

Curriculum Vitae

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Educational Background

- **BSc.** Laboratory Sciences “Department of Laboratory Sciences, Azad University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran, I.R.” [1991].
- **MSc.** Medical Microbiology “Department of Microbiology, Institute Pasteur of Iran, Tehran, Iran, I.R” [2000].
- **PhD.** Medical Microbiology “ Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine, Tehran University of Medical Science, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2006].

Language Skills

- *English*

Selected Course and Workshops Attended

- **Scientific Writing (Primary to Advance):** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2004]
- **Research Methodology:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2004-5]
- **PCR methods and Plasmid Profiling:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2005]
- **Teaching Skills:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2005]
- **Molecular Typing of bacteria and PFGE typing:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2005]
- **DNA Labeling, RNA Labeling & Hybridization:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2005]

Job Experiences

- **Faculty Member:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2000]
- **Head of Medical Microbiology Department:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [2007-2009]
- **Head of Medical Microbiology Department:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2015]
- **Manager of Research:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R. “ [since 2011-2015]

Teaching Experiences

- **Practical Medical Microbiology for Medical Students:** “Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, I.R.” [2003-6]
- **Medical Microbiology for Medical/Paramedical & Nursing Students:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [Since 2006]
- **Practical Medical Microbiology for Medical/Para-medical & Nursing Students:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [Since 2006]
- **Physiology & Structure of bacteria for MSc Students:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2006]
- **Genetics of bacteria for MSc and PhD Students of medical microbiology:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2006]

- **Antimicrobial & Disinfectants for MSc and PhD Students of medical microbiology:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2006]
- **Interaction between microorganisms & host for MSc Students:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [Since 2006]
- **Systematic bacteriology for MSc Students of medical microbiology:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2006]
- **Practical bacteriology for MSc and PhD Students of medical microbiology:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2006]
- **Medical Microbiology for PhD Students:** “Hamadan University of Medical Sciences, Hamadan, Iran, I.R.” [since 2013]

Selected Awards & Achievements

- **Top Province Researcher:** “ Throughout a Hamadan Province Selection” [2011]
- **Top University Researcher:** “ Throughout Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Researcher Selection” [2010]
- **Top University Researcher:** “Throughout Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Researcher Selection” [2013]
- **Top University Researcher:** “Throughout Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Researcher Selection” [2014]

- **Top Province Researcher: “Throughout a Hamadan Province Selection” [2017]**

- **Top University Researcher: “Throughout Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Researcher Selection” [2017]**

Memberships

- **Member of Iranian Society of Microbiology (ISM) [since 2005]**
- **Member of Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Research Council [Since 2011]**
- **Member of Hamadan Medical School Research Council [Since 2007]**
- **Member of Editorial Board of Journal of Hamadan University of Medical Sciences [since 2010]**
- **Editor-in-Chief of Avicenna Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infection (AJCMI), Hamadan University of Medical Sciences [since 2014]**
- **Member of Hamadan University of Medical Sciences Publication Committee [Since 2011]**

- **Member of 10th National Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Ilam, Iran, I.R. [2009]**
- **Member of 11th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Kermanshah, Iran, I.R. [2010]**
- **Member of 12th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Ardabil, Iran, I.R. [2011]**
- **Member of 13th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Gilan, Iran, I.R. [2012]**

- **Member of 14th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Tehran, Iran, I.R. [2013]**
- **Member of 15th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Tehran, Iran, I.R. [2014]**
- **Member of 16th International Congress of Microbiology Scientific Committee, Tehran, Iran, I.R. [2015]**

Published papers in domestic and International Journals

- Momtaz, H.E., Moradkhani, S., **Alikhani, MY.**, Esnaashari, F., Afkhami, M. Study of antimicrobial effect of some plants of Lamiaceae family on Escherichia coli species isolated from children with urinary tract infection. **Journal of Renal Injury Prevention.** 2019
- Zarei, O., Shokohizadeh, L., Hossainpour, H., **Alikhani, MY.** Molecular analysis of Pseudomonas aeruginosa isolated from clinical, environmental and cockroach sources by ERIC-PCR. **BMC Research Notes.** 2018
- Kamarehei, F., Khabiri, A., Saidijam, M., Soleimani, M., **Alikhani, MY.** Designing a novel ELISA method based on CagA, NapA recombinant antigens to increase sensitivity and specificity of Helicobacter pylori whole cell antigen detection. **Gastroenterology and Hepatology from Bed to Bench.** 2018
- Keramat, F., **Alikhani, MY.**, Poorolajal, J., Akbari, S. Comparison of serum level of 25(OH) vitamin D3 in brucellosis patients with healthy persons in Hamadan, west of Iran. **Journal of Infection in Developing Countries.** 2018
- Bouzari, S., Farhang, E., Hosseini, S.M., **Alikhani, MY.** Prevalence and antimicrobial resistance of shiga toxin-producing escherichia coli and enteropathogenic escherichia coli isolated from patients with acute diarrhea. **Iranian Journal of Microbiology.** 2018
- Zanganeh, N., Siahpoushi, E., Kheiripour, Goodarzi, M.T., **Alikhani, MY.** Brucellosis Causes Alteration in Trace Elements and Oxidative Stress Factors. **Biological Trace Element Research.** 2018
- Bahmani, N., Hashemi, S.H., Arabestani, M.R., Keramat, F., **Alikhani, MY.** Molecular typing of Brucella species isolated from humans and animals using polymerase chain

reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism technique. **Archives of Clinical Infectious Diseases**. 2018

- Arabestani, M.R., Rastiyani, S., **Alikhani, MY.**, Mousavi, S.F. The relationship between prevalence of antibiotics resistance and virulence factors genes of MRSA and MSSA strains isolated from clinical samples, west Iran. **Oman Medical Journal**. 2018
- Majlesi, A., Kakhki, R.K., Mozaffari Nejad, A.S., Abazari, M., **Alikhani, MY.** Detection of plasmid-mediated quinolone resistance in clinical isolates of Enterobacteriaceae strains in Hamadan, West of Iran. **Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences**. 2018
- Daneshyar, F., Khamverdi, Z., Toliat, T., **Alikhani, MY.** Effect of green tea varnish on depth of root caries. **Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice**. 2018
- Mahmoudi, H., Bahador, A., Pourhajibagher, M., **Alikhani, MY.** Antimicrobial photodynamic therapy: An effective alternative approach to control bacterial infections. **Journal of Lasers in Medical Sciences**. 2018
- Shokoohi, R., Torkshavand, Z., Zolghadnasab, H., **Alikhani, MY.**, Hemmat, M.S. Study of the efficiency of moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) in LAS Anionic Detergent removal from hospital wastewater: Determination of removing model according to response surface methodology (RSM). **Water Science and Technology**. 2018
- Saadat, S., Sajadi, M.M., **Alikhani, MY.**, Rikhtegaran Tehrani, Z., Yousefi Mashouf, R. Production of a chimeric protein and its potential application in sero-diagnosis of Mycoplasma hominis infection. **Journal of Microbiological Methods**. 2018
- Moradi, F., Mashouf, R.Y., **Alikhani, MY.**, Saadat, S., Ghaderkhani, J. Comparison of pcr and culture methods to determine the prevalence of mycoplasma hominis in woman's endocervical samples referred to infertility center of hamadan fatemeh hospital in 2016. **Iranian Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility**. 2018
- Bardbari, A.M., Arabestani, M.R., Karami, M., **Alikhani, MY.**, Bagheri, K.P. Highly synergistic activity of melittin with imipenem and colistin in biofilm inhibition against multidrug-resistant strong biofilm producer strains of acinetobacter baumannii. **European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases**. 2018
- Karami, P., Mohajeri, P., Yousefi Mashouf, R., Dastan, D., **Alikhani, MY.** Molecular characterization of clinical and environmental Pseudomonas aeruginosa isolated in a burn center. **Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences**. 2018
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- Boluki, E., Kazemian, H., Peeridogaheh, H., **Alikhani, MY**, Beytollahi, L., Ghorbanzadeh, R. Antimicrobial activity of photodynamic therapy in combination with colistin against a pan-drug resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* isolated from burn patient. ***Photodiagnosis and Photodynamic Therapy***. 2017
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