species, Endocrine Factors and Muscle Size”)
- Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBBS): Khyber Medical College, University of Peshawar, Pakistan (Dec 2005).

Research Interests:

- Sarcopenia, Ageing, Age-related diseases, Skeletal muscle, Biomarkers of sarcopenia, Sarcoplasmic reticulum, Neuromuscular junction, Oxidative stress, Regulation of muscle contraction, Myonuclei, Muscle stem cells, Bioenergetics.

Teaching experience:

- Muscle and multi-organ physiology for undergraduate medical and dental students and human biology for foundation year students at the University of Sharjah, UAE.
- ‘Muscle Biology course’ to undergraduate medical, nursing, and physiotherapy students on a yearly basis for four years at the University of Uppsala, Sweden.
- ‘Geroscience’ course emphasizes skeletal muscle aging for Ph.D. students at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in Oklahoma City, USA.
- Physiology of multiple body systems to undergraduate medical students at Khyber Medical University and Kohat University of Science & Technology in Pakistan.

Research supervision:

Ph.D.:

- “Modulating the gut microbiome with novel bacterial metabolites from hardy species using murine stress models.”. University of Sharjah, UAE.

MSc (selected):

- “Pharmacological inhibition of endoplasmic reticulum stress prevents osteoporosis in a mouse model of hindlimb suspension.”. University of Sharjah, UAE.
- “Mitigating SR stress as an intervention to disuse-induced muscle loss in a mouse model of hindlimb unloading.”. University of Sharjah, UAE.
- “Distribution of myosin heavy chain isoforms in the hindlimb muscles of unloaded mice.”. University of Pavia, Italy.

- "Effects of steroids-induced muscle damage on the distribution of myosin heavy chain isoforms in the rat skeletal muscle.". University of Pavia, Italy.
- "Characterization of myonuclear apoptosis in a rat intensive care model." University of Uppsala, Sweden.

Undergraduate (selected published work):

- "The association of visceral adiposity with handgrip strength in community dwellers of the United Arab Emirates" (Advances in Biomedical and Health Sciences, 2023, DOI: 10.4103/abhs.abhs_54_22).
- "Is the myonuclear domain ceiling hypothesis dead?". (Singapore Medical Journal, 2021, DOI: 10.11622/smedj.2021103).
- "Relation of plasma high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol with sarcopenia in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.". (Indian J of Respiratory Care, 2022, DOI: 10.4103/ijrc_62_22).
- "Pulmonary rehabilitation reduces the sarcopenia phenotype in COPD.". (Indian J of Respiratory Care, 2022, DOI: 10.4103/ijrc_20_22).

Honors and Awards

- Awarded the Irene Diamond fund/AFAR Post-doctoral Transition Award in Aging by the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) (USD 120,000 for two years).
- Awarded the Targeted grant by the University of Sharjah, UAE, for the project on "Mitigation of SR stress as an intervention to disuse-induced muscle loss" (AED: 200,000 for two years).
- Awarded a Competitive grant by the University of Sharjah, UAE, for the project on "Restoring the interface between SR and mitochondria to boost muscle mass in disuse-induced muscle atrophy" (AED: 80,000 for two years).
- Awarded a Competitive grant by the University of Sharjah, UAE, for the project on "Mesenchymal Stem Cells transplant as an intervention to ameliorate disuse-induced muscle atrophy in hindlimb unloaded mice" (AED: 120,000 for two years).
- Awarded a Competitive grant by the University of Sharjah, UAE, for the project on "Circulating biomarkers of muscle health in elite runners" (AED: 80,000 for two years).
- Awarded the Seed grant by the University of Sharjah, UAE, for the project on "Targeting SR stress and redox imbalance in myoblast culture" (AED: 40,000 for two years).
- Member – American Association of Aging
- Member – American Physiological Society

Patent

Treatment for age- and oxidative stress-associated muscle atrophy and weakness

Inventors: Holly Van Remmen, Rizwan Qaisar

Publication date: 2021/03/25

Patent Office: US

Application number: 16970607

Description: The present invention includes methods and compositions for treating skeletal muscular atrophy caused by a defect in the function of one or more sarco/endoplasmic reticulum Ca²⁺-ATPase (SERCA) pumps comprising: identifying a subject having muscular atrophy caused by a defect in the function of the one or more SERCA pumps and providing the subject with an adequate amount of an activator that enhances activity of the one or more SERCA pumps.

US Patent APP: 16/970, 607, 2021

Editorial Work for Journals

- Guest Editor, *Scientific Reports* Journal (Impact Factor = 5.51, Scopus SJR ranking = Q1)
- Guest Editor for the special issue of *Frontiers in Physiology* Journal (Impact Factor = 4.13, Scopus SJR ranking = Q1) on "Skeletal muscle in age-related diseases: from molecular pathogenesis to potential interventions". The final editorial for this issue can be found [here](#).
- Editorial Board Member, *Khyber Medical University Journal* since July 2013.

Referee for Journals

- Acta Physiologica, Scientific Reports, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders, Experimental Gerontology, Histochemistry and Cell Biology, International Journal of General Medicine, Clinical Sciences, Journal of Men's Health, Annals of Biomedical Engineering, and Equine Veterinary Journal.

Referee for Granting Agencies

- University College London, UK
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland
- University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

List of Publications (Chronological order):

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1. Archives of Geriatrics and Gerontology Plus. (accepted for publication), (IF =), Scopus, SJR ()
Association of neuromuscular disjunction with cachexia in patients with gynecological cancers
Qaisar R, Hussain S, Karim A, Ahmad F
2. Biochime. (accepted for publication), (IF = 3.9), Scopus, SJR (Q2)
Natural compound screening predicts novel GSK-3 isoform-specific inhibitors
Ahmad F, Gupta A, Marzook H, Woodgett J, Saleh M, **Qaisar R**
3. Respiratory Investigations. doi.org/10.1016/j.resinv.2024.04.014, (IF = 3.1), Scopus, SJR (Q2)
Plasma levels of Neurofilament light chain correlate with handgrip strength and sarcopenia in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Qaisar R, Hussain S, Burki A, Karim A, Muhammad T, Ahmad F
4. Archives of Medical Research. doi.org/10.1016/k.arcmed.2024.102998, (IF = 7.7), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Metformin improves sarcopenia-related quality of life in geriatric adults: a randomized controlled trial
Qaisar R, Karim A, Muhammad T, Iqbal MS, Ahmad F
5. Asian J of Social Health & Behavior. doi.org/10.4103/shb.shb_377_23, (IF = 9.72), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Knowledge among Followers of Various Religions in India
Karim A, **Qaisar R**, Khalid A, Ahmad F, Hussain MA
6. Calcified Tissue International. doi.org/10.1007/s00223-024-01211-6, (IF = 3.94), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Probiotics supplements improve the sarcopenia-related quality of life in older adults with age-related muscle decline
Qaisar R, Burki A, Karim A, Iqbal MS, Ahmad F
7. The Lancet. doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(24)00476-8. (IF = 168.5), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Global age-sex-specific mortality. Life expectancy, and population estimates in 204 countries and territories and 811 subnational locations, 1950-2021, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: a comprehensive analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021
Multiple authors
8. Archives of Medical Research. doi.org/10.1016/j.arcmed.2024.102988, (IF = 7.7), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Biomarkers of Physical and Mental Health for Prediction of Prediction of Parkinson's disease: A population-based study from 15 European countries
Hussain M, **Qaisar R**, Franzese F, Alsaad S, Alkahtani S
9. Drugs and Aging. doi.org/10.1007/s40266j-024-01111-2, (IF = 3.35), Scopus, SJR (Q1)

Lipid-lowering medications are associated with reduced sarcopenia-related quality of life in older adults with hyperlipidemia

Qaisar R, Imran M. Khan, Karim A, Muhammad T, Ahmad F

10. The Aging Male. doi.org/10.1080/13685538.2024.2325146. (IF = 2.48), Scopus, SJR (Q2)
Association between handgrip strength and Metabolic Syndrome in relation to gender and adiposity among middle aged and older Saudi populations
Alkahtani S, Alshammari G, Alzuwaydi A, Alfuhaid A, Al-Masri A, **Qaisar R**, Habib S
11. Scientific Reports. doi.org/10.1038/s41589-024-54944-7. (IF = 5.51), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Pharmacological inhibition of endoplasmic reticulum stress mitigates osteoporosis in a mouse model of hindlimb suspension
Al-Daghestani H, **Qaisar R**, Al Kawas S, Ghani N, Rani A, Azeem M, Hasnan HK, Kassim NK, Samsudin R
12. Cells. doi.org/10.3390/cells13020174. (IF = 6), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Towards understanding the development of breast cancer – the Role of RhoJ in the obesity microenvironment
Bou Malhab L, Nair V, **Qaisar R**, Pintus G, Abdel-Rahman W
13. Respiratory Medicine. doi.org/10.1016/j.rmed.2023.107510 (IF = 4.58), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Butyrate supplementation reduces sarcopenia by repairing neuromuscular junction in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Qaisar R, Karim A, Muhammad T, Ahmad F
14. Heliyon. doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2023.e23592, (IF = 4), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Serum multi-omics analysis in hindlimb unloading mice model: Insight into systemic molecular changes and potential diagnostic and therapeutic biomarkers
Ibrahim Z, Khan N, **Qaisar R**, Saleh M, Siddiqui R, Al-Hroub H, Giddey A, Soares N, Elmoselhi A
15. Life sciences. doi.org/10.1016/j.lfs.2023.122186, (IF = 6.78), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
Targeting neuromuscular junction to treat neuromuscular disorders
Qaisar R,
16. Quality of Life Research. doi.org/10.1007/s11136-023-03547-2, (IF = 4.18), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
A leaky gut contributes to reduced sarcopenia-related quality of life (SarQoL) in geriatric older adults
Qaisar R, MS. Iqbal, Karim A, Muhammad T, Ahmad F
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Cardiovascular changes under the microgravity environment and the gut microbiome
Siddiqui R*, **Qaisar R***, Al-Dahash K, Altelly AH, Elmoselhi A, Khan NA
(*, authors contributed equally)
18. J of Mol. Med. doi.org/10.1007/s00109-023-02373-w, (IF = 4.7), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
GSK-3a aggravates inflammation, metabolic derangement and cardiac injury post-ischemia/reperfusion
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Enhancing microbial diversity as well as multi-organ health in hind-limb unloaded mice
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20. Heliyon. doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2023.e19485, (IF = 4), Scopus, SJR (Q1)
A leaky gut contributes to postural dysfunction in patients with Alzheimer’s disease
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Angiotensin receptor blockers restore skeletal muscle by stabilizing neuromuscular junction in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
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Circulating H-FABP as a biomarker of frailty in patients with chronic heart failure
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Degradation of neuromuscular junction contributes to muscle weakness but not physical compromise in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease patients taking lipids-lowering medications
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RhoA/ROCK inhibition attenuates endothelin-1-induced glomerulopathy in the rats
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33. Osteoporosis and Sarcopenia. doi.org/10.1016/j.afos.2023.03.008 (IF = 2.5)
The elusive role of myostatin signaling for muscle regeneration and maintenance of muscle homeostasis
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Suppression of endoplasmic reticulum stress prevents disuse muscle atrophy in a mouse model of microgravity
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- Medical Epidemiology (one week), 2012, University of Uppsala, Sweden
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