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## Research Focus

## My research has primarily centered on the physiology of potassium channels, with a particular emphasis on their functions within intracellular organelles such as the endoplasmic reticulum and mitochondria. I have explored their role in the development of metabolic disorders, including diabetes, by linking ion channel physiology to metabolic dysfunction in an effort to uncover potential therapeutic targets.

## During my postdoctoral tenure at Linköping University, I expanded my expertise in cardiac ion channel electrophysiology and its modulation. Collaborating with Professor Fredrik Elinder’s team, I contributed to drug assessment studies and identified novel lipophilic compounds capable of modulating voltage-gated ion channels, employing the HL-1 cell line for experimental investigations.

## Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of Physiology  
Ilam University of Medical Sciences, Ilam, Iran | 2020–Present  
- Lead research on ion channels, pain mechanisms, and neurodegeneration.  
- Supervise research projects in neurophysiology and pain.

Head of University Laboratories  
Ilam University of Medical Sciences, Ilam, Iran | 2020–Present  
- Oversee laboratory operations, equipment optimization, and research facilitation.

Group Director, Physiology Department  
Ilam University of Medical Sciences, Ilam, Iran | 2018–2020  
- Managed academic programs, teaching schedules, and faculty collaboration.

Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology  
Ilam University of Medical Sciences, Ilam, Iran | 2016–2020  
- Conducted research on neurophysiology and pain mechanisms.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Heart Electrophysiology  
Linköping University, Sweden | 2013–2015  
- Specialized in cardiac ion channel electrophysiology and modulation.

## Education

Ph.D. in Physiology  
Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran | 2005–2011

Thesis: Characterization of the Electro-pharmacological Properties of Single K+ Channels in the Rough Endoplasmic Reticulum of Rat Hepatocytes through Incorporation into a Bilayer Lipid Membrane.

M.Sc. in Physiology  
Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran | 2002–2005  
Thesis: Analgesic effects of chromaffin cell extracts (histogranin and norepinephrine) on neuropathic pain in a sciatic chronic constriction injury (CCI) rat model.

## Technical Skills

- Electrophysiology: BLM and Patch-Clamp  
-cell culture   
- Animal Pain Models & Behavioral Testing  
- Immunohistochemistry, Western Blot   
- Research Design & Statistical Analysis  
- Data Analysis using Python and Prism Software

## Publications

Salari, S., Maleki, M., & Bagheri, M. (2024). Effects of chronic pain following unilateral ureteral obstruction on hippocampal CA1 pyramidal neurons in male Wistar rats. Archives of Neuroscience, 11(3).  
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