Curriculum vitae



Personal Information

First name: Arvin Surname: Haghighatfard

Place of Birth: Tehran, Iran Date of birth: 12 Oct 1991

Marital status: single Citizenship: Iranian

Language: Persian, Arabic (to some extend), English (fluent)

Present Position:

1) Head of department of bioinformatics and genetic engineering of young *researchers and elites* club

2) Lecturer at department of Genetics, Tehran medical sciences branch, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran

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Research's interests: behavioral genetic, genetic of schizophrenia, genetic of psychiatric disorders, complex multifactor disorders, genetic of human evolution, bioethics researches specially with historical approach, genetic counseling

Other interests: playing piano & guitar, writing short stories

Education:

PhD: Genetics, department of biology, Islamic Azad University, Tehran North Branch, 2019

PhD thesis: Gene expression profiling of Iranian patients with schizophrenia, type A personality disorders and Methamphetamine induced psychosis

M.Sc: Genetics, department of biology, Islamic Azad University, Sciences & Research Branch, 2014

M.Sc thesis: **expression analysis of** *NDUFS1* **gene in Iranian schizophrenic patients** (passed by A++ grade)

B.Sc: Microbiology, department of microbiology, Faculty of Basic Sciences, Islamic Azad University, North Tehran Branch, 2008

English language exam

Iran's Ministry of Health language exam (MHLE), Sep 2014/result score: 59 from 100

Certification code: R38518R51464T24

English Proficiency test of Islamic Azad University, Sep 2017/results score: 700 from 1000

Honored and awards:

- Graduation from high school at age 12 as youngest high school graduated of Iran at 2003
- Attending to university in B.Sc at age 12 after passing the entrance exam as youngest student of Iran universities at 2003
- Attending to university in M.Sc at age 19 after passing the entrance exam as youngest graduate student of Iran universities at 2012
- Attending to university in PhD at age 24 after passing the comparative entrance exam in 2015
- Youngest "special talents "member of young researchers and elites club
- Top researcher of young researchers and elite club-Tehran branch,2014
- EZAMA bronze award in addiction science, third year of EZAMA award, Tehran, Iran, September 2014 (for research entitled: Gene expression and psychiatric analysis of 50 Iranian methamphetamine addicted individuals) selected from 700 articles.
 http://www.ezama.org/index.php/fa/titles-of-37-selected-articles-among-the-total-700-submitted-articles-fa
- EZAMA silver award in addiction science, fifth year of EZAMA award, Tehran, Iran, September 2016 (for research entitled: Genome-wide microRNA expression profiling of methamphetamine dependence patients showed novel biomarker) selected from 550 articles. http://www.ezama.org/index.php/en/en-home/45-en-main-contents/ezama-archive/ezama2016/97-announcement-of-awardees-of-the-fifth-ezama-award-en-c
- Best poster presentation in 2th international conference of bioethics, national research institute of biotechnology and genetic engineering of Iran ,Tehran, Iran, 2011
- Best poster presentation in 1th national conference of cellular and molecular conference, Islamic
 Azad university ,Parand branch ,Tehran, Iran, 2012
- Best poster presentation in 7th annual conference of neurogenetic society of Iran ,Yazd ,Iran,
 2014

- "Faran Shimi co." Award for best poster presentation in 9th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, Sep 2015
- Best oral presentation in 6th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2017

Publications:

- 1) Haghighatfard, A.*, Andalib, S., Amini Faskhodi, M., Sadeghi, S., Ghaderi, A. H., Moradkhani, S., ... & Ghadimi, Z. (2017). **Gene expression study of mitochondrial complex I in schizophrenia and paranoid personality disorder.** The World Journal of Biological Psychiatry, 1-14. DOI:10.1080/15622975.2017.1282171/ impact factor: 4.2
- 2) Haghighatfard A, Hosseini Z, Mahmoodi A, Mahmoodi A, Qazvini MG, et al. (2016) **NRG1 Types Down Regulate in Methamphetamine and Heroin Dependent Patients**. MOJ Addict Med Ther 3(2): 00030. DOI: 10.15406/mojamt.2017.03.00030/ **impact factor: 1.2**
- 3) Jalal Rostampour, Arvin Haghighatfard*, Masoume Ghasemzadeh Qazvini, Talie Karimi, Elham Rastegarimoghaddam, Atieh Alizadenik, Zahrasadat Hosseini, (2017) Expression alteration of disrupted in schizophrenia 1 (DISC1) gene, a potential peripheral marker for schizophrenia and paranoid personality disorder, Hereditary Genet 6: 188. doi:10.4172/2161-1041.1000188/ impact factor: 1.2
- 4) Esfandiar Azad, Arvin Haghighatfard, Alireza Mohammadi, (2018) Low resilience to stress is associated with candidate gene expression alterations in the dopaminergic signaling pathway, psychogeriatrics / impact factor: 1.52
- 5) Tayebe Talebzade, Fahimeh Baghbani-arani, Soha Sadeghi, Arvin Haghighatfard*, Niloofar Ahmadi, Massoud Houshmand, Ali Dezhgir, (2017) Immunotherapy of Prostate Cancer Patients could Overexpress The Virulence Factor Genes of E.faecalis, Edelweiss Cancer Open Access journal1: 11-14 Impact factor: 1.2
- 6) Soha Sadeghi, Tayebe Talebzade, Sahel Tofigh Rafiei, Donya Altafi, Hamed Hojatiyan, Shabnam Naderifar, Niloofar Ahmadi, Ali Dezhgir, Arvin Haghighatfard*, (2018). Immunotherapy of prostate Cancer may change mrna level of virulence factor genes in E.Faecalis of micro flora, J. Inf. Mol. Biol. 6(1): 1-6. Impact factor: 2.2
- 7) Amir Hossein Ghaderi, Shadi Moradkhani, Arvin Haghighatfard, Fatemeh Akrami, Zahra Khayer, Fuat Balci, (2018) **Time estimation and beta segregation: An EEG study and graph theoretical approach**. PLoS ONE 13(4):e0195380. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0195380 **impact factor: 2.8**
- 8) Samane Abbasy, Fazlollah Shahraki, Arvin Haghighatfard*, Masoume Ghasemzadeh Qazvini, Sahel Towfigh Rafiei, Elnaz Noshadirad, Mahdi Farhadi et al. "Neuregulin1 types mRNA level changes in autism spectrum disorder, and is associated with deficit in executive functions." *EBioMedicine* 37 (2018): 483-488. Impact factor: 6.7

Under review articles:

- 1) First genome wide association study of Internet addiction: strong shared genetic risk factors with psychosis
- 2) Detection of six novel de novo mutations in individuals with low resilience to psychological stress
- 4) Gene expression profiling of suicide victims with psychosis by using DNA microarray
- 5) Biomarkers identified for methamphetamine induced psychosis in whole genome expression profiling study
- 6) Frequency of polymorphisms of thiopurine S-methyl transferase gene in Iranian Alopecia areata patients, a case-control study

Conferences Presentations:

Oral:

- 1. **Using of I.V.F fetus as a source of stem cell in bioethics issues** , conference of artificial fetus, ethics, law and Islamic rules, Royan Institute, Tehran , Iran, 2011
- 2. Screening, prevention and diagnosis of schizophrenia by molecular biomarkers ,6th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Kerman , Iran, 2013
- 3. Public education and Genetic counseling roles in decreasing abortion rate ,3th conference of medical ethic, Tehran university of medical science,Tehran,Iran,2013
- 4. Serotonin effects on NDUFS1 gene expression, a schizophrenia animal model research, 7th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Yazd, Iran, 2014
- 5. Over expression of NDUFS1 and NDUFS2 in methamphetamine addicted individuals,1th international & 13th national congress of Iranian society of genetic,Tehran,Iran,2014
- 6. **Gene expression and psychiatric analysis of 50 Iranian methamphetamine addicted individuals**, 8th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran,2014, Archives of Iranian Medicine, Vol. 17, No. 01, September 2014
- 7. Expression analysis of COMT gene in 22q11.2 deletion syndrome patients with schizophrenia, 8th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Ahvaz, Iran, 2015
- 8. Gene expression profiling of 70 suicide victims with psychosis by using DNA microarray, 12th World congress of Biological Psychiatry, , Athens, Greece,14 18 june 2015
- 9. **Genetic bases of Internet addiction revealed in genotyping study,** 9th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran,2015
- 10. Neuroimaging genetic study revealed novel findings in Pathopysiology of Internet addiction,4th basic and clinical neuroscience conference,Tehran,Iran,2015

- 11. **Gene expression alteration in suicide victims with psychosis**, The 1st International & 9th National Iranian Neurogenetics Congress, Tehran,Iran, 2–4 March 2016, Genetics in the 3rd Milennium,vol.13,no.4, winter 2016
- 12. Gene expression profiling of Internet addicted persons detected shared candidate genes with neuropsychiatric disorders, 2th international & 14th national congress of Iranian society of genetic, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 13. **Down expression of NRG1 types I, II and III in Iranian schizophrenic patients** , The 1st International & 9th National Iranian Neurogenetics Congress, Tehran, Iran, 2–4 March 2016, Genetics in the 3rd Milennium,vol.13,no.4, winter 2016
- 14. Genome-wide microRNA expression profiling of methamphetamine dependence patients showed novel biomarker, 10th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran,2016
- 15. NRG1 types down regulate in methamphetamine dependent and schizophrenic patients, 10th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 16. Genetic risk factors of idiopathic nightmare disorder revealed in a genome wide association study, 5th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 17. **Genetic risk factors for tendency to suicide detected in a GWAS study,** 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 18. Several novel biomarkers in bioenergetic pathways have detected in schizophrenia and paranoid personality disorder, 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 19. Expression level study of EGR family genes in schizophrenic patients, 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 20. Data mining analysis of genetic variation and environmental properties predict susceptibility to addiction; analysis by using r language, 11th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- 21. First genome wide association study of Internet addiction; revealed strong shared risk factors with psychosis, 2017 annual meeting of American society of human genetic, Orlando, USA, 2017
- 22. Epigenetic, gene expression profiling and neuroimaging features could predict the methamphetamine induced psychosis, 6th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- 23. NRG1 expression changes in Autism spectrum disorder and play role in executive functions abnormalities, 1th international biomedicine conference, Milad tower conference center, Tehran,Iran,2017

Poster:

- Agricultural Transgenic products and new economic, ecological regulation of the world, 2th international conference of bioethics, national research institute of biotechnology and genetic engineering of Iran, Tehran ,Iran, 2011
- 2. Developing of diagnosis method of schizophrenia by using molecular markers,1th national conference of cellular and molecular conference, Islamic Azad university ,Parand branch,Tehran,Iran, 2012

- 3. **Genetic counseling role in historicist middle east cultures,** 45th annual meeting of european society of human genetic, Norenbeg, Germany, 3-6. Jul. 2012
- Genetic counseling future in historicist middle east cultures, 2012 annual meeting of American society of human genetic, Sanferancisco, USA, 2012
- Pharmacogenetic studies and ortomulecular treatments , new ways of treatment in psychotic diseases ,6th anual conference of neurogenetic society of Iran,Kerman,Iran,2013
- 6. Functional polymorphisms affected on antipsychotic responses in Bipolar patients ,6th anual conference of neurogenetic society of Iran,Kerman,Iran,2013
- 7. Public education and undirected Genetic counseling roles in decreasing abortion rate, 2th conference of ethic and fertilization rights , Royan institute, Tehran, Iran, 2013
- 8. Study of antimicrobial effects of narcissus jonquilla essence on common gram positive and negative bacterias (E.coli , B.cereus, S.aureus) , 2th national congress on medicinal plants ,Shahid Beheshti university,Tehran,Iran,2013
- 9. **Expression analyses of NDUFS1 in Iranian schizophrenic patients,** 3th conference of medical genetic, Tehran university of medical science ,Shariati Hospital,Tehran,Iran,2013
- 10. Expression analyses of NDUFS1 in Iranian schizophrenic patients, 7th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Yazd, Iran, 2014
- 11. Expression analyses of NDUFS1 in 100 Iranian paranoid schizophrenic patients,1th international & 13th national congress of Iranian society of genetic,Tehran,Iran,2014
- 12. Genetic variations associated with tendency to methamphetamine abuse; a review study, 8th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran,2014
- 13. Gene expression analysis of methamphetamine addicted and schizophrenic patients in correlation with their psychiatric symptoms, annual American society of human genetic conference, SANDIEGO, USA, 2014
- 14. **Gene expression and psychiatric study in 100 Iranian schizophrenic patients**,3th basic and clinical neuroscience conference,Tehran,Iran,2014
- Technical resolution impacts and Applications of nanotechnology in food and food processing, 2th National Conference on Food Science and Technology, Ghochan, Iran, 2013
- 16. Using phasic logic to recognize the border of eugenic of human and prevention of genetic disease ,3th conference of medical ethic, Tehran university of medical science,Tehran,Iran,2013
- 17. **Shared risk genes of autism and ADHD**,8th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Ahvaz, Iran,2015
- 18. **NRG1 role in neuropsychiatric disorders**, 8th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Ahvaz, Iran, 2015
- 19. Abnormal Expression of Mitochondrial Complex I Genes in Iranian schizophrenic patients,8th annual conference of neurogentic society of Iran, Ahvaz, Iran,2015

- Gene expression and psychiatric analysis of 100 Iranian methamphetamine addicted individuals, 12th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry, Athens, Greece,14 - 18 June 2015
- 21. The effects of vleriana officinalis extract, valeric acid and valproate in rat model of schizophrenia, 2th national congress on medicinal plants ,Iran university of medical science,Tehran,Iran,2015
- 22. Genotyping study detected genetic bases of Methamphetamine abuse tendency, 9th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, Sep 2015
- 23. Gene expression study of mitochondrial complex I revealed novel candidate genes in schizophrenia and Paranoid Personality Disorder, 5th biennial meeting schizophrenia International research society conference, Florence, Italy,2016
- 24. BDNF expression level altered in opium addicts after methadone maintenance treatment, 10th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 25. **NRG1 expression study in Paranoid personality disorder,** 5th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 26. Expression level analysis of DRD4 in patients with Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, 5th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2016
- 27. Expression level analysis of NRG1 in patients with Autism spectrum disorder,5th basic and clinical neuroscience conference,Tehran,Iran,2016
- 28. Genetic variants in dopaminergic pathway were associated with ADHD in Iranian population, 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 29. Genotyping and expression study of NRG1 in schizophrenic patients have presented biomarkers for negative symptoms, 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 30. Over expression of MMP9 gene in peripheral blood of schizophrenic patients, 1th International congress of personalized medicine, Tehran,Iran,2017
- 31. Abnormal epigenetic and gene expression profile detected in children with meth dependent mothers, 11th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran,2017
- 32. Epigenetic and neuroimaging features could predict the meth induced psychosis; a genome wide methylation study, 11th international congress on addiction science, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- 33. Expression level study of EGR family genes in schizophrenic patients, 2017 annual meeting of American society of human genetic, Orlando, USA, 2017
- 34. Low resilience to stress are associated with candidate gene expression alterations in the dopaminergic signaling pathway, 6th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- 35. Noise pollution may induces depressive like behaviors and deficiency on executive functions, 6th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2017
- 36. Genetic variants in memory and learning genes are associated with over estimation of time, 6th basic and clinical neuroscience conference, Tehran, Iran, 2017

Published in abstract book:

SEROTONIN EFFECTS ON NDUFS2 GENE EXPRESSION, A SCHIZOPHRENIA ANIMAL MODEL,
 47th ANNUAL EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN GENETIC CONFERENCE, Milan, Italy, 2014

Workshops attended:

- Principles of Nanotechnology, 16 hours education, with completion exam, at Shahid
 Chamran nanotechnology research center, Tehran, Iran, 2009
- Workshop of " Neuroimaging findings about Methamphetamine abstained subjects "
 ,2 hours, Iran drug control headquarters Tehran,Iran,2016

Teaching experience:

- Two years of working as lecturer in department of Genetics, Tehran medical sciences branch, Islamic Azad University, Tehran, Iran for theory and experimental courses of genetics and evaluation
- Nanotechnology applications (biology-medicine and engineering) workshop, operated by ARKZAKARIA co, as scientific director, june 2012
- R software workshop, operated by university of Tehran, as scientific director, March 2017
- Primer and probe designe, operated by young researchers and elites club, june 2018

Laboratory, clinical and computer skills:

- DNA extraction
- RNA extraction
- cDNA synthesize
- PCR
- Real Time PCR
- Gel electrophoresis
- MTT assay
- DNA microarray analyses
- NGS ,SNP array and CGH array data analysis
- Primer and probe design online and by software(oligo7,generunner)
- R software
- Finch software
- Phred version (0.020425.c)

- Sequencher 5.4
- Mega5
- INGENUITY PATHWAYS ANALYSIS (IPA)
- MeV 4.9
- Lin reg PCR
- ICDL
- SPSS
- MAT LAB
- Python
- Fluency to neuroimaging techniques including Electroencephalography and event related potential tests
- Fluency to psychological and psychiatric tests(PANSS,BPRS, Wechsler III, Stroop test, Wisconsin Sorting Test, Hamilton tests, Conner Davidson stress resilience test, etc)