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Education

Degree	Institute
PhD in Molecular Parasitology	BITS, PILANI, Rajasthan
MSc in Biotechnology	Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP
BSc in Biotechnology	Jiwaji University, Gwalior, MP

Work Experience

Jan 2013 - Current	Scientist C at NIAB, Hyderabad, India
2010 - 2013	Post-doctoral fellow, NIAID, NIH, USA.
2007-2008	Visiting Scientist at CBER, FDA, NIH.
2004-2010	PhD on Molecular Parasitology from BITS Pilani, Rajasthan
2003-2004	JRF at Centre for CCMB, Hyderabad
2003	MSc dissertation at CCMB, Hyderabad.

Publications

Pillai AD, Addo R, **Sharma P**, Nguitragool W, Srinivasan P, Desai SA. Malaria parasites tolerate a broad range of ionic environments and do not require host cation remodeling. *Mol Microbiol.* 2013 Jan 25. doi: 10.1111/mmi.12159. [Epub ahead of print]

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Robert Duncan, Ranadhir Dey, Joseph Milone, **Paresh Sharma**, Poonam Salotra, Hira Nakhasi Characterization of *Leishmania donovani* amastigote specific 27kDa protein: a candidate for making a live attenuated vaccine. In Gordon Conference June 2008.

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Paresh Sharma. Development of Informative STR Markers and Establishment of DNA Repository from a Linkage Mapping Panel on Buffalo. In 8th ADNAT conference at Center for Cellular & Molecular Biology(CCMB),Hyderabad, India on 23rd & 24th Feb. 2004.

Academic awards/honors

Won Indo-US Vaccine Action Program travel fellowship for a duration of 3 months, on the subject of “Discovery of Virulence-related Genes in *Leishmania donovani* using a Genomic Microarray” at the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America, in lab of Dr. Hira L Nakhasi (Director, Division of Emerging and Transfusion Transmitted Diseases).

Awarded ICMR Senior research fellowship (SRF) for the project entitled “Molecular and Functional Characterization of a Stage regulated gene in *Leishmania donovani*” from Feb’08 –till now.

Won Best poster price in the National Conference on Emerging Trends in Life Sciences Research held at BITS, Pilani, Rajasthan, India on 6 -7 Mar’09.