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### ACADEMICS

- BS (Hons) Agriculture (Plant Breeding and Genetics) 2004. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan, Thesis Title “Assessment of Kabuli and Desi Chickpea Cultivars based on Physio-morphological Paramters” **Thesis Supervisor, Prof. Dr. Tanvir A Malik**
- PhD. 2010 (Molecular Biology) Major in Agricultural Biotechnology. Thesis Title “Expression of two insecticidal genes in Cotton” Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan. **Thesis Supervisor, Prof. Dr. Tayyab Husnain**

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **June 2021 to onward:** Associate Professor, CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan (**Continued**)
- **January 2014 to June 2021:** Assistant Professor, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Jan 2013-Dec 2013:** Postdoctoral research associate, University of Bologna, Italy.
- **Jan 2011-Jan 2013:** Postdoctoral research associate, University of Ankara, Turkey.

### AS VISITING FACULTY/PROFESSOR

- **August-September 2023:** Department of Horticulture, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Kazakh National Agrarian University, Almaty, **Kazakhstan**.
- **September 2024:** Central Department of Biotechnology, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, **Nepal**.

### CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES

My current responsibilities at in-charge SBL are to;

- To execute research projects funded by national (HEC, PSF) as well as international agencies (M.Y. Genetik, Antalya, Türkiye) as Principal Investigator.
- Deliver lectures to MS and PhD students on biotechnology and plant protection and related subjects.

- Supervise MS and PhD thesis students in their research projects.
- Plan, manage, and monitor day-to-day activities of the Seed Biotech Labs.
- Ensure smooth functioning of laboratory operations, equipment, and facilities.
- Design and oversee experimental protocols and research workflows.
- Maintain lab safety standards and ensure compliance with institutional guidelines.
- Coordinate procurement and inventory of lab consumables and reagents.
- Collaborate with faculty and researchers for ongoing and future research initiatives.
- Prepare reports, maintain research records, and support grant documentation as required.
- Serve as coordinate external linkages of the institute
- Manage commercialization and regulatory activities of cotton in Lahore and Multan Farm as Farm Manager

## PUBLICATIONS

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5. Dangol SS, Çalışkan ME, **Bakhsh A** (2024). CRISPR-Cas9-mediated reduced expression of potato apoplastic invertase inhibitor gene and analysis of transformation efficiency parameters. Potato Res. DOI:10.1007/s11540-024-09818-w
6. Hashmi MH, Tariq H, Saeed F, Demirel U, Gökçe A, Merzendorfer H, Aksoy E, **Bakhsh A** (2024). Harnessing Plant-Mediated RNAi for Effective Management of *Phthorimaea absoluta* by Targeting *ACHE1* and *SEC23* Genes. Plant Stress, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stress.2024.100569>
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- tolerance against whitefly (*Bemisia tabaci*, Gennadius). *Physiologia Plantarum*, 176: e14491. DOI: 10.1111/pp1.14491
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- Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). Insects 13:846, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/insects13090846>
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## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Grants Received as Principal Investigator

- **Project Leader**, Development of tomato lines resistant to tomato brown rugose fruit virus. A project awarded by M.Y. Genetiks Antalya Türkiye, 2023-2024, Budget 30,000 USD (**Continued**)
- **Project Leader**, Development of highly efficacious sucking and chewing insect resistant cotton prototype for commercialization (HEC TDF-04-302) (2024-2026). Awarded by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, 2025-2026, Budget 9.3 million PKR (**Continued**)
- **Project Leader**, A Non-GM, Eco-friendly and Cost-effective dsRNA based Biopesticide to Control Cotton Pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*) (PSDP Project#302) (2025). Awarded by Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Budget 12.105 million PKR (**Continued**)
- **Project Leader**, Production of insect resistant transplastomic potato lines against Colorado potato beetle and Potato tuber moth (TOVAG 216O027). 2017-2020. Budget 304,140 TL. A bilateral Project with University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan supported by TUBITAK, Turkey and Pakistan Science Foundation, Pakistan (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, A novel Plant mediated RNAi strategy to develop insect resistant potato lines against Colorado Potato Beetle and Potato Tuber Moth (TOVAG 215O520). **2016-20**. Budget 306, 270.00 TL. TÜBITAK (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Development of herbicide resistant potato lines (TOVAG 115O022). 2015-17. Budget 100,000.00 TL. TÜBITAK (**Completed**)
- **Project Leader**, Development of broad-spectrum insect-resistant tobacco cultivars using gene pyramiding strategy. 2014-15. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (FEB314/10-BAEP6), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Transformation of a R2R3-MYB Gene in Potato against biotic stress (2020-21). Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (30,000 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Knock down of some important genes of Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, Say) using RNAi technology (TGT 2020/10-LÜTEP). 2020-21. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (7,500 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Project Leader**, Silencing some important genes of *Tuta absoluta* (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae) with plant-mediated RNAi Technology (2020-22). Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey Project Budget (15000 TL) (**Completed**).
- **European Co-operation in Science and Technology** (COST), MC member (substitute) from Turkey. **CA18111** - Genome editing in plants - a technology with transformative potential. Cost Chair, Dr. Dennis Eriksson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp/Sweden (**Completed**).

#### **Participation in Projects as Consultant**

- **Advisor**, Genome editing of local rice cultivar to develop blast resistant lines. Awarded by **University Grants Commission Nepal**- Collaborative Research and Innovation Grant (UGC-CRIG) Award (Grant Number: CRIG-78/79-S&T-08), Project Budget 56526 USD (**Continued**).
- **Advisor**, improving dsRNA efficiency against Potato Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say.) using mineral-based nanocomposites (TOVAG 223O259). 2024-2027. Grant awarded by **TÜBİTAK**, Türkiye with budget (1 million TL)

### **Participation as Researcher (Co-Principal Investigator)**

- **Co-PI**, Development of cotton lines with economical traits and resistance to wilting diseases (2024-2027). Awarded Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Jeddah, KSA, Project Budget 150,000 USD.
- **Co-PI**, CRISPR/cas 9 mediated knock out of LOV1 and AOS2 genes to impart biotic stress resistance in potato (*Solanum tuberosum*), Awarded by Higher Education Commission (HEC), CPEC-CRG Grant, Project Budget 12.9 million PKR (**Continued**)
- **Co-PI**, Development of Climate Resilient cotton resistant to drought and heat through editing of negative regulators by using Cpf1 multiplex system (2023-2025). Awarded by Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), Project Budget 10 million PKR (**Continued**).
- **Researcher**, Investigation of the Role of GATA12 in Regulation of Iron Deficiency Signaling in Arabidopsis thaliana, 2019-2021. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (360,240.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Development of novel screening tools to identify Potato Genotypes with low acrylamide potential (Depola) (TOVAG 115O949) 2017-20. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (358,700.00 TL) **A bilateral Project with Germany (Completed)**.
- **Researcher**, Identification of miRNAs and their functions regulating drought and heat tolerance of potato (TOVAG 115O405). 2015-18. Awarded by “The Scientific and Technological Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)”. Project Budget (459,240.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Comparison of agricultural and economic productivity of potato minitubers produced in soil and without soil production systems. 2015-2017. Awarded by Doğuş Agricultural Research and Development Private Limited. Project Budget (213,500.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Improving Processing Potato lines using conventional plant breeding and molecular markers techniques. 2014-17. Awarded by Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (TAGEM-14/AR-GE/38), Turkey. Project Budget (186,211.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Use of Gene Silencing Techniques (RNAi) in control of Colorado potato beetle, [*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera)]. 2017-20. Awarded

by Doğu Agricultural Research and Development Private Limited. Project Budget (60,000 TL) (**Completed**).

- **Researcher**, Determination of genetic and biological properties of a new virus detected by New Generation Sequencing (NGS) of grapevine 2019-2021 (TGT 2019/06-BAGEP). Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (29,984.43 TL) (**Completed**)
- **Researcher**, Control of *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Say) and *Phthorimaea operculella* Zeller with pyramiding of insecticidal genes in potato. 2017-20. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey. Project Budget (20,000.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Determining Production of Alkanin/Şikonin (A/S) Metabolites in *Alkanna orientalis* (L) Boiss. var. *orientalis* and *Alkanna sieheana* Rech. Fil. by *Agrobacterium rhizogenesis* mediated transformation. 2018-2020. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Bozok University, Yozgat, Turkey. Project Budget (14,000.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* Mediated Genetic Transformation in Aquatic Plants. 2014-16. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP: 03-M-14), Karamanoğlu Mehmet Bey University, Karaman, Turkey. Project Budget (19,993.00 TL) (**Completed**).
- **Researcher**, Overexpression studies PCS1 gene in *Ceratophyllum demersum* to investigate its phytoremediation Potential. 2017-19. Awarded by Scientific Research and Project Units (BAP), Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey. Project Budget (50,000.00 TL) (**Completed**).

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

- Two days international training entitled “Pakistan Biosafety Capacity Building Programme on Biotech Innovation, Biotech Regulation and their Impacts” on 24-25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 organized by University of Missouri, Colombia, USA and The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Pakistan in **Dubai, United States of Emirates**.
- Two days training international workshop entitled "Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Biosafety and Biosecurity Regimes for a Secure Future", on 3-4 December 2023 organized by COMSTECH and Republic of Kazakhstan at COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- Two days training workshop “Patent and Plant Breeder Rights Application Drafting” on 31<sup>st</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 organized by National Institute for Genomics and Advance Biotechnology (NIGAB), PARC-NARC, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- Four days capacity building workshop for effective reporting and implementation of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, UNEP-GEF Project For Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the BCH (BCH-III) organized by Ministry of Climate Change on 20-23 February 2023, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- International three days’ workshop on “Science Communication and Community Engagement organized by COMSTECH and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Technology Times, Regional Rapport, and Pakistan Biotechnology

Information Centre (PABIC) on 1-3 February 2023 at COMSTECH, Islamabad, **Pakistan**.

- COMCEC-COMSTECH training and workshop on new breeding technologies for food and nutritional security on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, organized by Middle East Technical University, Ankara, **Turkey**
- ICGEB-JRC Workshop "Genome Editing Applications and Beyond" 19-20 November 2019 | Trieste – **Italy**
- International Workshop on “Use of Genome Editing & Other New Breeding Technologies for Global Food Security” arranged by COMSTECH-ICGEB-NIBGE from April 8-10, 2019 at COMSTECH, Islamabad, **Pakistan**
- Course on Map Construction and QTL Analysis in Plants organized by University of Copenhagen, 14-18th Nov2011, **Denmark**
- Three Months training in mutation breeding at Nuclear Institute for Agriculture and Biology (NIAB) on May-July 2004, Faisalabad. **Pakistan**

## **ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS**

- Organized international Conference on Trends and Challenges in Health Sciences on 01-02 March 2023 at CEMB.
- Hands on Training Workshop on Structural Bioinformatics Tools on February 2023 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- International Conference on Plant Molecular Biology (ICPMB) on 14-15 December 2022 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Advances in Molecular Biology of the Plants and Health Sciences, 23-24 December 2021 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- CEMB Cotton Seminar, Success, Challenges and Future Directions on 22 March 2022 at CEMB at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.
- National Seminar “Awareness seminar on GM soybean and potential of Soybean cultivation in Pakistan” on January 23, 2023 at CEMB, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- UNESCO-TWAS sponsored fellowship for scientific visit to Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 2024, Nepal
- Early-Stage Research Fellowship (2013) awarded by University of Bologna, Italy.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship awarded by TUBITAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), Ankara, Turkey
- Indigenous PhD scholarship (2006) awarded by Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, Pakistan.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **MS/PhD Courses (Both in Fall and Spring Semester)**

- AGE7103 Analysis of Genes and Genomes in Plants (average 10 student)
- AGE6113 Tissue Culture in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)

- AGE6101 Genetically Modified Plants (average 10 student)
- AGE6108 Haploids in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)
- AGE6112 Functional Genomics in Plant Breeding (average 10 student)
- AGE7102 Gene Transfer Techniques in Plants (average 10 student)
- 502-Biotechnology (at CEMB)

#### **Undergraduate Courses (Both in Fall and Spring Semester)**

- TGM3005 Plant Genetic Engineering (average 30 students)
- TGM4035 Biosafety (average 30 students)
- TGM2010 Plant Cell Tissue and Organ Culture (average 30 students)
- TGM3044 Recombinant DNA Technology (average 30 students)
- TGM4062 Breeding for Biotic Stress (average 30 students)

### **STUDENT ADVISORY**

#### **PhD Student (Graduated)**

- **Faisal Saeed** (2024) Developing mutants of negative regulator of immune response gene (CPL-3) in tomato using CRISPR-Cas9. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey.
- **Muneeb Hassan Hashmi** (2022) Plant mediated RNAi strategy to develop resistant tomato lines against Potato Tuber Moth. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Md. Jakir Hossain** (2021) Production of insect resistant transplastomic potato lines against Colorado potato beetle. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Sarbesh Das Dangol** (2021) Knockdown of Potato Invertase Inhibitor gene by CRISPR/Cas9 based approach, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

#### **PhD Students (Continued)**

- **Noman Nazik** (2021-26) Development of tomato lines resistant to Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRV). Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Amina Amin Chaudhry** (2022-27). Use of different transgenic approaches to develop tomato lines resistant to insect pests. Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Muniba Shahid** (2023-28). dsRNAs Based Control of Cotton Bollworms, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Muhammad Abbas Khan** (2022-25). CRISPR-Cas based genome editing approach to knock out invertase inhibitor gene in potatoes. Institute of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan
- **Duha Mysire Majeed** (2022-25). Development of Glyphosate resistant potato lines expressing EPSP synthase gene. Department of Biotechnology, University of Baghdad, Iraq
- **Prince Charles Kulekey** (2024-28). Development of broad spectrum resistance lines of Bambara Groundnut (*Vigna subterranean* L.) against potyviruses using CRISPR-Cas mediated Genome editing. Department of Plant Production and Technologies, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technologies, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Nigde, Türkiye.

### MS Students (Graduated)

- **Toga Dinç** (2016). Development of insect resistant tobacco lines expressing *cryIAc* and *cry2a* genes. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Safa Sümer** (2018). *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* mediated gene transformation of potato with herbicidal gene (CP4-EPSPS), Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Abdul Naser Amiri** (2018). Development of transgenic potato lines expressing insecticidal and herbicidal gene, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Ilhom Rahamkulov** (2019). Comparison of different promoters' activity in transgenic potato, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **İrem Aycan SIREL** (2018-2020). Overexpression of SIAIMI gene encoding R2R3 MYB transcription factor in potato under drought conditions. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Rabia Busenaz GÜNDÜZ** (2018-2020). Transformation of MYB108 gene in potato against biotic stress. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Shakhnozakhon TILLABOEVA** (2018-2021). Overexpression of Baby Boom gene in cotton to enhance somatic embryogenesis, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Ayça Betül Dönmez** (2019-2021). Optimization of *in vitro* regeneration of different soybean cultivars, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Binnur Yeşil** (2019-2021). Evaluation of genetic diversity of cotton genotypes (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) using iPBS marker system, Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Merve Tekinsoy** (2020-2022). Overexpression of Jaburetox 2-Ec in Potato (*Solanum Tuberosum* L.), Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey.
- **Saqib Ali** (2021-2023). Optimization of in vitro culture and genetic transformation in local soybean cultivars, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Zille Huma** (2021-2023). Development of dsRNA based biopesticide against cotton dusky bug, *Oxycarenus hyalinipennis* Costa (Lygaeidae: Hemiptera), University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Muhammad Waqas Choudry** (2022-2024). Optimization of CRISPR/Cas9-based Gene Knockout in Soybean (*Glycine max* L.) – targeting AtPQT3 and AtPAR1 Homologs for Paraquat Tolerance Trait. University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan
- **Rabia Riaz** (2022-2024). Optimization of CRISPR/Cas9-based Gene Knockout in Canola (*Brassica napus* L.) – targeting AtPQT3 Homologs for Paraquat Tolerance Trait. University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan

### MS Students (Continued)

- **Arshia Amin Khan** (2023-25). Evaluation of CRISPR/Cas9 mediated Soybean (*Glycine max* L.) mutants of AtPQT3 and AtPAR1 genes
- **Sumbal Sabir** (2023-25). Evaluation of CRISPR/Cas9 mediated Canola (*Glycine max* L.) mutants of AtPQT3 gene

### PhD Students Graduated (As Committee Member)

- **Hanif Tariq (2023).** Evaluation of dsRNAs targeting different genes in control of Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Muhammad Nadir Naqqash (2019).** Use of Silencing Gene Techniques in Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, control. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Muhammad Saleem (2019).** Pyramiding of Insecticidal Genes in Potato to encode Resistance against Colorado Potato Beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Say). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Tahira Hussain (2018)** Development of Potato Lines Resistant to Colorado Potato Beetle Using RNAi based Transformation Approach. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Saber Delpasand Khabazi (2017)** Transformation of Cotton with *GNA* and *cryIAC* gene for insect resistance. University of Ankara, Turkey

### MS Students Graduated (As Committee Member)

- **Beyazit Şanlı (2020).** Investigation of potential of miR162 in sustainable agriculture through overexpression in potato cultivars. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Melis Yalçın (2020).** Investigation of Function of Novel 9 miRNA in Contrasting Potato Cultivars Using Transgenic Approach. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Esra Karakaş (2019).** Identification of Tissue, developmental stage and Stress Response Specificity of WRKY Transcription Factor Family. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Busimuhan Abudureyimu (2019).** Analysis of the role of RNA metabolism regulator CPL1 in salinity stress tolerance in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Canan Sevinç (2019).** Isolation and cloning of phytochelatin synthase (pcs1) gene used for phytoremediation studies. Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
- **Amir Maqbool (2018).** Investigation of Physiological, Biochemical and Molecular Response of Soybean Cultivars under Iron Deficiency. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Muhammad Hussain Azimi (2017).** Comparison of Drought Stress Response of Potato Varieties at the Transcriptomic Level. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Esra Kaplan (2017).** Identification of miRNAs in Response to Drought and Heat Stresses in Potato using Next generation Sequencing. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Beginmay Taalaybek kizi (2017).** Regulation of drought tolerance in Potato mediated by miRNAs. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

- **Khazina Amin** (2016). Optimization of genetic transformation in Onion (*Allium Cepa* L.). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- **Hasibe Yildiz** (2015). Investigation of Tissue Culture Propagation Techniques of some Vaccinium Species. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey

#### **BS Thesis Students (Graduated)**

- Nurefsan Cırık (2020) Genetic Transformation studies in watermelon. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Esra Duru (2020). Effect of drought and heat stress on in vitro cultured Black Nightshade. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Ykbal Azezbayeva (2020). Optimization of in vitro culture conditions for cotton cultivars. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Turkey
- Betül Ayça Dönmez (2019). Comparative Gene Transfer Efficiency of Five Agrobacterium Strains in Diploid and Tetraploid Potatoes
- İlknur Yel (2019). Optimization of Genetic Transformation in Diploid Potato
- Eyüp Özarslan (2019). PCR based detection of Begomoviruses from Different Weeds in Tarsus Surroundings
- Emre Benği (2019). Detection of Begomoviruses from Different Vegetables in Tarsus Surroundings
- Hilal İlkey Ataman (2018). Effect of dsRNA of EcR to CPB Fecundity and survival. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University.
- Zehranur Gülbahar (2018). Characterization of wound inducible promoter from *Asparagus Officinalis* L. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University.
- Oktay Şahin (2018). Investigation of Juberotox protein gene as potential insecticidal and antifungal agent. Nigde Omer Halisdemir University.
- Rabia Busenaz Kaya (2018). Over expression of DREB gene in Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Türkiye

#### **SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL EDITORSHIP**

- PLOS ONE (SCI expanded)
- Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry (SCI expanded)
- Frontiers in Genetics (SCI Expanded)
- Journal of Cotton Research (Emerging SCI)
- Frontiers in Plant Sciences (SCI Expanded)
- Turkish Journal of Agriculture, Food Science and Technology (Emerging SCI)
- Pure and Applied Biology
- Journal of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Animal Sciences

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF LEARNED SOCIETIES**

- The Society for *In vitro* Biology, USA
- International Society of Pest Information, Eulerweg 3, D-64347 Griesheim, Germany
- Member of Italo-Latin American Society of Ethnomedicine

## CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Bakhsh A** (2025). Genome Editing, Successes, Limitations and Regulatory Challenges. Presented as **Invited Speaker/Trainer** in training course on “Sustainable cotton production in OIC countries: strengthening farmer resilience and economic Growth” organized by Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (**SESRIC**) on 11-12 March 2025, Ankara, **Türkiye**
2. **Bakhsh A** (2025). dsRNA-based green biopesticides against insect pests: towards better IPM. Presented as **Invited Speaker** to Refresher Course on Crop Improvement: From Breeding to Genome Editing March 3-7, 2025, Online Mode, Organized by Agri Biotech Foundation (ABF), Hyderabad and Federation of Asian Biotechnology Associations (FABA), Hyderabad, and ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad, **India**
3. **Bakhsh A** (2024). The regulatory landscape of genome edited plants with focus on regulatory policies: where we are heading. Presented as **Invited Plenary Speaker** in International Conference on Plant Biology and Biotechnology (**ICPBB 2024**), on June 03-06, 2024, Almaty, **Kazakhstan**.
4. **Bakhsh A**, Tariq H, Gökçe Ay (2024). The dsRNA based green pesticides for the control of Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa Decemlineata* Say (chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). **Presented as Invited Speaker in International Conference Astana Biotech 2024** on 12-13 September, Astana, Kazakhstan.
5. **Bakhsh A** (2024). Potential of dsRNA for better crop improvement. Presented in 1st International Congress on Biotech Solutions for Sustainability (Hybrid). Jointly Organized Institute of Biotechnology Gebze Technical University, Kocaeli Türkiye & Institute of Plant Breeding & Biotechnology, MNSUAM, Multan, **Pakistan**.
6. Tariq H, **Bakhsh A** (2024). dsRNA based green pesticides for the control of insect pests with case study of Colorado potato beetle. Presented as **Invited Speaker** in Conference on Plant Genomics for Climate Mitigation on 28<sup>th</sup> June, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, **Pakistan**.
7. **Bakhsh A** (2023). The advent of genome edited crops, towards better plant protection measures. Presented in International Scientific and Practical Conference "Phytopsanitary Safety: threats and solutions" organized by Kazakh Research Institute of Plant Protection and Quarantine on 14-15 December 2023, Almaty, **Kazakhstan**.
8. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Modern day technologies to control insect pests of crops; Efficient IPM, better Farm Productivity. Presented in 1<sup>st</sup> International Turkic World Biology Congress organized by Ahmet Yassawi University on 23-24 November 2023, Turkestan, **Kazakhstan**.
9. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Modern genetically edited crops, implications, challenges and regulatory bottlenecks. Presented in 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Rehabilitation Sciences (ICRS) organized by Riphah International University on 6-8<sup>th</sup> October, Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan

10. **Bakhsh A** (2023). The advent of genome edited cotton, new possibilities for cotton improvement in Pakistan. Presented at event organized by Pakistan Cotton Ginners Association on 7<sup>th</sup> October, Multan, Pakistan
11. **Bakhsh A**, Huma Z (2023). Modern Molecular Tools for Crop Improvement with case study of double stranded RNA based control of Dusky Cotton Bug. Presented in International Symposium on Turkic World, Science and Engineering Conference (Turk-COSE 2023) organized by Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University on 14-16 September, Bishkek, **Kyrgyzstan**.
12. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Current Trends in Genome Editing of Crops; Success, Challenges and Regulatory Bottlenecks. Presented in Global conference on "Sustainable Developments in Agriculture, Biochemistry & Biotechnology organized by Women University, Multan on 15-16 February, Multan, Pakistan.
13. **Bakhsh A** (2023). Genome editing approach for better crop production and protection and regulatory landscape worldwide. Presented in International Conference on Mitigation and Adaptation (Focus on Agriculture and Food Security) organized by Forman Christian College University, on 6-9 February 2023, Lahore, Pakistan
14. **Bakhsh A** (2023). RNA interference; an important tool for better insect pest management. Presented in 2nd International Conference: New Trends in Biological Sciences organized by University of Okara on 16-17 January, Okara, Pakistan
15. Yasmin Aneela, **Bakhsh A**, Rao AQ (2022). Reduction in cold induced sweetening of potato through knockout of vacuolar invertase gene. Presented in VI. International Congress of Anatolian Agriculture, Food, Environment and Biology hosted by Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Kutahya Dumlupinar University and Turkish Journal of Agriculture-Food Science and Technology (TURJAF), 07-09 October, Kütahya, **Türkiye**
16. **Bakhsh A** (2022). New Frontiers in Genome Editing of Plants and Regulatory Landscape Worldwide. Presented in Kazakhstan-Türkiye-Pakistan Youth Forum on Biotechnology organized by COMSTECH on 13-15<sup>th</sup> September, Islamabad, Pakistan.
17. **Bakhsh A**, Yasmin A, Rao AQ (2022). Addressing cold induced sweetening of potato through knock out of vacuolar invertase gene. Presented in 3rd PlantEd Conference on 5-7 September, Dusseldorf, **Germany**.
18. **Bakhsh A**, Yasmeen A, Rao AQ (2022). New Frontiers in Genome Editing of Crops, Success, challenges and regulatory bottlenecks. Presented in 3<sup>rd</sup> International Virtual Conference of Biotechnology Research Centre on 26-27 July 2022 organized by Al-Nahrain University, Baghdad, **Iraq (Keynote Speaker)**.
19. **Bakhsh A**, AQ Rao, Yasmeen A, Azam S, Latif A (2022). The knockout of vacuolar invertase gene in potato to address cold induced sweetening. Presented in 4<sup>th</sup> International Turkic World Conference on Science and Technology on 23-24 June organized by Nigde Omer Halisdemir University, Nigde, **Türkiye**.
20. **Bakhsh A** (2022). The fate of genome edited crops, a regulatory perspective. Presented in 3rd international colloquium: challenges and opportunities of maize production organized by University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan on 18-20 May, 2022.
21. **Bakhsh A** (2022). Application of genome editing for better pest control and its

regulatory landscape worldwide. Presented in International Conference on Food Security through Sustainable Plant Protection Strategies organized by Department of Plant Protection, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, Pakistan on 16-20 January 2022.

22. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Case study: Development of genome-edited potato lines. Participated and presented as trainer in COMCEC-COMSTECH training and workshop on new breeding technologies for food and nutritional security on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2021, organized by Middle East Technical University, Ankara, **Turkey**.
23. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Modern molecular tools for insect pest management of horticultural crops. Presented as live webinar organized by Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.
24. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Utilization of new plant protection technologies in crop plants, way forward towards better IPM. Presented in 10th International Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Congress virtually held on 4-7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, organized by Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, **Türkiye**.
25. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Use of genome engineering and manipulation technologies for better insect pest and disease control. Presented in 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of the Turkish Journal of Agriculture-Food Sciences and Technology, International congress organized by Turkish Science Technology Publishing (TURSTEP) 25-29<sup>th</sup> October, Gazimağusa, **Cyprus**.
26. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Genome editing in vegetable and fruit plants. Participated as speaker in a live webinar February 26<sup>th</sup> organized by Kazak National Agrarian University KazNAU, Almaty, **Kazakhstan**
27. **Bakhsh A** (2021). Modern day approaches to integrated pest management (2021). Participated as speaker in a live webinar (April 09<sup>th</sup>) organized by Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi, **Pakistan**
28. **Bakhsh A**, Aksoy E, Gökçe A (2020). Towards application of dsRNA Technology to downregulate imidacloprid resistant genes of Colorado potato beetle CPB). **Virtually conducted** on 12-13<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Ashgabad, **Turkmenistan**.
29. **Bakhsh A** (2020). Application of dsRNA Technology against insect pests; towards better IPM. Presented as **Keynote speaker** in 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Applied Zoology (ICAZ-2020) **virtually conducted** on 07-08 December, Faisalabad, **Pakistan**.
30. **Bakhsh A** (2020). Efficient In planta and Sprayable Delivery of dsRNAs against Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in 4th Annual Conference: Contribution of RNAi to sustainable agriculture, food safety and security in February 26-28, Athens, **Greece**
31. **Bakhsh A**, Naqqash MN, Aksoy E, Gökçe A (2020). Knock Down of Imidacloprid Resistant Genes in Colorado Potato Beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in Plant and Animal Genome Conference XVIII, 11-15 January, San Diego, California, **USA**
32. **Bakhsh A**, Dangol S, Barakate A, Çalışkan ME (2019) Elucidation of the role of potato invertase inhibitor using Crispr-Cas9 application. Presented in The 1<sup>st</sup> PlantEd Conference, Plant Genome Editing-State of the Art Cost Action CA18111 (05-07

November) organized by University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, **Serbia**

33. **Bakhsh A**, Aksoy E, Gökçe ZNO (2019). Modern day techniques for efficient insect pest management in crop plants. Presented at Eurasian Congress on Molecular Biotechnology (ECOMB) on 19-21 September 2019, Trabzon, **Turkey**
34. Dangol S, Barakate A, Çalışkan ME and **Bakhsh A** (2019). Knockdown of Potato Invertase Inhibitor gene by CRISPR/Cas9 based approach. Presented in 2019 SIVB meeting (07-12 June) Tampa, Florida, **USA**
35. Rahamkulov I, Aksoy E, **Bakhsh A** (2019). Activity of stress inducible rd29A promoter in transgenic potato under abiotic stress. Presented in II International Green Biotechnology Congress (09-11 September) Organized by Marmara University, Istanbul, **Turkey**
36. Naqqash MN, **Bakhsh A**, Gökçe A (2019). Silencing of some important genes leads to reduced fecundity and survival rates of Colorado Potato Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* (Chrysomelidae: Coleoptera). Presented in 1st International Molecular Plant Protection Congress on 10-13 April, Adana, **Turkey**
37. **Bakhsh A** (2019). Transgenic approaches towards better insect pest management. Presented in international seminar on modern techniques to improve crop yields in changing climate on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Mansehra, **Pakistan**
38. Begimay TK, Asim A, **Bakhsh A**, Demirel U (2019). Investigating mirRNA Mediated Networking against Drought Tolerance in Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.). Presented in International Turkic World Congress on Science and Engineering on 17-18 June, Niğde Omer Halisdemir University, Niğde, **Turkey**
39. Dangol SD, Çalışkan ME, **Bakhsh A** (2018). An insight into gene editing technologies and role of Crispr in plant improvement. Presented in CRISPR 2018 International Congress on 10-14 September, Novosibirsk, **Russia**
40. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Aasim M, Pirlak U, Aksoy E, Caliskan ME (2018) Development of Transgenic Potato Lines Expressing Ecdysone Receptor Gene of Colorado Potato Beetle. Presented in 2018 SIVB meeting (02-06 June), St. Louis, Missouri, **USA**
41. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Rahamkulov I, Aasim M, Pirlak U, Aksoy E, Caliskan ME (2018). Plant Mediated RNAi Strategy to Induce Insect Resistance in Transgenic Potato Lines. Presented as oral presentation at International Agricultural Science Congress (09-12 May), Van, **Turkey**
42. **Bakhsh A**, Sumer S, Rahamkulov I, Hussain T, Demirel U, Caliskan ME (2018). Development of Glyphosate Tolerant Potato Lines Expressing Mutant Version of EPSP Synthase. Presented as oral presentation at 7<sup>th</sup> International Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Congress on 25-27 April, Konya, **Turkey**
43. **Bakhsh A** (2018). Confinement of foreign gene expression to targeted parts of the plants. Presented as **invited speaker** in “Integration of classical and non-classical techniques to improve crop yields” on 19<sup>th</sup> September, Swabi, **Pakistan**
44. **Bakhsh A** (2018). Genetic manipulations in Soybean against biotic stresses. Presented in “International conference on biofortification of staple food crops on 24-26th September, The University of Agriculture-Peshawar, **Pakistan**
45. Dangol SD, Caliskan ME, **Bakhsh A** (2018). Various Gene Editing Strategies and

Developments Based on CRISPR Technologies in Plants. Presented as oral presentation at International Agricultural Sciences Congress (09-12 May), Van, **Turkey**

46. **Bakhsh A**, Anayol E, Ahmed HA et al. (2017). Confining Insecticidal Gene Expression to Insect Wounding Parts in Transgenic Cotton. Presented as invited speaker at SINO-PAK International conference on innovations in cotton breeding and biotechnology on 22-24 November, Multan, **Pakistan**
47. **Bakhsh A**, Hussain T, Demirel U, Çalışkan ME (2017). Towards developing herbicide resistant potato lines. Presented as **invited Speaker** in 6th International and 15th National Conference on “Dynamic Trends in Plant Sciences: Fostering Environment (9-11 May), Quetta, **Pakistan**
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