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Education					
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2005-2007	MSc.	3 years	University of Tehran	Iran/Tehran	Cellular and Molecular Biology

2008-2013	Ph.D.	5 years	University of Tehran	Iran/Tehran	Cellular and Molecular Biology		
2014-2015	Post Doc.	1.5 year	University of Tehran	Iran/Tehran			
Faculty member							
Year	Position	Duration		Institution/Course	Location		
2015	Assistant Prof.	6 years		USWR			
2021	Associate Prof.	3 year		USWR			
Field of Specialization							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Genetics • Neurodegenerative Disorders (Neuropathies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP), neurodegeneration with brain iron accumulation (NBIA), and ataxia) • Cellular and Molecular Biology 							
Language Ability							
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Research Experience							
Year	Position	Institution/Course		Location			
2007	Co-PI	Mutation screening of M1S1 gene in Iranian Gelatinous Drop-Like corneal Dystrophy patients.					
2011	Co-PI	Linkage analysis in Iranian families affected with autosomal recessive congenital ichthyosis (ARCI). Pasteur institute					
2012	Co-PI	Linkage analysis in Iranian patients affected with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). INSF					
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		Sclerosis (ALS).	
2013-2014	PI	Identification of causative gene for an atypical neuromuscular disease with motor and sensory manifestations using linkage analysis and exome sequencing. INSF	
2014-2015	PI	Genetic analysis of 10 Iranian patients affected to FSHD (Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy). GRC-USWR	
2016	PI	Clinical and genetic study of 40 Iranian patients affected to Limb girdle muscular dystrophy type sarcoglycopathy. INSF	
2015	PI	Finding of causative gene in an Iranian family affected to primary ovarian failure (POF) using whole exome sequencing (WES) and screening of candidate gene in other Iranian POF patients. BMN	
2016	PI	Identification of disease causative gene in a large Iranian pedigree affected to primary ovarian failure (POF). INSF	
2017	PI	Searching for causative genes in 10 Iranian patients affected to hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP) using whole exome sequencing. USWR	
2018	PI	Searching for causative genes in 50 Iranian patients affected to hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP) using whole exome sequencing. GRC-USWR-NIMAD	
2021	PI	Searching for causative genes in 15 Iranian patients affected to hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP) using whole exome sequencing	
2022	PI	Searching for causative genes in five Iranian patients affected to idiopathic calcification of basal ganglia (FAHR) using whole exome sequencing	
2023	PI	Genetic analysis of the second group of Iranian patients affected to idiopathic	

		calcification of basal ganglia (FAHR)	
2023	PI	Searching for the disease-causing variant in a family affected with a type of neurodegenerative disorder with brain iron accumulation, using whole exome sequencing (WES) technique. Genetic Research Center (GRC).	
2023	PI	Identification of causative genes in 10 Iranian families affected to hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy using whole exome sequencing (NMRC)	
Scientific Membership			
Year	Association, Society	Location	
2016-now	Iranian genetic society		
2020-now	Iranian Neurogenetic society		
2020-now	Neuromuscular Research Center		
Publications			
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3. Alavi A , Elahi E, Rahmati-Kamel M, Karimian F, Rezaei-Kanavi M. Mutation Screening of TGFB1 in Two Iranian Avellino Corneal Dystrophy Pedigrees. Clin Experiment Ophthalmol. 2008; 36(1):26-30.			
4. Bayat B, Yazdani SH, Alavi A , Chiani M, Chitsazian F, Khoramian Tusi B, Suri F, Narooie-Nejhad M, Sanati MH, Riazzudin S, Elahi E. Contributions of MYOC and CYP1B1 mutations to JOAG. Mol Vis. 2008; 14:508-17.			
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