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Professor, School of Biotechnology, Amrita University, Kollam, Kerala 2005 – present

Research Scientist, Ceptry Inc. USA 1996-2005

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Chinoy College, Mumbai B.Sc. 1982 Microbiology

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University of Tennessee, Ph.D. 1992 Biochemistry & Molecular

Memphis, USA Biology

University of Washington, Postdoc 1994 Pharmacology  
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Antimicrobial Resistance, Host Pathogen Interactions, Pharmacology, Drug Discovery, Cancer Biology

TEACHING COURSES

Cell Biology

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Advanced Pharmaceutical Biology

Advanced Discovery Biology

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

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| **S. No.** | **Name of the Project** | **Name of the Funding Agency** | **Status**  **On-going / Completed** | **Project Grant / Assistance**  **(Rs.)** | **Duration of the Project** | **Start Year** |
| 1. | Insulin Pump | DST | Completed | 4 crores | 6 years | 2010 |
| 2. | Wound Healing | BMS | Completed | 30 lakhs | 4 years | 2012 |
| 3. | Role of MMPs in Cancer | Amrita University | Completed | 2 crores | 4 years | 2012 |
| 4. | Anacardic Acid and its derivatives as novel template for cancer therapy | KSCSTE | Completed | 30 lakhs | 3 years | 2014 |
| 5. | Reversal of antibiotic resistance in ESKAPE pathogens such as Pseudomonas aeruginosa | TIGS | On-going | 3.6 crores | 2 years | 2018 |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

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9. Haripriyan J, Omanakuttan A, Menon ND, Vanuopadath M, Nair SS, Corriden R, Nair BG, Nizet V. and **Kumar GB**. (2018) Clove Bud Oil Modulates Pathogenicity Phenotypes of the Opportunistic Human Pathogen Pseudomonas aeruginosa. **Scientific reports**, *8*(1), 3437.
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