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I the undersigned asks to participate in the public selection, for qualifications and examinations, for the awarding of a type B fellowship at **Dipartimento di health Sciences for 28 months** 

Scientist- in - charge: Raffaella Chiaramonte

# [Fizza Nazim]

### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname	Nazim
Name	Fizza

# **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Appointment	Structure			
Dec 2023-to date	Aga Khan University (AKU), Karachi, Pakistan			
Research Specialist				
July 2018 - Nov 2023	Main Duties of the job:			
Senior Research Assistant	<ul> <li>Facilitating and organizing physiology, histology, pharmacology, and biochemistry practical sessions for medical and PhD students.</li> <li>In-charge of tissue culture and genomic lab</li> <li>Research projects related to Prostate cancer, viruses (HIV, CMV, EBV), epigenetics, Biofilm and Acanthamoeba.</li> <li>Grant writing and management, ERC/ECACU forms submission, inventory/procurement management.</li> <li>Supervise and train other staff/students.</li> </ul>			
Jan 2015 - Jun 2018 Medical Laboratory Technologist	Child Aid Association, National institute of child health (NICH), Karachi, Pakistan  Main Duties of the job:			
	<ul> <li>Culturing, processing, slide making, staining of blood and bone marrow for cancer detection via FISH, flow cytometry and immunohistochemistry.</li> <li>Analyze and report all genetic/cancer chromosomal anomalies and classify its karyotypes using CytoVision 7.2</li> <li>Real time qPCR for Hepatitis B &amp; C diagnosis.</li> </ul>			



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#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Degree	Course of studies	University	year of achievement of the degree
Bachelors	Biotechnology (Bsc+Msc= 16 years of education)	University of Karachi, Pakistan	2011-2014
Master	MS Biosciences	SZABIST, Pakistan	2018
PhD	PhD Biosciences	SZABIST, Pakistan	2024

### REGISTRATION IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Date registration	of	Association	City
		N/A	

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Languages	level of knowledge
English	Fluent

## AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Year	Description of award	
2018	Poster presentation on "Identification of Autophagy status in Epithelial Ovarian	
	Neoplasia (tumor/cancer) cases" at SZABIST and received First prize.	
2018	Poster presentation on "Prevalence of developmental anomalies of external genitalia in	
	paediatrics" at AKU Paediatrics Research Day 2018 and received Second	

## TRAINING OR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

After dedicating 5.5 years to research and gaining 3.5 years of experience in clinical laboratory settings, I have honed my skills in the following techniques:

- Molecular cloning, transfection, and transformation
- Cell line, primary cell culture and in vitro assays
- Flow cytometry
- Fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH)
- SDS PAGE and western blotting
- Immuno-histo/cytochemistry (IHC/ICC)
- Immunofluorescence (IF)
- PCR and qRT-PCR
- ELISA
- Karyotyping



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#### CONGRESSES AND SEMINARS

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Date	Title	Place	
2023	Oral presentation on "Infection Rates and Analysis of Differential Expression of Cytokines in HIV Mono- and HIV-CMV-EBV Co-Infected Groups" at 3rd annual Biological Sciences Conference, 2023.	AKU, Karachi Pakistan	
2022	Facilitated 5-day workshop on "From Tissue to Target: A complete Immunohistochemistry (IHC) Hand-on Training Workshop" organized by Department of Biological & Biomedical Sciences, Aga Khan University, Karachi, from Nov 7 - 11,2022.	AKU, Karachi Pakistan	
	Attended "52 weeks of biosafety course" internationally accredited, developed & endorsed by ASM, Safer Behaviors and Aga Khan University.	AKU, Karachi, Pakistan	
2017	Oral presentation on "Comparative analysis of results of blood and bone-marrow samples using flow-cytometry technique for leukemia in pediatrics" at 40th annual conference of Pakistan Association of Pathologists (PAP) 2017.	Karachi, Pakistan	

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Nazim, F., Kayani, H.A., Ali Nathwani, A., Mir, F. and Abidi, S.H., 2022. CMV and EBV co-infection in HIV-infected children: infection rates and analysis of differential expression of cytokines in HIV mono-and HIV-CMV-EBV co-infected groups. Viruses, 14(8), p.1823.

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Baig, A.M., Khaleeq, A. and Nazim, F., 2019. Targeting CNS Related Protist Pathogens: Calcium Ion Dependency in the Brain-Eating Amoebae. ACS Chemical Neuroscience, 11(16), pp.2385-2387.

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#### OTHER INFORMATION

Declarations given in the present curriculum must be considered released according to art. 46 and 47 of DPR n. 445/2000.

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