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PERSONAL DETAILS

Gender: Female

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EDUCATION AND CAREER

1995-1999 High School Diploma in Biological Science, Tehran, Iran

1999-2003 B.Sc. In Biology, University of Agricultural Sciences of Gorgan, Golestan, Iran

2003-2005 M.Sc. in Animal physiology, Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran

2009-2012 Ph.D., Saarland University, Homburg (Saar), Germany

2012-2014 Postdoctoral fellow, Medical University of South Carolina, USA

2015-2017 Postdoctoral fellow, Royan Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Technology, Iran

2017-now Assistant Professor, Royan Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Technology, Iran

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2012 **DAAD** Scholarship to study ion currents in Gq/G11 knockout mice

2015-2017 **Iran National Elite Federation** Research grant for drug screening on patient-specific iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes

2017 **Iran National Science Foundation** Grant for preclinical studies of regenerative potential of mesenchymal stem cells in cardiovascular disorders

2019 **National Institute for Medical Research and Development (NIMAD)** Grant for studying sex-related differences in cardiac hypertrophic response using human pluripotent stem cells-derived cardiomyocytes

2021 **Iran National Science Foundation** Grant for Studying the effect of human pluripotent stem cells-derived cardiomyocytes' secretome on growth and invasion of cancer cells

PUBLICATIONS

2012 Tian, Q., **Pahlavan, S.**, Oleinikow, K., Jung, J., Ruppenthal, S., Scholz, A., Schumann, C., Kraegeloh, A., Oberhofer, M., Lipp, P., Kaestner, L. Functional and morphological preservation of

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2015 Talkhabi M, **Pahlavan S**, Aghdami N, Baharvand H. Ascorbic acid promotes the direct conversion of mouse fibroblasts into beating cardiomyocytes. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun.* 2015 Aug 7;463(4):699-705

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2017 **Pahlavan S**, Morad M. Total internal reflectance fluorescence imaging of genetically engineered ryanodine receptor-targeted Ca^{2+} probes in rat ventricular myocytes. *Cell Calcium.* 2017 Sep;66:98-110

2017 Meyfour A, Ansari H, **Pahlavan S**, Mirshahvaladi S, Rezaei-Tavirani M, Gourabi H, Baharvand H, Salekdeh GH. Y Chromosome Missing Protein, TBL1Y, May Play an Important Role in Cardiac Differentiation. *J Proteome Res.* 2017 Dec 1;16(12):4391-4402

2017 Meyfour A, Pooyan P, **Pahlavan S**, Rezaei-Tavirani M, Gourabi H, Baharvand H, Salekdeh GH. Chromosome-Centric Human Proteome Project Allies with Developmental Biology: A Case Study of the Role of Y Chromosome Genes in Organ Development. *J Proteome Res.* 2017 Dec 1;16(12):4259-4272

2017 Sarah Rajabi, **Sara Pahlavan**, Mohammad Kazemi Ashtiani, Hassan Ansari, Saeed Abbasalizadeh, Forough Azam Sayahpour, Fahimeh Varzideh, Sawa Kostin, Nasser Aghdami, Thomas Braun, Hossein Baharvand. Human embryonic stem cell-derived cardiovascular progenitor cells efficiently colonize in bFGF-tethered natural matrix to construct contracting humanized rat hearts. *Biomaterials.* 2018 Feb;154:99-112

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2014 **Pahlavan, S.**, Yang, Y., Robertson, C., Yamaguchi, N., Cleemann, L., Morad, M. A new Ca²⁺ probe, Calstabi-Cam, targeted to ryanodine receptors of cardiomyocytes. 2014 Biophysical Society Meeting Abstracts

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2016 S Gholami, **S Pahlavan**, H Ansari, N Aghdami, H Baharvand. Human induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes as an in vitro model to study molecular, cellular and functional phenotype of systemic scleroderma in the heart. 2016, ISSCR and ESGCT joint symposium abstracts, A102

2016 **Pahlavan S**, Ayyari M, Alirezalu A, Tousi MS, Ansari H, Baharvand H. Effects of Crataegus pentagyna on cardiomyocytes (CMs) differentiated from CPVT1 patient-derived induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). *Planta Med* 2016; 82(S 01): S1-S381

2018 **Pahlavan S**, Arrhythmic Heart Diseases in A Dish, Sixth Iran National Cardiovascular Congress, Invited Speaker

2018 **Pahlavan S**, The role of human pluripotent stem cells in the regeneration of cardiac conduction system, 3rd national symposium on stem cells, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine in cardiovascular system, Invited speaker

2018 Varzideh F, Ansari H, **Pahlavan S**, Mahmoudi E, Halvaei M, Kostin S, Braun T, Baharvand H, Human Cardiomyocytes Undergo Enhanced Maturation in Embryonic Stem Cell-Derived Organoid Transplants, The Stem Cell Niche Conference 2018

2019 **Pahlavan S.** Comprehensive in vitro proarrhythmia assay (CiPA) using cardiomyocytes differentiated from pluripotent stem cells, 24th Iranian and 3rd International Congress of Physiology and Pharmacology

2020 **Pahlavan S.** Cell or Cell Products, which would Rescue Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine, Royan International Twin Congress 2020

2021 Movahedi M, **Pahlavan S.** Expression of a cell cycle regulator, MEIS1, increases during maturation of human embryonic stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes. Royan International Twin Congress, 17th Congress on Stem Cell Biology and Technology

2021 Sadeghi H, Pahlavan S, Moradi S. The secretome of human pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes suppresses the growth and invasion of lung cancer cells. Royan International Twin Congress, 17th Congress on Stem Cell Biology and Technology

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2022 Kolahdouz Mohammadi M, Pahlavan S, Salehi N, Sotoodehnejad Nematalahi F, Totonchi M. AMPK activation can promote cardiac differentiation by stimulating autophagy pathway. Royan International Twin Congress, 18th Congress on Stem Cell Biology and Technology

2023 Pourmehran Y, Vahdat S, **Pahlavan S.** The role of long non-coding RNAs in cardiac fibrosis. Royan International Twin Congress, 19th Congress on Stem Cell Biology and Technology

LABORATORY METHOD EXPERIENCES

1. Isolation and primary cell culture (Rat ventricular myocytes, Neonatal mouse cardiomyocytes, Cardiac fibroblast)
2. hESC and iPSC culture and differentiation into cardiovascular lineage cells; Cardiomyocytes, Endothelial cells, Smooth muscle cells
3. Real-time qRT-PCR
4. Immunocytochemistry
5. Flow cytometry
6. Western Blot
7. Histology
8. Ca²⁺ imaging
9. TIRF microscopy
10. Patch clamp
11. Multielectrode array
12. Cloning

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- 1-Animal Physiology
- 4-Medical Physiology
- 5-Cell biology
- 6.Advanced techniques in cell biology
- 6-Signaling pathways

7.Cell signaling in development

WORKSHOPS

2009 Scientific Writing, Graduate Research Program 1326, Homburg (Saar)
2010 Scientific Presentation, GradUS, Saarbrueken
2011 Communicating at Conferences, Graduate Research Program 1326, Homburg
2020 RNAseq and Bioinformatics Analysis, Royan Institute, Tehran

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2005-present Member of Iranian Society of Physiology and Pharmacology
2009-2012 Associate Member of Graduate Research Program 1326, Calcium Signaling and Cellular Nanodomains, Medical Faculty, Saarland University, Homburg (Saar), Germany
2011-2019 Member of Biophysical Society, Maryland, USA
2015-2020 Member of European Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ESGCT)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Operating System: Windows and Mac
Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Adobe: Photoshop, Illustrator
Statistical Software: SPSS, Graphpad Prism, Origin, Signal, IgorPro, Patchmaster, Fitmaster, pCLAMP

REFEREES

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