

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Fatemeh Akhlaghi, Pharm.D., Ph.D.**

**Summary:** I am a clinical pharmacologist with proven leadership, management and management skills. I have achieved expertise in clinical pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, translational sciences, drug metabolism, pharmacogenomics, diagnostics as well as pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) modeling and simulation through over 25 years of clinical research in academia. I have superb oral and written communication skills as well as management and organizational abilities as evidenced by my ability to establish and maintain a fully functional mass spec. based clinical pharmacokinetics laboratory for over 18 years. I have experience with several therapeutic areas including immunology/inflammation, endocrinology, hematology, hepatology, nephrology and psychiatry. Moreover, in collaboration with NIAAA/NIH, my laboratory has been developing a novel ghrelin receptor inverse agonist (PF-5190457) to treat patients with alcohol use disorder.

I am proficient in the design and implementation of clinical PK/PD studies, quantification of drug concentration and metabolites using LC-MS/MS and modeling of PK/PD data using standard or population pharmacokinetics methods. Furthermore, I have experience in pre-clinical DMPK and transporter studies as well as in genomic or proteomic-based biomarker discovery. To date, I have received substantial extramural funding from National Institutes of Health, Pfizer, Novartis, Takeda, Roche, the American Heart Association, CVS, etc. which has enabled me to train over 30 clinical pharmacologists or DMPK scientist for their masters or Ph.D. degrees or post-doctoral fellowship. Besides, I have been the clinical pharmacology expert witness for numerous patent litigation cases between generic and brand name pharmaceutical companies.

At this stage of career, I seek new challenges and would like to experience an intense drug development environment and to work with a multidisciplinary team of talented scientists toward the development of new pharmacological agents.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Jul 2014-present</b>	University of Rhode Island	Ernest Mario Distinguished Chair in Pharmaceutics
<b>Jul 2014-present</b>	Brown University Medical School	Adjunct Professor of Medicine
<b>Jul 2011-present</b>	University of Rhode Island	Full Professor
<b>Jul 2010-2014</b>	Brown University Medical School	Adjunct Associate Professor
<b>Jan-Jul 2008</b>	Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc, Cambridge, MA	Sabbatical fellow

*Advisor: Dr. Li Yu while working on PK/PD modeling of Bortezomib*

<b>Jul 2006-2010</b>	University of Rhode Island	Associate Professor with Tenure
<b>Jan 2001-2006</b>	University of Rhode Island	Assistant Professor (Tenure Tack)
<b>Mar 1998-2001</b>	University of Cambridge, U.K.	Senior Clinical Scientist

*Advisor: Andrew K. Trull Ph.D.; Funded by Novartis, Roche Laboratories and Papworth Hospital NHS Research Trust)*

<b>Aug 1996-1998</b>	University of Sydney, Australia	Post-Doctoral Research Associate
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*Advisors: Kenneth F. Brown Ph.D. and Andrew J McLachlan Ph.D.; Funded by Novartis and Janssen Cilag Australia*

<b>Jun 1992-1996</b>	University of Sydney, Australia	Teaching assistant for various laboratories and courses in the School of Pharmacy
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## EDUCATION

**1984-1990**                      **University of Mashhad, Iran**                      **Doctor of Pharmacy**  
**Project title:**                      Use of CD4 to CD8 ratio as a marker for kidney transplant rejection  
**Major Professor:**                      Behrouz Nikbin M.D.

**1992-1997**                      **University of Sydney, Australia**                      **Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences**  
**Project title:**                      Cyclosporine distribution in cardiopulmonary transplant recipients  
**Major Professors:**                      Kenneth F. Brown Ph.D. and Anne M. Keogh M.D.

## FURTHER TRAINING

### **Dec 7-22, 1998**

“A course in Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic with Clinical Applications”; four credit points; Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden; Instructors: Drs. Gunnar Alvan, Ole Borga, Lars Gustafsson, Johan Gabrielsson and many scientists from AstraZeneca.

### **Jan 9-15, 1999**

“A course in Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Modeling using WinNonlin” one credit point; Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden; Instructor: Dr. Ole Borga.

### **Sept 27-29, 1999**

Beginning level short course on “Population Pharmacokinetics using NONMEM Computer Program”  
Instructors: Drs. Lewis Sheiner and Stuart Beal; Uppsala Sweden.

### **Jun 2002**

A three full days hands-on course “Operator’s Training on Sciex API2000 Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometer” University of Rhode Island, also organized the course.  
Instructor: Dr. Bill Sawyers, Applied Biosystems.

### **Jul 26-30, 2004**

A weeklong hands-on course entitled “Molecular Genetic Methodologies for Pharmaceutical Scientists”; Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Buffalo;  
Instructor: Dr. Dan Brazeau.

### **Sept 12-14, 2005**

A three-day hands-on course on “Wings for NONMEM Population Pharmacokinetics Modeling”;  
Instructors: Drs. Nick Holford and Dianne Mould  
Also organized the course with Dr. Sara Rosenbaum.

### **Sept 16, 2006**

Course in Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Modeling  
Instructors: Drs. William J. Jusko and Jogarao Gobburu.

**Oct 4, 2009**

Phoenix NLME - A Next Generation Tool for Population PK/PD Analysis  
Instructor: Dr. Dan Weiner, Pharsight Corporation.

**Mar 29-31, 2011**

Triple Quadrupole System Training using Analyst® Software for Quantitation  
AB Sciex, Framingham, MA.

**Mar 19-21, 2012**

The Introductory GastroPlus™ Simulation and Modeling Workshop  
Cambridge, MA.

**May 1-5, 2012**

Fisher / Shafer NONMEM Course  
An Intermediate to Advanced NONMEM course with PLT tools  
Bethesda, MD

**Jan-Mar, 2013**

Hands on data manipulation using R  
Instructor: Dr. Kaori Ito, Pfizer Groton

**Jul 6-10, 2015**

Model-Based Drug Development: Incorporating Population Variability into Mechanistic Prediction of PK and Modelling PK-PD  
A course on Simcyp, Certara Corporation

**Mar 13, 2016**

Design and Analysis of Quantitative Proteomic Experiments: Introduction to Statistical Methods and Practical Examples using Skyline, one-day workshop part of Human Proteomics Organization meeting in Boston, MA

**Jun 25-29, 2018**

Simcyp full workshop  
Hands-on Experience with Model-informed Drug Development: Incorporating Population Variability into Mechanistic Prediction of PK and Modeling PK/PD  
Cambridge, MA

**Oct 19-20, 2018**

Mentor Training for Biomedical Researchers  
Brown University, Providence, RI

**Aug 5-6, 2019**

Transporters in Drug Discovery and Development; Driving Knowledge from Laboratory to Label  
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

**Aug 12, 2019**

FDA Workshop

Precision Dosing: defining the need and approach to deliver individualized drug dosing in the real-world setting, Silver Spring, Maryland

**Oct 3, 2019**

MonolixSuite, Workshop; Lixoft, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Dec 9, 2019**

FDA Workshop

Leveraging Clinical Pharmacology to Optimize Drug Development for Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) and Cholestatic Liver Diseases, Silver Spring, Maryland

**Feb 3-7, 2020**

Tufts CSDD's 47th Annual Postgraduate Course in Clinical Pharmacology, Drug Development and Regulation; Boston, Massachusetts

### **PK/PD DATA ANALYSIS**

- IVIVC analysis by Phoenix toolkit for prediction of plasma conc from dissolution data.
- MonolixSuite and related packages, Lixoft
- Nonlinear regression: Sigma plot and Graphpad prism
- NONMEM: experience with standard and complex PK/PD evaluations including multiple analytes, drug + metabolites, enterohepatic recycling, and multiple peak absorption models (e.g. transit type models and sequential absorption models). Pharmacodynamic evaluations including direct, indirect, transit models, and effect compartment modeling as well as sequential and concurrent PK/PD modeling. Have used PLT tools and xpose.
- Phoenix WinNonlin for non-compartmental (NCA) of PK or PD data as well as non-linear modeling of individual PK or PD data; can also perform full NCA analysis with Excel or a scientific calculator.
- Physiologically based pharmacokinetics modeling: Gastroplus, ADMET predictor PKPlus™ (simulation plus), Simcyp
- Proficient in dose adjustment based on renal or hepatic function, therapeutic monitoring calculations for immunosuppressive agents, phenytoin, digoxin, lithium, methotrexate, aminoglycosides and vancomycin (by calculation or Antibiotic Kinetics)
- Proficient in linear, non-linear and various statistical analyses using IBM SPSS
- Proteomic softwares: Analyst (AB Sciex), Skyline, Maxquant, Protein pilot
- Pumas Enterprise Solutions, a Julia-based comprehensive platform for pharmaceutical modeling and simulation.
- Simulation: Microsoft Excel, Stella and Berkeley Madonna for nonstochastic simulation work, NONMEM for stochastic simulation.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 1992 Levy Maill Pattinson Award, Faculty of Pharmacy, Uni. of Sydney
- 1993-96 Faculty of Pharmacy Postgraduate Scholarship, Uni. of Sydney
- 2002 University of Rhode Island New Faculty Development Award
- 2006 Outstanding Intellectual Property Award, University of Rhode Island
- 2008 Paul-Ehrlich Magic Bullet-Award 2008, Nurnberg Germany
- 2010 Outstanding Intellectual Property Award, University of Rhode Island
- 2018 *Drug Metabolism and Review* Best Paper Award 2017 for manuscript:  
Cobbina E, **Akhlaghi F**. Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) - pathogenesis, classification, and effect on drug metabolizing enzymes and transporters. *Drug Metab Rev.* 2017;49(2):197-211; Award received in the North American ISSX meeting, Jul 2018, Montreal, Canada
- 2018 Outstanding Poster in the Applied Pharmaceutical Analysis 2018 conference Barlock BJ, Jamwal R, **Akhlaghi F**. Presence of drug metabolizing enzyme inducer artifacts in commercially available human liver samples increases protein levels of clinically relevant enzymes; poster presentation in Applied Pharmaceutical Analysis Conference, Oct 1-3, Boston, MA (selected as Outstanding Poster in the APA 2018 conference)

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- 1990-present The Medical Council of Iran (Registered Pharmacist)
- 1993-1998 Australasian Society for Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Toxicology (ASCEPT)
- 1993-1998 Australasian Pharmaceutical Science Association (APSA)
- 1997-2001 International Society of Heart and Lung transplantation (ISHLT)
- 1998-2001 Transplantation Society
- 1996-present International Association of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology (IATDM&CT)
- 1997-present American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS)
- 2001-present American Association of Colleges of Pharmacies (AACCP)
- 2008-present American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT)
- 2017-Present International Society of Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX)

## CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

- 1996 Physicochemical characteristics of ingredients of an antacid suspension, consultant for Park Davis Pharmaceuticals in collaboration with Dr. Elizabeth Gipps, University of Sydney
- 1997-1998 Droplet size determination of nebulized solutions of Salbutamol and Ipratropium Bromide using Marple - Miller cascade impactor, in collaborating with Dr. Kim Chan, University of Sydney
- 2000 Attended Novartis summit meeting in Basle Switzerland representing the clinical pharmacology section of Cambridge UK, organ transplantation programs
- 2001-2003 Pharmacokinetics of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG), I have analyzed the pharmacokinetic data from several phase III studies conducted by Bio Products Limited, UK
- 2003 Member of Mycophenolic Acid TDM Advisory Board (Opticept clinical trial, an 800 patient trial conducted by Roche Laboratories to evaluate the need for mycophenolic acid therapeutic drug monitoring)
- 2005 Consulting on a case study conducted at the Department of Emergency Medicine, RI hospital on the elimination of carboxy hemoglobin
- 2005-2007 Expert witness in a personal injury case involving cyclosporine generic substitution and risk of organ rejection
- 2007 Expert witness in a patent dispute case between two major pharmaceutical companies
- 2008-2009 PK/PD modeling of bortezomib in cynomolgus monkeys, Millennium Pharmaceuticals
- 2007-2010 Clinical pharmacology consultant for a clinical trial on the intra-nasal use of ketamine in children with laceration, Department of Emergency Medicine, Hasbro Children Hospital, Providence, RI.
- 2011 Consultant on concentration–projection of a modified release tablet by two different manufacturers.
- 2014 Expert witness for a non-infringement trial for two Canadian companies
- 2014 Consultant on bioequivalence studies on a generic versus a brand name drug
- 2016-2017 Consultant on a patent dispute case involving a combination anti-hyperglycemic agent
- 2017- Consultant on a patent dispute case involving bioequivalence of controlled release formulations
- 2017- Expert witness on a patent dispute involving patent “obviousness”
- 2017-2018 Consultant clinical pharmacology expert witness for a patent infringement case involving ANDA
- 2017-2018 Expert witness for an Inter Partes review involving patent invalidity
- 2018-2019 Expert witness in a case involving obviousness of the patent for an anti-obesity drug
- 2019- Expert witness for a clinical pharmacology related case for the Department of Justice (DOJ)

## **FAMILIARITY WITH REGULATORY GUIDELINES**

In my capacity as a researcher, teaching clinical pharmacology and consultant for patent litigation cases, I have thoroughly reviewed the following FDA Guidance for Industry documents:

- Alcoholism: Developing Drugs for Treatment
- Bioanalytical Method Validation
- Bioavailability Studies Submitted in NDAs or INDs – General Considerations
- Bioequivalence Studies With Pharmacokinetic Endpoints for Drugs Submitted Under an Abbreviated New Drug Application
- Clinical Drug Interaction Studies — Study Design, Data Analysis, and Clinical Implications
- Developing Drugs for Treatment, Safety Testing of Drug Metabolites (MIST)
- Extended Release Oral Dosage Forms: Development, Evaluation, and Application of In Vitro/In Vivo Correlations
- Food-Effect Bioavailability and Fed Bioequivalence Studies
- In Vitro Metabolism- and Transporter- Mediated Drug-Drug Interaction Studies
- Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs)-Determining Whether Human Research Studies Can Be Conducted Without an IND
- Noncirrhotic Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis with Liver Fibrosis: Developing Drugs for Treatment
- Pharmacokinetics in Patients with Impaired Hepatic Function: Study Design, Data Analysis, and Impact on Dosing and Labeling
- Pharmacokinetics in Patients with Impaired Renal Function — Study Design, Data Analysis, and Impact on Dosing and Labeling
- Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic Analyses — Format and Content
- Statistical Approaches to Establishing Bioequivalence



## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PRESENTATION TITLE/LOCATION</b>
Nov 1999	“Pharmacokinetics of cyclosporine in patients receiving metabolic inhibitors” Invited speaker at PKUK99 meeting, Oxford, UK.
Aug 16 2001	“Clinical pharmacology of immunosuppressive agents” Lecture to the Nephrology Residents, Department of Nephrology, Brown University Medical School, Providence, RI.
Oct 1 2001	“Novel strategies for monitoring immunosuppressive agents” invited speaker at the Department of Pediatrics Nephrology and Transplantation, the Boston’s Children Hospital, University of Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
Oct 23 2001	“Monitoring cardiothoracic transplant recipients” Seminar to the Heart Transplant Group, the Brigham and Woman’s Hospital, University of Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
Jan 25 2002	“Novel strategies for monitoring immunosuppressive agents” Seminar to Kidney Transplantation Services, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI.
Jul 11 2003	“Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents” oral presentation at RI-BRIN annual retreat, Alton Jones Campus, RI.
May 20 2004	Speaker at the workshop “Hot and alternative research funding” Title: How to Get Funding from the Industry, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.
Apr 7 2005	“Pharmacokinetics of immunosuppressive agents in diabetic patients” Presentation to the Transplant Services, RI Hospital, Providence, RI.
Jan 25 2006	“Pharmacokinetics and –dynamics of immunosuppressive agents” Center for the New Stem Cell Biology Visiting Professors Seminar Series, COBRE program, Roger Williams Hospital, Providence, RI.
May 24 2006	Poster Judge at the Joint RI-COBRE symposiums, Providence, RI.
May 31 2007	“Review of transplant pharmacology” invited speaker at “Transplant Pharmacology: Keys to Medication Management in Organ Transplant Recipients”; Pharmacist CE program, Providence, RI.
Sept 11 2007	Research presentation “pharmacokinetic of immunosuppressive agents in diabetic patients” Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Boston, MA.
Oct 2 2007	“Novel monitoring methods for immunosuppressive agents PK/PD” Research presentation at College of Pharmacy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

- Oct 24 2007 “Immunosuppressive agents PK/PD and diabetes mellitus” Visiting professor program, Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA.
- Jan 2 2008 “Effect of diabetes mellitus on drug metabolism and transporter” Hallett Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology Disorders, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- Jul 25 2008 “Pharmacokinetics and –dynamic modeling of bortezomib in cynomolgous monkeys” Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, MA.
- Sept 3 2008 “Introduction to pharmacokinetic/pharmacogenomics modeling and application: a Velcade® case study” R&D presentation, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, MA.
- Oct 5 2008 “Effect of diabetes mellitus on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents: ciclosporin, tacrolimus and mycophenolic acid” Invited speaker at EHRLICH II, 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference on Magic Bullets, Nurnberg, Germany.
- May 20 2009 “Application of clinical pharmacology to improve the quality of use of medicines in diabetes and transplantation” invited speaker at Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- May 2 2010 “Drug monitoring in distinct patient populations; pharmacokinetic differences between transplant recipients of different ethnicities”, invited speaker at Sunrise symposium, the American Transplant Congress, May 2010, San Diego, CA.
- Sept 7 2010 “Diabetes, reduced CYP3A4 activity and the possible role of statin lactone in statin induced myopathy”; presentation at the department of cardiology, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT.
- Sept 28 2010 Invited participant in an FDA workshop on “Pharmacodynamic and Pharmacogenomics biomarkers in solid organ transplantation”, Food and Drug Administration, White Oak Campus, MD.
- Dec 14 2010 “Diabetes altering biotransformation and pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents”; Invited speaker at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Colorado Health Science Center, Anschutz Medical Campus Aurora, CO.
- Mar 23 2011 Diabetes and side effects of statins, American Heart Association Friends of Heart Luncheon, Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences (CBL) building, University of Rhode Island

- Oct 8 2011 Influence of diabetes mellitus on the disposition of immunosuppressive agents and statins, PDM department, Pfizer Center Research, Groton, CT.
- Aug 28, 2012 Impact of protein binding on drug disposition and action, College of Pharmacy, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia via Video conferencing.
- Oct 22, 2012 Altered disposition of xenobiotics by diabetes mellitus, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Johns Hopkins Medical Institute, Baltimore, MD.
- Aug 8, 2013 Altered disposition of xenobiotics by diabetes mellitus and fatty liver, College of Pharmacy, University of Houston, Tx.
- Nov 18, 2013 Effect of diabetes on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents, Division of Transplantation, Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tx.
- Mar 13, 2014 AACP Academic Research Fellows Program; Model of Team Science IV: Collaboration between academia, government, industry supported by NCATS; Rockville, MD.
- Aug 7, 2014 Invited Speaker at “Pharmacogenomic Interplay in Biotransformation and Pharmacokinetics”; Pharmacokinetic consequences of metabolic syndrome; University of Rhode Island
- Mar 12, 2015 Invited Speaker at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar by the Sea; Northeast Regional Continuing Education Conference for Pharmacists  
“Statin Interactions: Food, Supplements and Other Drugs”
- Jul 13, 2015 AACP Academic Research Fellows Program; Model of Team Science IV: Collaboration between academia, government, industry supported by NCATS; Potomac, MD.
- Oct 20, 2015 Presentation of the result of phase 1b of PF-05190457 study in subjects with alcohol use disorders; NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda, MD.
- Nov 5, 2015 Workshop leader on Mechanisms of Drug-Drug Interactions; International Congress of Quality, Safety and Rationale Use of Drugs, University of Mashhad, Mashhad, Iran
- Nov 6 2015 “Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutic Monitoring of Immunosuppressive Agents” International Congress of Quality, Safety and Rationale Use of Drugs, University of Mashhad, Mashhad, Iran
- Feb 2, 2016 Invited speaker in Connecticut Mass Spec Discussion group

Title: Pharmacokinetic Consequences of Metabolic Syndrome: Challenges and Opportunities for Proteomic Mass Spectrometry

- Dec 6, 2016 Invited speaker, Pfizer Cambridge  
Pharmacokinetics Consequences of Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM) and Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)
- Feb 8, 2017 Invited speaker, department of gastroenterology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- May 7, 2017 Invited speaker, Diabetes Research Unit, Hamad Hospital Medical Center, Doha, Qatar
- May 10, 2017 Invited speaker, College of Pharmacy, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar
- Sept 26, 2018 Invited speaker, ISSX Proteomics Workshop, Sept 26-27, 2018; Cambridge, MA
- Dec 12, 2018 Invited speaker; School of Pharmacy, University of Sydney, Australia  
A Non-targeted Proteomic Approach to Characterize the Effect of Diabetes and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) on Drug Disposition
- Mar 2019 Invited to give a lecture in the Spring meeting of the New England Drug Metabolism Discussion Group (NEDMDG), March 27<sup>th</sup>, Waltham, MA.
- Apr 2019 Invited speaker at QSP Summit, Cambridge, MA  
Title: Quantitative Analysis of Human Hepatic Drug Metabolizing Enzymes in NAFLD and its Application in PBPK Modeling
- Jun 2019 Invited lecture at the Department of Pharmacy, the University of Oslo, Norway.  
Title: Variability in the Expression and Activity of Cytochrome P450 and Transporters in Diabetes and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Alters Immunosuppressants Concentration and Effect.
- Nov, 2019 Invited speaker at the Hepatocyte Expert Program (HEP), Cambridge, MA  
Title: Pharmacokinetics Challenges Associated with Drug Development in NAFLD/NASH
- Feb 13, 2020 Invited speaker at NIH Intramural, Clinical Center (Building 10), Bethesda, MD  
Title: Pharmacokinetics Challenges Associated with Drug Development in Diabetes and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

## **AD HOC REVIEWER FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS**

2001-present	British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
2003-present	Clinical Pharmacokinetics
2003-present	Journal of Chromatography B
2002	Pharmacoeconomics
2004	Transplantation
2006-present	Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (JPET)
2006-present	Clinica Chemica Acta
2007-present	Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics
2009	European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology
2009	Liver Transplantation
2010-present	British Journal of Pharmacology
2010-	Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis
2011-	European Journal of Medicinal Chemistry
2013-	Lancet
2016-	New England Journal of Medicine
2016-	Current Drug Metabolism
2016-	Pharmacotherapy
2016-	Alcohol and Alcoholism
2016	Medical Science Monitor

## **JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD**

2013-present	Clinical Pharmacokinetics
2015-present	Journal of Pharmaceutics and Drug Research

## **GRANT REVIEWS**

2007	Department of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense Research Program
2009	The Czech Science Foundation, Czech Republic (GACR)
2013	National Science Center, Poland
2013-present	Qatar National Research Foundation (QNRF)
2014 Apr	NIAID special emphasis panel; ZAI1 PA-I M1, ad hoc reviewer
2014 Jun	XNDA study section, ad hoc reviewer
2014 Aug	ZTR1 CI-6 (01) review of NCATS X02 grants
2015 Mar	ZTR1 CI-6 (02); Study section for review of NCATS UH2/UH3 grants
2015 Oct	CIDO Study section, ad hoc reviewer, Chicago, Illinois
2016 May	ZAI1-BDP-I-M4 study section, mail in reviewer
2016 Jun	BCHI study section, mail in reviewer
2017 Jan	ZAI1 PA-I (M2) 1 NIAID R34 review study section
2017 Nov	ZAI1 GEB-I (J1) NIAID R34 and U01 review study section
2018 Apr	Qatar National Research Foundation (QNRF) 11 <sup>th</sup> cycle grant reviewer
2018 May	ZAI1 TC-I (S1) NIAID R34 review study section
2018 Nov	ZRG1 EMNR-C (02) study section
2019 Jan	Kuwait University grant program

2018 Feb reviewer	Qatar National Research Foundation (QNRF) 12 <sup>th</sup> cycle Undergraduate grant
2019 Mar	Reviewer for RI CTR Mentored Research Awards
2019 Jun	Qatar National Research Foundation (QNRF) 12 <sup>th</sup> cycle research grant reviewer
2020 Feb	Grant reviewer for study section ZDE1 YM (16) NIDCR
2020 April	Grant reviewer for U54 study section ZAT1 AJT (15) Center of Excellence for Natural Product Drug Interaction Research,
2020 April	Grant reviewer for R21 applications submitted to study section ZAT1 AJT (16)

### **TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

BPS403	Pharmacokinetics I (Basic Pharmacokinetics)	2002-2004, Team-taught (50%)
PHC427	4 <sup>th</sup> year Interactive Learning	2002, Sole instructor
BPS 446	Biotechnology, Biologics and Biosimilars	2015-present, team taught
BMS540	Drug metabolism (experimental)	2003, Team taught
BPS502	Drug development <i>Pharmacokinetics in various phases of drug development</i>	2005- present, Team taught
BPS504	Pharmacokinetics II (Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring)	2001- present, every Fall Semester Sole instructor
BPS525	Experimental techniques in biomedical sciences <i>Use of mass spectrometry in quantitative analysis</i>	2004-2012, Team taught
PHP516	Pharmacy practice laboratory II	2002-2011, Team taught
BPS530	Topics in drug metabolism <i>Pharmacokinetics and drug-drug interaction studies</i>	2005, 2007, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, Team taught
PHC597	5 <sup>th</sup> year Interactive Learning (1 section)	2003- 2007, 2015, Sole Instructor
BPS693/694	Graduate seminar	2002-2004, 2015-present
APS670	Advanced pharmacokinetics	2001, 2003, 2009, 2014, 2016 Sole instructor

*Average student evaluation of teaching score: 4.5 out of 5 in didactic courses*

### **DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR DIDACTIC TEACHING**

**BPS 504 Pharmacokinetics II** (3 credits, sole instructor) Applied pharmacokinetics, principles of clinical pharmacology, therapeutic drug monitoring and dose individualization, sources of variability on pharmacokinetics. (Lec. 3) Pre: Basic Pharmacokinetics, fifth-year Doctor of Pharmacy students, class size ~130 students, taught every fall semester.

**BPS 526 Foundations of Human Disease VI: Hematology-Oncology** (2 credits, team taught) The etiology, pathogenesis, symptomatology, and diagnosis of hematology and oncology diseases in people. Introduction to pharmacogenomics, gene-drug interactions, and genetic therapy in human disease; Pre: fifth-year Doctor of Pharmacy students, class size ~130 students

**BPS 530 Drug Metabolism** (3 credits, team taught), Mechanisms of Phase 1 (oxidation, reduction, hydrolysis) and Phase 2 (conjugations and synthesis) of drug metabolism, fundamental clinical pharmacology and drug-drug interaction studies; offered every spring in alternate years,

**BPS 670 Advanced Pharmacokinetics** (3 credits, sole instructor) Application of classical compartmental and noncompartmental analyses to pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics emphasizing the use of PK/PD analysis employed in the pharmaceutical industry and well as PBPK analysis. Pre: BPS 403 or permission of instructor; class size ~ 10 graduate students.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

2005	Member of URI Sabbatical Review Committee
2008-2011	URI president appointee at the “Intellectual Property Committee (IPC)”
2009-2017	Member of “URI Institutional Review Board (IRB)”
2007-2008	Member of search committee for “Assistant Vice President for Research, Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization”
2009	Member of search committee for “Technology Transfer Specialist”
2010	Member of search committee for biostatistics faculty in the department of Computer Science and Statistics
2014	Member of search committee for biostatistics faculty in the department of Computer Science and Statistics
2015-2017	Member of Faculty Senate, URI
2018	Member of URI Sabbatical Review Committee

#### **Service Activities in College of Pharmacy (COP) or the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPS)**

2006-current	Member of research and graduate studies committee, COP
2010-2013	Program assessment committee, vice chair, COP
2007-08	Member of ad-hoc promotion and tenure standards committee, BPS
2003, 05, 07	Member of various faculty search committees, BPS
2010	Member of search committee for two pharmaceuticals positions, BPS
2011	Member of search committee for Pharmacogenomics faculty, BPS
2010-2011	Coordinator of INBRE seminar series, college of pharmacy

2012	Member of search committee for BPS departmental chair
2012-	Coordinator of College of Pharmacy College Wide Seminar series
2013-	Chair of liver and metabolic disorders working group, COP
2013-current	Chair of faculty development committee, BPS
2013	Chair of promotion and tenure committee, COP
2013	Chair of the Full Professors committee, COP
2013	Member of medicinal chemistry search committee, BPS
2014	Chair of Pharmaceutics faculty search committee, BPS
2015	Member of Pharmacogenomic faculty search committee, BPS
2016	Chair of Search Committee; Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, BPS
2016	Chair of Search Committee; Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics, BPS
2017	Chair of search committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics, BPS
2018-2019	Chair of search committee for Assistant Professor in Precision Medicine, BPS

### **ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES**

2012	Co-chair of 1 <sup>st</sup> International Conference on Frontiers in Pharmaceutical Sciences: Global Perspectives; Sept 28-30, 2012
2014	Member of organizing committee for Pharmacogenomic Interplay in Biotransformation and Pharmacokinetics, Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
2016	Member of organizational committee for Boston Society 2016 Applied Pharmaceutical Analysis conference
Sept 14, 2016	Session chair, Non-P450 Metabolism / Electron Pushing / Unusual Metabolism in 2016 Applied Pharmaceutical Analysis conference

### **STATEMENT OF RESEARCH**

My research program is aimed at improving the quality of use of medications by means of identifying sources of variability in dose-concentration and concentration-effect relationships. Identification of new or improved biomarkers for drug effect is also another aim of this research. This type of research is usually identified as a branch of “Clinical/translational Pharmaceutical Sciences” within pharmacy schools but also is known as “Clinical Pharmacology” in the medical schools. During the drug development process (Phase I-III), Food and Drug Administration of United States (FDA) and other regulatory agencies avidly scrutinize a new agent for its safety and effectiveness; however many aspects of a new drug including side effects or drug-drug interactions are only discovered after the new drug is prescribed to a large number of patients. My research effort is focused on the evaluation of safety and effectiveness of post-marketed drugs (Phase IV) with an emphasis on the immunomodulators. The three main objectives of my research program include:

Several projects are currently underway aiming to:

- I. Development of A Novel Compound for Alcoholism Treatment: a Translational Strategy
- II. Clinical pharmacology of various medications used in the treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder



- III. To characterize the effect of diabetic mellitus and Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) on the expression and activity of various CYP and non-CYP drug metabolizing enzymes
- IV. Proteomic analysis of NAFLD in search of a novel biomarker
- V. The use of oral fluids as a non-invasive specimen for therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressive agents.

### **Maintaining a Clinical Pharmacokinetics Laboratory**

The basic requirement for a research laboratory in clinical pharmacology and DMPK is the availability of sensitive, specific and reproducible analytical methods for drug concentration measurement. Currently, such assays require the use of a very expensive and difficult to maintain liquid chromatography mass spectrometry system (LC-MS/MS). The operation of these instruments requires specialized personnel and highly controlled environment (i.e. restricted user access). In addition, every assay either chromatography or immunoassay based, must be validated according to the guidelines set forth by the FDA and preferably published in a peer reviewed journal. The requirement is so fundamental that a clinical study performed using non-validated assays is usually not publishable in a reputable journal. Because of this requirement, much of our effort is devoted to the development and validation of analytical methods using HPLC and LC-MS/MS.

The following assays are now available in my laboratory all of that have been validated according to the FDA “Guidance for Industry: Bioanalytical Method Validation” and were published as manuscript or conference abstract.

- Acetaminophen concentration for determination of gastric emptying time (HPLC-UV)
- Acetaminophen glucuronide and sulfate concentrations (LC-MS/MS)
- Atorvastatin and metabolites [atorvastatin (ATV) lactone, o-hydroxy ATV, o-hydroxy ATV lactone, p-pydroxy ATV, p-hydroxy ATV lactone (LC-MS/MS)
- AZT (3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine) glucuronidation as a probe for UGT2B7 activity (LC-MS/MS)
- Baclofen concentration in plasma by LC-MS/MS
- Chlorzoxazone hydroxylation as a probe for P450 2E1 activity (LC-MS/MS)
- Cortisol metabolite (6  $\beta$  hydroxy cortisol) and free cortisol concentration in urine (HPLC-UV)
- Cyclosporine; total concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Estradiol-glucuronidation as a probe for UGT1A1 activity (HPLC-UV)
- Iodixanol concentration for determination of GFR (HPLC-UV)
- Iohexol concentration for determination of Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) (HPLC-UV)
- Ketoconazole concentration in human plasma (LC-MS/MS)
- Midazolam, 1'-OH and 4-OH midazolam (LC-MS/MS)
- Mifepristone concentration in rabbit plasma
- Mycophenolic acid (MPA) metabolites; concentration of MPAG and Acyl MPAG (HPLC-UV)
- Mycophenolic acid (MPA), total concentration (HPLC-UV)
- Oseltimivir and carboxylate (LC-MS/MS)
- PF-05190457 concentration in human and rat plasma and rat brain
- Pioglitazone and keto pioglitazone metabolite in human plasma (LC-MS/MS)
- Prednisolone, prednisone, cortisol and cortisone concentrations (LC-MS/MS)
- Propofol glucuronidation as a probe for UGT1A9 activity (HPLC-UV)

- Rosuvastatin acid, n-desmethayl rosuvastatin and rosuvastatin lactone in plasma (LC-MS/MS)
- Sirolimus; total concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Tacrolimus; total concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Testosterone and 6-beta-testosterone (HPLC)
- Thyroid hormones, T3 and T4 (LC-MS/MS and ICP-mass spec.)

#### **Unbound (free) concentration of drugs**

- Cyclosporine; unbound concentration (equilibrium dialysis using [<sup>3</sup>H] cyclosporine as tracer)
- Mycophenolic acid, unbound concentration (ultrafiltration followed by LC-MS/MS)
- Tacrolimus; unbound concentration (equilibrium dialysis using [<sup>3</sup>H]tacrolimus as tracer)
- Prednisone, prednisolone and cortisol concentrations (ultrafiltration followed by LC-MS/MS)

#### **Concentration of drugs in saliva**

- Cyclosporine, saliva concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Mycophenolic acid, saliva concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Tacrolimus, saliva concentration (LC-MS/MS)
- Sirolimus, saliva concentration (LC-MS/MS) (under development)

#### **Pharmacodynamic assays for immunosuppressive agents**

- Measurement of inosine 5'-monophosphate dehydrogenase type-II (IMPDH-II) activity in peripheral blood mononuclear cells; this method is a pharmacodynamics marker for mycophenolic acid (enzymatic reaction followed by LC-MS/MS)
- mRNA expression using Taqman and SYBR green methods (rtPCR).
- Measurement of intracellular cytokine (IL-2, TNF- $\alpha$ , IFN-gamma) production in mitogen stimulated peripheral blood T-lymphocytes (intracellular immunostaining followed by flow cytometer; this method is one of the Pharmacodynamics assays to access the immunosuppressive activity of calcineurin inhibitors at T-cell level).
- Measurement of phenotypic markers (CD86, CD54 and CD95) expression in mitogen stimulated peripheral blood B-lymphocytes (CD19<sup>+</sup> cells); immunostaining followed by flow cytometer.
- ImmuKnow™ test (Cylex Inc): this test detects cell-mediated immunity by measuring the concentration of ATP from CD4<sup>+</sup> cells following stimulation. The assay is the only FDA-cleared assay that directly assesses the cell-mediated immune response.

#### **Preclinical studies**

To explain many observations originated from clinical PK/PD studies, one has to utilize various techniques commonly used in the basic biomedical science or the preclinical stages of drug development. Among these techniques employed in my laboratory are the followings:

- Characterization of metabolic capacity of human liver microsomes in metabolizing CYP or UGT substrates.
- Western blot and rtPCR.
- Pharmacokinetics and drug-drug interaction studies in Sprague Dawley rat.
- Isolation and fractionation of lipoproteins from plasma to access plasma distribution of drugs among lipoprotein fractions.
- Plasma protein studies of new drugs and binding of drugs to different blood cells (i.e. red blood cells and lymphocytes).

- Transwell assay using MDCK cell lines transfected with human MDR1 (*ABCB1*) or MRP2 (*ABCC2*) genes. This assay is employed to characterize the drug-drug interaction at transporter level.
- Caco-2 transwell assay
- Development of a lipid loaded HepaRG cell line as an invitro model of hepatic steatosis
- SWATH-MS proteomics for characterization of drug metabolizing enzymes and xenobiotic transporters

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## GRANTS AND FUNDING

### Ongoing Research Support

**National Institutes of Health, NCATS** **2013-2019**  
Novel Strategies for Treating Alcoholism: A Translational Approach \$1,665,126  
1UH2TR000963 Akhlaghi  
[TR12-004] - limited competition for NIH-industry pilot program: discovering new portion  
therapeutic uses for existing molecules (UH2/UH3)  
A collaborative project between NIH, Pfizer and URI to develop a Pfizer asset PF-  
5190457 as a novel therapeutic agent for alcoholism.  
PI: Akhlaghi, Fatemeh (Contact); Leggio, Lorenzo (NIAAA, NIH)

**CVS grant** **2018-2019**  
Personalized Warfarin Dosing in Patients with Diabetes and Fatty Liver Disease \$100,000  
Akhlaghi (PI) and Wen.

**United Therapeutics** **2019-2022**  
A Phase I/II Study Evaluating the Preliminary Safety and Efficacy of Treprostinil \$400,000  
(Remodulin®) In Reducing Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury During De Novo Adult  
Kidney Transplantation  
Ghonem, Gohh (RIH), Akhlaghi

### Completed Research Support

**Baystate Medical Center** **2016-2018**  
Subcontract on 3R01 DA038082-02S1 \$58,130  
Implementation to motivate physician response to opioid dependence in HIV  
settings (supplement)  
PI: Friedmann, Peter D., MD, PI of the Subcontract: Akhlaghi, Fatemeh

**National Institutes of Health, R15 GM101599** **2013-2017**  
Altered Hepatic Disposition of Statins by Diabetes mellitus \$323,000  
Role: PI

**National Institutes of Health, SBIR proposal to NIMH** **2013-2015**  
NMDA receptor NR2D subtype-selective allosteric modulator for the treatment \$ 76,792  
of impulsivity disorders (1R43MH098467-0) Akhlaghi  
Collaboration with Chinglu Pharmaceutical Research LLC portion

**Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Inc. (0468X1-4536)** **2009-2013**  
Investigator initiated grant program \$190,170  
Pharmacokinetics and -dynamics of sirolimus in diabetic kidney transplant  
recipients  
Role: PI

**Novartis Pharmaceuticals, IIRP-1027** **2010-2013**



SmartPill technology for exact evaluation of gastrointestinal residence time in diabetic kidney transplants after conversion to EC-MPS Role: PI	\$232,042
<b>Rhode Island Science and Technology Council (RI-STAC)</b> Novel oral fluid based methods for non-invasive determination of total exposure to active immunosuppressive agents Role: PI	<b>2010-2012</b> \$111,878
<b>Novartis Pharmaceuticals (CERL080-US68)</b> Investigator initiated grant program Effect of diabetes mellitus on pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents and characterization of UGT activity in diabetic liver and kidney Role: PI	<b>2008- 2012</b> \$198,458
<b>American Heart Association (0855761D)</b> Grant-in-aid, Founders Affiliate, \$60,000/year direct cost for three years Individualized statin therapy in type 2 diabetics Role: PI	<b>2008-2011</b> \$198,000
<b>Millennium Pharmaceuticals</b> Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics modeling of bortezomib Role: PI	<b>2008-2009</b> \$40,000
<b>Investigator initiated grant, Novartis Pharmaceuticals</b> Pharmacokinetics and –dynamics of mycophenolate sodium in diabetes Role: PI	<b>2005-2008</b> \$160,500
<b>Investigator initiated grant, Roche Pharmaceuticals</b> Monitoring mycophenolic acid in saliva Role: PI	<b>2004-2007</b> \$107,500
<b>Proposal development grant, Uni. of Rhode Island Council for Research</b> Biomarkers of immunosuppression in diabetic kidney transplant recipients Role: PI	<b>2006</b> \$10,000
<b>Investigator initiated grant, Roche Laboratories</b> Pharmacokinetics of mycophenolic acid in diabetes Role: PI	<b>2003-2005</b> \$139,700
<b>Investigator initiated grant, Novartis Pharmaceuticals NJ</b> Clinical evaluation of cyclosporine C-2 in lung transplant recipients Role: PI	<b>2003-2004</b> \$35,313
<b>Rhode Island Foundation Medical Research Grant</b> Monitoring of cyclosporine in saliva	<b>2003-2004</b> \$10,000

Role: PI

<b>National Center for Research Resources (NIH)</b> New Investigator's support as part of the RI-BRIN program PI: Zahir Shaikh, 3P20RR016457-02S1 Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of immunosuppressive agents Role: Junior Investigator	<b>2002-2004</b> \$100,671
<b>National Center for Research Resources (NIH)</b> Pilot/feasibility study grant to RI-BRIN program Distribution and metabolism of immunosuppressive agents	<b>2002</b> \$19,982
<b>Bio Products Limited, UK</b> Pharmacokinetics of intravenous immunoglobulins	<b>2002</b> \$20,000
<b>University of Rhode Island</b> Proposal development fund	<b>2002</b> \$9,958
<b>Novartis Pharmaceuticals, U.K.</b> Unbound concentration of prednisolone and heart allograft rejection	<b>2000</b> £9,723
<b>Roche Educational Grant</b> Pharmacokinetics of Cellcept in heart or lung transplant recipients	<b>2000-2001</b> £25,000
<b>Transplant Charitable Fund, Papworth Hospital</b> PK/PD of corticosteroids after heart and lung transplantation Evaluating various risk factors for organ rejection following heart transplantation	<b>1998-2000</b> £96,253
<b>Janssen-Cilag Pty. Ltd, Australia</b> Distribution of tacrolimus in heart transplant recipients: A determinant of immunosuppressant efficacy Role: postdoctoral research associate	<b>1997-1999</b> A\$151,788

#### **PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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National Institutes of Health, NIDDK Role of MRP2 Polymorphism in Tacrolimus Disposition and Adverse Effects; 1 R21 DK095208-01A1 Scored 30 but not funded, to be submitted as an R01 PI: Akhlaghi, Fatemeh
National Institutes of Health Clopidogrel resistance in diabetes and NASH To be submitted as R01 PI: Akhlaghi, Fatemeh
National Institutes of Health, NCCAM

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Natural Product Drug Interaction Research and Education Center (NP-DIREC); 1 U54 AT008910  
Application for center for excellence in natural products drug interaction  
Amount requested: \$10.7 Million  
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1. European Union Patent 1996067; **Akhlaghi F** and Mendonza AE; Monitoring Cyclosporine in Saliva; patent granted in 2013
2. United States Patent Application 20080255765; **Akhlaghi F** and Mendonza AE; Monitoring Cyclosporine in Saliva - 10-16-2008
3. United States Patent Application 20080318322; **Akhlaghi F** and Mendonza AE; Analysis of mycophenolic acid in saliva using liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry - 12-25-2008
4. United States Patent Application US 10,126,316 B2; **F Akhlaghi**, M Ghareeb; Systems and Methods for the Measurement of Tacrolimus in Oral Fluids by Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry. *A United States patent was granted and all 20 claims were allowed*  
<https://patents.google.com/patent/US10126316B2/en>

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### SUBMITTED OR IN REVISION

1. Cobbina E, Lee MR, Leggio L, **Akhlaghi F**; A population pharmacokinetic analysis of PF-5190457, a novel ghrelin receptor inverse agonist, in healthy volunteers and in heavy alcohol drinkers; To be submitted to *Clinical Pharmacokinetics*
2. Saravanakumar A, Tierney CA, He W, Bush X, Johnson JG, Rodrigues D, **Akhlaghi F**. Transcriptomic analysis of a lipid-loaded HepaRG model for steatosis reveals altered regulation of drug metabolizing enzymes and transporters; Submitted to *Mol Pharmaceutics*.
3. Sadighi A, Leggio L, **Akhlaghi F**; Development of a physiologically based pharmacokinetic model for prediction of ethanol concentration-time profile in different organs; Submitted to *Alcohol and Alcoholism*
4. Jamwal R, Barlock BJ, Adusumalli S, **Akhlaghi F**. SWATH-MS based method for relative quantification of human hepatic drug transporters and its application to study gender differences. Under revision *Journal of Proteomics*

5. Barlock BJ, Jamwal R, Mahta A, **Akhlaghi F**. Presence of drug metabolizing enzyme inducers in commercially available human liver samples increases protein levels of clinically relevant enzymes; to be submitted to *Drug Metabolism and Disposition*
6. Marques E, Pfohl M, Auclair A, Jamwal R, Barlock BJ, Sammoura FM, Goedken M, **Akhlaghi F**, Slitt A; Proteomics reveals PFOS-induced alteration of lipid utilization and xenobiotic metabolism in a model of PFOS-augmented diet-induced fatty liver; submitted to *Toxicological Sciences*

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7. Lee MR, Farokhnia M, Cobbina E, Saravanakumar A, Li X, Battista JT, Farinelli LA, **Akhlaghi F**, Leggio L. Endocrine effects of the novel ghrelin receptor inverse agonist PF-5190457: results from a placebo-controlled human laboratory alcohol co-administration study in heavy drinkers; *Neuropharmacology*. 2019 Sep 23:107788. doi: 10.1016/j.neuropharm.2019.107788. [Epub ahead of print]
8. Rose KN, Barlock BJ, DaSilva NA, Johnson SS, Liu C, Ma H, Nelson R, **Akhlaghi F**, Seeram NP. Anti-neuroinflammatory effects of a food-grade phenolic-enriched maple syrup extract in a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease; *Nutr Neurosci*. 2019 Oct 4:1-10. doi: 10.1080/1028415X.2019.1672009. [Epub ahead of print]
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11. Saravanakumar A, Sadighi A, Ryu R, **Akhlaghi F**. Physicochemical properties, biotransformation, and transport pathways of established and newly approved medications: a systematic review of the top 200 most prescribed drugs vs. the FDA-approved drugs between 2005 and 2016. *Clin Pharmacokinet*. 2019 Apr 10. doi: 10.1007/s40262-019-00750-8. [Epub ahead of print] Review. PubMed PMID: 30972694.
12. Farokhnia M, Deschaine SL, Sadighi A, Farinelli LA, Lee MR, **Akhlaghi F**, Leggio L. A deeper insight into how GABA-B receptor agonism via baclofen may affect alcohol seeking and consumption: lessons learned from a human laboratory investigation. *Mol Psychiatry*. 2018 Oct 31. doi: 10.1038/s41380-018-0287-y. [Epub ahead of print] PubMed PMID: 30382188.
13. Farokhnia M, Lee MR, Farinelli LA, Ramchandani VA, **Akhlaghi F**, Leggio L. Pharmacological manipulation of the ghrelin system and alcohol hangover symptoms in heavy drinking individuals: Is there a link? *Pharmacol Biochem Behav*. 2018 Sept;172:39-49. doi: 10.1016/j.pbb.2018.07.004. Epub 2018 Jul 17. PubMed PMID: 30030128.
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