Curriculum Vitae- Dr Rupal S Tewari

Professional Summary

A seasoned veterinarian with a strong inclination towards molecular genetics and stem-cell biology. Proven and outstanding track record of working with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment in the best labs of India and Europe and performing the latest and cutting-edge procedures with discipline and focus.

Key achievements & highlights

- **Roslin Institute lab experience**-Hands-on experience of stem cell-culture and differentiation (specifically differentiating myoblasts into adipocytes).
- Research Fellow, Department of Veterinary Science (physiology unit), University of Turin, Italy
- Recently published a research paper in a peer reviewed international journal
- Circulating skeletal muscle related microRNAs profile in Piedmontese cattle during different age.
- Tewari RS, Ala U, Accornero P, Baratta M, Miretti S. Sci Rep. 2021 Aug 4;11(1):15815. doi: 10.1038/s41598-021-95137-w.PMID: 34349188
- Proven public speaking experience
- Excellent communication skills, written and spoken
- Full command on the use of Microsoft Excel, word, PowerPoint
- Expert in using GraphPad statistical analysis software tool
- Reliable, self-driven, great adapting attitude in new environment
- Ability to meet the deadlines and work in a dynamic environment
- Can work both independently and as leader to a group
- Excellent communication skills, written and spoken

Laboratory Skills

Cell-culture

- Isolating primary cells from skeletal muscle tissue
- Initiating proliferation and differentiation of primary cells (myoblasts) into myotubes and adipocytes
- Growing stable cell-lines such as 293T cells
- Sterile media preparation
- Transfection-transient (Lipofectamine) and electroporation

Molecular techniques

- DNA and RNA isolation from cultured cells, plasma, and tissues
- Use of PCR machines, qRT-PCR (quantitative real-time PCR)
- Gene editing (CRISPR-Cas-9)-primary steps including cDNA cloning
- Agarose gel electrophoresis

Immunocytochemistry and immunohistochemistry

- Fixing the cells for immunofluorescence (confocal) microscopy
- Cell staining with primary and secondary antibodies
- Tissue sectioning
- Analysis of mRNA expression by whole mount in-situ hybridization

- Processing of samples for Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), sectioning of resin blocks with the ultramicrotome, observation of grids with the Joel 100SX transmission electron microscope
- Immunoassays- set up and scoring of comet assay slides for DNA damage evaluation, cytogenic slides scoring (cytome assay) for chromosomal damage evaluation.
- Fixing and embedding the sections of C. elegans and staining to use under Scanning electron microscope (SEM)

Laboratory/Research instruments handling

• Light microscope, centrifuge machines-standard and high speed, incubators, pH meter, precision balance etc.

• Other relevant skills

- Western blot and Flow-cytometry
- Small-RNA sequencing data analysis
- Plasmid vector construction
- Production and purification of Digoxigenin (DIG)- labelled RNA by in-vitro transcription
- Production of long dsRNA molecules by in vitro transcription, RNA interference (RNAi) by feeding
- Hands on experience in pathological techniques including haematological and serological testing
- Immunoassays- set up and scoring of comet assay slides for DNA damage evaluation, cytogenic slides scoring (cytome assay) for chromosomal damage evaluation.

Trainings:

- Visiting researcher at the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh, Scotland (August-October 2021)
- 'Non-Coding Genome' course- Institut Curie, Paris, France (Feb, 2020)
- University of Angers, France- Bioinformatics Summer School (July, 2018)
- Università di Pisa, Dept. of Clinical and Experimental Medicine 'From Genes to Cells: A basic course of molecular, cellular and ultrastructural biology' (July, 2017)
 - Secured 28/30 and 15 credits (CFU/ECTS)
- Short Term Training: Hi-tech Biotechnology Lab, Ome Research Facility, Department of Animal Biotechnology, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Anand, GJ, India

Conferences & Seminars attended:

- VIB conference- "Revolutionizing Next-Generation Sequencing" Antwerp, Belgium (March, 2017)
- Poster presentation at the 9th National Symposium of the Society for Conservation of Domestic Animal Biodiversity (SOCDAB), National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources — Pune, MH, India (February, 2012)
- 17th Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Research & National Symposium on 'Newer Challenges in Veterinary Research & Education Vis-à-vis Safe Animal, Food & Human Health' – Jabalpur, MP, India (March, 2010)
- 10th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Animal Genetics and Breeding and National Symposium on 'Conventional and New Age Breeding Technology for Livestock Centric Growth and Livelihood Security' Chennai, TN, India (November, 2009)

• Professional experience as a Veterinarian

- Worked as Veterinary Medical Officer for the Department of Animal Husbandry, State Government of UP, India for more than 2 years
- Head of a veterinary medical hospital with a staff of 05 personnel
- Establishment and supervision of govt. funded 100 buffaloes dairy farm having 100 buffaloes, and poultry farm with 30,000 layer and broiler birds'
- Responsible for the running and administration of a polyclinic used for serological testing of samples
- Daily responsibilities including medical treatment of farm animals (large, medium and small), domestic pets and birds. Plan and supervise the artificial insemination of buffaloes and cows
- Handling vetero-legal cases including post-mortem reporting, assist local law enforcement agencies in their investigation
- Regularly organize camps to educate ~ 500 local cattle farmers about artificial insemination, vaccination, nutrition, and general hygiene of animals

PhD research topic:

- Research Fellow Department of Veterinary Science, University of Turin, Italy (2018-2021)
 - Research project: Circulating skeletal muscle related microRNAs profile in Piedmontese cattle during different age. Major advisor: Dr Silvia Miretti

Academics:

#	Degree	Institute	Year	Language of study	Details/ Achievements
1	Research Doctorate	Department of Veterinary Science for Animal Health and Food Safety, University of Turin, Italy	2018- 2021	English	Project-Circulating microRNAs as biomarkers of various physiological processes underlying skeletal muscle growth in Piedmontese Cattle
1	Master's in veterinary science	Dept. of Animal Genetics & Breeding, Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur, MP, India	20014- 2016	English	Dissertation: Association of IL- 8R and TLR-4 genes polymorphism with clinical and sub-clinical Mastitis in Frieswal cattle using PCR-SSCP method Minor: Veterinary Biochemistry

2	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	University of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (DUVASU), Mathura, UP, India (First Veterinary College in Asia)	2009- 20014	English	Scholarship holder Trained Veterinary doctor registered with Govt. of India (VCI Reg. # 003917)
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Personal Details

- Languages: English (native or bilingual proficiency), Hindi (native or bilingual proficiency), Italian (A1/A2 level)
- Nationality: Indian