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QUALIFICATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Anatomy and Histology (PhD)**, Department of Anatomical Sciences, Adelaide University, Australia
- **Master of Science in Histology (MSc)**, Shiraz Medical Sciences University, Shiraz, Iran
- **Bachelor of Science in Biology (BSc)**, TSU, Texas A&M University, USA

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCES

I graduated with a BSc in Biology from TSU, Texas A & M University, USA. Then worked as a Medical Technologist in the Department of Anatomical Sciences, Shiraz Medical Sciences University before being awarded a two years scholarship to complete my MSc in Histology and then a further four years scholarship to complete my PhD Adelaide University. Since completion of my PhD in 1997, I worked as a Senior Research Officer at Royal Adelaide Hospital and a Visiting Research Fellow at Adelaide University. Currently, I am a Grant Funded Scientist at Hanson Institute, IMVS and an affiliate lecturer in Medicine at the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia.

Awards and Grants in 2007-2010:

- Invited Lecturer at EMU, Kuwait University in 2008, 2009 and 2010
- Awarded travel Grant to USA by the University of Virginia and the MSSF/IMVS for advance training in FRET microscopy.
- Awarded a cash prize for being the winner of 2008 Faculty of Health sciences research photo competition at Adelaide University.

2008 NHMRC Federal Grants:

- **NHMRC Project Grant: ID 565207-**"Morphology and Structure of 'Cross-Ties' in the Anterior Anulus Fibrosus in Human Invertebral Discs". As an associate investigator, advance Confocal Microscopy techniques will be used to assist chief investigators in this project.

- **NHMRC Project Grant: ID 565188-** "Intracellular inhibition of Influenza A virus replication by anti-viral IgA". As one of the chief investigators in this NHMRC application, Immuno-confocal microscopy techniques will be used to investigate the above project.

SOCIETY & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Member, ASIA/Pacific Microscopy and Analysis
- Member, Journal of Photonic Spectra, USA
- Member, the Japan-Australia Joint Disorders Research Group
- Member, Australia Jaw Joint Project, Adelaide University

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Andrew B Fagan FRACS , **Ghafar Tahmasebi-Sarvestani PhD**, Robert J Moore PhD, Robert D Fraser AM MD, Barrie Vernon-Roberts AO MD PhD, Peter C. Blumbergs FRCPA. Innervation of Experimental Anulus Tears; a Confocal Immunohistochemical Study. *Journal of Spine*, **2010. In Press.**

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Liqun Yang, PhD, Peter C. Blumbergs, FRACP, FRCPA, Nigel R. Jones, PhD, FRACS, Jim Manavis, BSc (Hons), **Ghafar Tahmasebi-Sarvestani, PhD**, and Mounir N. Ghabriel, PhD. (2004). Early Expression and Cellular Localization of Proinflammatory Cytokines Interleukin-1 β , Interleukin-6, and Tumor Necrosis Factor- α in Human Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury. *Spine* 2004;29:966-971.

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In addition I have been acknowledged in many journal publications, thesis and scientific presentations due to my contribution in research works.