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## **Education**

Ph.D. Molecular Biology, Texas Woman's University (TWU), Denton, TX.

M.S. Biotechnology, Hamdard University, New Delhi, India.

B.S. Microbiology (Hons), Delhi University, New Delhi, India.

## **Employment**

*June 17, 2019-Present:* Science Laboratory Coordinator I, Department of Science and Mathematics, Texas A& M University-Central Texas, Leadership place, Killeen, TX.

*August 27, 2018-May 10, 2019:* Adjunct Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A& M University-Central Texas, Leadership place, Killeen, TX.

*November 13, 2017-June 28, 2018:* Medical Technologist (Certified), Molecular Pathology Laboratory, Baylor Scott & White, Medical Center, Temple, TX.

*January 9, 2017-May 10, 2017:* Adjunct faculty at Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN.

*Nov 15, 2016-Nov 12, 2017:* Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Ovarian Cancer Biology Laboratory, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

*April 20, 2016-Sept 30, 2016:* Clinical Lab Technologist in Cytogenetic Lab, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

*December 2015-April 2016:* Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Immunochemical Core Laboratory (Part-time), Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

*March 2015-December 2015:* Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Ovarian Cancer Biology laboratory, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

*March 2012- March 2015:* Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, funded by NIH training Grant CA148073, Vascular Biology and angiogenesis Laboratory, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN.

*August 2011-May 2012:* Adjunct Faculty at Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN.

*March 2009-March 2011:* Post-Doctoral Research Fellow in Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Neurobiology laboratory, Mayo Clinic, Rochester. MN.

*August 2002-August 2008:* Graduate Teaching Assistant, Biology Department, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX.

### **Honors and Awards**

- **Qualified UGC-NET Examination** (National Level) in life Sciences in Dec 2001 and got Junior Research Fellowship (JRF).
- **Qualified ICMR** (Indian Council of Medical Research) JRF Examination in April 2001.
- **Qualified GATE** (Graduate Aptitude test in Engineering) in Feb 2001.
- **Travel Award Fellowship:** From TWU to attend Yeast Genetics and Molecular Biology meeting in summer 2004, University of Washington, Seattle. USA.
- **Best Poster Award:** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Genetics Society, Dallas, USA, TX, April 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.
- **Scholarship:** Gretna Cobbs Bedford Davis and Zenda Ma Wimberly Scholarship awarded by TWU Former Students Association in 2005.

- **Best Poster Award**: 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Genetics Society, Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas, USA, April 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

## **Certification**

MB (ASCP)<sup>CM</sup> 4043-Certified on 02/18/2017

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## **Educational Activities**

- **Research Assistant**: Indian Institute of Technology, Department of Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi, Aug 2000- July 2002.
- **Research Assistant**: Biology Department, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX 76204, summer 03 and summer 04.

## **Publications**

- Mariani, A, Wang, C, Oberg, AL, Riska, SM, Torres ,M, Kumka, J, Multinu, F, **Sagar, G**, Roy, D, Jung, DB, Zhang, Q, Grassi, T, Visscher, DW, Patel, VP, Jin L, Staub, JK, Cliby, WA, Weroha, SJ, Kalli, KR, Hartmann, LC, Kaufmann, SH, Goode, EL, Shridhar, V. Gynecol Oncol. 2019. pii: S0090-8258(19)31321-6. doi: 10.1016/j.ygyno.2019.06.010. [Epub ahead of print].
- **Sagar, G**, Javeed, N, Dutta, SK, Smyrk, TC, Lau, J.S, Giorgadze, N, Tchkonina, T, Kirkland, J, Chari, ST, Mukhopadhyay D. 2015. Pathogenesis of Pancreatic Cancer Exosome-Induced Lipolysis in Adipose Tissue. Gut Online First, Published on April 28, 2015. 10.1136/gutjnl-2014-3083.
- Javeed N, **Sagar G**, Dutta SK, Smyrk T, Lau JS, Bhattacharya S, Truty MJ, Petersen GM, Kaufman RJ, Chari ST, Mukhopadhyay, D. 2014. Pancreatic

Cancer-derived Exosomes Causes Paraneoplastic  $\beta$ -cell Dysfunction. Clin Cancer Res. (Published Online).

- Vohra, PK, Hoepfner, LK, **Sagar, G**, Hubmayr RD, Mukhopadhyay D. 2012. Dopamine inhibits pulmonary edema through the VEGF-VEGFR2 axis in a murine model of acute lung injury. Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol. 302(2): L 185-92.

### **Presentations at National or International Meetings**

- **G. Sagar** and H.C Webb (2005). A screen for regulatory factors that influence Pol II ribosomal synthesis in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Genetics Society, Dallas, USA, TX, April 7-9<sup>th</sup> (**Best Poster Award**).
- **G. Sagar** and H.C Webb (2006). Regulatory factors that stimulate the synthesis of rRNA by RNA polymerase II in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Genetics Society, Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas, USA, April 6-8<sup>th</sup> (**Best Poster Award**).
- **G. Sagar** and H.C Webb (2007). Regulatory factors that stimulate the synthesis of rRNA by RNA polymerase II in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Texas Genetics Society, Sheraton Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, USA, April 12-14<sup>th</sup>.
- **G. Sagar** and H.C Webb (2007). Regulatory factors stimulating synthesis of rRNA by RNA polymerase II in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. 2007 Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, TWU, Denton, TX, April 17-18<sup>th</sup>.
- **G. Sagar** and I.V Kovtun (2010). Mammalian cell model to study CAG repeat instability upon replication. Mayo Clinic Young Investigator Research Symposium, Rochester, MN, March 28-29<sup>th</sup>.
- **G. Sagar** and D. Mukhopadhyay (2014). Pathogenesis of pancreatic cancer exosome-induced lipolysis in adipose tissue. 6<sup>th</sup> Mayo Clinic Angiogenesis Symposium: From Basic Science and Clinical Applications to patient Care, Rochester, MN, August 22-24<sup>th</sup>.

- **G. Sagar** and H. Conrad-Webb (2008) Pathways activating synthesis of rRNA by RNA Polymerase II in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, Department of Biology, TWU, Denton, TX, April 22-23<sup>th</sup>.

### **Articles Reviewed**

- Exosomes derived from pancreatic stellate cells: microRNA signature and effects on pancreatic cancer cells. *Pancreas Journal*. 01/12/2016.