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EDUCATION

2016 - present

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Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology Rutgers/UMDNJ; Piscataway, NJ Ph.D. University of Maryland; Baltimore, MD Biochemistry MS University of Washington; Seattle, WA BS Chemistry

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

_oro process	College of Health Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, 19716
2018 – present	Director of Graduate Programs in the Medical Sciences, CHS, of Delaware, Newark,
2010 – present	DE, 19716
2017 – present	Founding Director, Applied Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Program,
201/ - present	CHS, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, 19716
2014 - 2016	Professor, Department of Bioscience Technologies, Program in Biotechnology/Applied
2014 2010	-
	Molecular Technologies, Jefferson College of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson
	University, Philadelphia, PA 19107
	Secondary appointment in the Department of Ophthalmology, Sydney Kimmel
	Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA 19107
2004-2014	Associate Professor, Department of Bioscience Technologies, Program in
	Biotechnology/Applied Molecular Technologies, Jefferson School of Health
	Professions, Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA 19107
2006 – Present	Graduate Faculty of Thomas Jefferson University, Full Member
2006 - Present	Adjunct Associate Professor (volunteer appointment), Department of Molecular
	Biology, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Stratford, NJ 08043
2000 - 2016	Program Director of Biotechnology/Applied Molecular Sciences, Jefferson School of
	Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA 19107
1999 - 2004	Assistant Professor and Director of Departmental Research Programs, Department of
	Bioscience Technologies, Jefferson School of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson
	University; Philadelphia, PA 19107
1996 - 1999	Graduate Student, Graduate Programs in Molecular Biosciences, Department of
	Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, GSBS Rutgers/UMDNJ, Piscataway, NJ
1995 - 1999	Research and Teaching Associate, Department of Molecular Biology, UMDNJ,
	Stratford, NJ

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

2000 - 2026	Clinical Laboratory Specialist in Molecular Biology, MB
	(ASCP) ^{CM} Certification #: 25355408 (ASCP)
2014 - 2020	Mental Health First Aid, National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Wills Vision Center at Jefferson, Ophthalmological Genetics Special Interest Group (2014 – present)

Full Member, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) (2002-present)

American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists (ASCLS) (2016-present)

American Society of Molecular Pathology (AMP) (2014-present)

Member, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society (2008 – present)

Member, Association of Researchers in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) (1999-present)

AWARDS

- 1991 Y S Kim Award for Excellence in Research, Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Maryland at Baltimore, Baltimore, MD.
- 2004 Fight for Sight Research Contribution Award; Annual Meeting of Researchers in Vision and Ophthalmology, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, May 2004
- 2007 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Jefferson College of Health Professions, June 2007
- 2010 Dean's Faculty Achievement Award, Jefferson School of Health Professions; June 2010

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Delaware		
2021 – present	Mentor, NIH Proposal Academy for Aditya Dutta (ANFS)	
2021 – present	Member, World Scholar Faculty Advisory Board	
2017 – present	Member, Biopharmaceutical Initiatives Council (now the Biopharm Council), University of	
	Delaware	
2017 – 2018	Member, Pharmaceutical Initiatives Committee, University of Delaware	
2017 - 2020	College of Health Sciences STEM Pipeline Initiatives Committee	
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Thomas Jefferson	·	
2015 – 2016	Member, MS Program in Genetic Counseling Planning & Development Committee, TJU	
2014 - 2016	Member, Jefferson Committee on Research (JCOR)	
2006 - 2016	Member JSHP Faculty Affairs Committee (Promotion and Tenure Committee)	
	■ Committee Chair – 2014-2015	
	■ Committee Chair – 2009-2011	
2008 - 2016	Member TJU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) Committee	
2013 - 2016	Member JSHP Executive Council	
2012 - 2016	Member, Middle States Accreditation Task Force/Self-Study on Assessment of Faculty	
	Development and Engagement in Education, Research and Service	
2012 - 2016	Faculty Advisor to Jefferson Science Outreach Network and ASBMB UAN	
2012 - 2016	Faculty Advisor to the TJU Chapter of Active Minds	
2012 - 2016	Member, TJU PhD Programs Review and Advisory Committee	
1999 - 2016	Member JSHP/JCHP Committee on Research	
2001 - 2014	Member JSHP/JCHP Longitudinal Study Committee	
2007 - 2011	Member Jefferson Schools Research Task Force/Committee	
2006 - 2011	Member Jefferson Schools Faculty Advisory Committee	
2005 - 2007	Member JCHP Strategic Planning Committees and Pharmacy School Development Group	
2004 - 2005	Member Thomas Jefferson Strategic Planning Committee	
2003 - 2006	Member JCHP Committee on Education Philosophy and Planning (EP&P) 2005 - 2006	

Member of the Middle States Accreditation Task Force/Research/Facilities/Equipment/IT

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING INNOVATIONS

	I DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING INNOVATIONS
2019 – Present	De novo development of the Professional MS programs in Applied Molecular Biology and
	Biotechnology and Medical Laboratory Science, University of Delaware
2019 – Present	Development of "Green Initiatives for Assessment of Teaching and Learning in MMSC:
	Exam Soft Based Assessments; Remote Clinical Site Monitoring; Electronic Student
	Practicum Evaluations, University of Delaware
2018 – Present	De novo development of Medical Diagnostics PrePA- Physician Assistant Program Early
	Assured Admission Articulation Agreement in Collaboration with Arcadia University
2018 – Present	De novo development of the minor in Genetic Counseling, University of Delaware
2017 – Present	Internship Coordinator, Applied Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Program, De novo
	development of industry-academic internship partnerships and affiliations. University of
	Delaware
2017 – Present	Development of AS to BS in Applied Molecular Biology and Biotechnology articulation
	agreements and pipeline programs with regional community colleges (DelTech, Cecil College
	and Rowan College of South Jersey)
2017- Present	De novo development of online/hybrid Graduate Certificate Program in Molecular
	Diagnostics, University of Delaware.
2017 – Present	De novo development of BS and BS/MS programs in Applied Molecular Biology and
	Biotechnology, University of Delaware.
2017 – Present	De novo development of the MS in Medical Sciences, University of Delaware
2016 – Present	Curriculum revision and update, Ph.D. in Medical Sciences program, University of Delaware
2000 – 2016	Development of AS to BS in Biotechnology articulation agreements and pipeline programs
	with regional community colleges (Montgomery County College, Bucks County College,
	Camden County College, Rowan College at Burlington County and Rowan College of South
	Jersey)
2000 - 2016	Development of Biotechnology Technical Competency Assessment Checklist, Thomas
	Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
2000 – 2016	De novo development of the Biotechnology BS, BS/MS and MS level programs, curricula and
	coursework, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
2014 - 2015	Development of the "Interactive Curricula Experience and App (iCE)" for Research Design
	courses in collaboration with other JSHP faculty

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE Developed, organized and directed outreach and diversity programs aimed at enhancing awareness of STEM and biomedical science fields and their career opportunities.		
2021 – present	Founding Faculty Advisor to DEI Peer Mentor Program, Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences, University of Delaware	
2021 – present	Founding Faculty Advisor to Health Professions Council Student Organization, University of Delaware.	
2018 – present	Founding Faculty Advisor to Delaware Chapter of Graduate Women in Science (GWIS), University of Delaware	
2017 – present	Participant and MMSC liaison for CHS STEM Pipeline Initiatives, including Summer Health Sciences Camp; dual credit college course offerings at local underserved high schools, science demonstrations at regional elementary schools, University of Delaware	
2013- 2016	TJU-GSK-Philadelphia Academies <i>Quest Biotechnology Pipeline Program</i> , co-developer and coordinator, Thomas Jefferson University	
2004 -2016	Summer Science at Jefferson, High School Summer Science Program, co-developer and coordinator, Thomas Jefferson University	
2013-2016	Academic advisor to the TJU Chapter of ASBMB Science Outreach Network (Jeff-SON), Thomas Jefferson University	

Molecular Biotechnology Workshop" June 26-30, 2000. "PCR Technology Workshop" April 2000 - 2001

5-7, 2001, NCA Review for Molecular Biologist Certification Exam, July 2001.

PREP program mentor – summer undergraduate research program at UMDNJ 1995 - 1999

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Member, Bioproduction Advisory Board, Cecil County College, North East, MD 2021 - present

Advisory Board Member, Biological Sciences, Delaware Technical College, Stanton, DE 2017 - present

2016 - present Biotechnology Advisory Board Member, Delaware Technical Community College,

Georgetown, DE

2001 - present Member (Chair – 2014 to present) Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly Burlington

County Community College) Chemistry and Biotechnology Advisory Council;

Member, Occupational Advisory Council, Roxborough High School Biotech Academy 2014-2016

2009 - present Member, Biotechnology Board of Bucks Country Community College

Member, Biotechnology Board of Montgomery Country Community College 2001- present

Member, Biotechnology Board of Camden County Community College 2001-present

CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY POSITIONS HELD

Editorial Board Member

JSM – Biotechnology and Biomedical Engineering 2013 – Present

Invited Peer Reviewer for the Following Scientific Journals

2019- Present Clinical Laboratory Science

2019 - Present International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

2017 - Present **MDPI Cancers** MDPI Cells 2017- Present **MDPI Viruses** 2017 – Present 2013- Present ACS Neuroscience 2012- Present **BIOCHIMIE**

2012- Present Clinical Ophthalmology

2012- Present Clinical Optometry

Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science (IOVS) 2010- Present

Protein and Peptide Letters 2006- Present

1995- Present **Biochemistry**

Journal of Allied Health 1999- Present

Grant Reviewer

2020 - present National Science Foundation – STTR/SBIR

National Science Foundation - Directorate for Engineering/Industrial Innovation and Partnerships

Phase I: SBIR/STTR Formulation and Manufacturing; Panel Reviewer Phase I: SBIR/STTR Drug Discovery and Delivery, Panel Reviewer

2017 - present University of Delaware – UDRF Program

2011-2016 TJU JSHP/JCHP & JCOR Intramural Grant Programs

The Welcome Trust - External Peer Reviewer, Research Project Grant 2009

NIH Peer Mail Reviewer – ARRA Stimulus Grants 2009

1998 Association for International Cancer Research - External Peer Reviewer, Research Project

Grant

Textbook Editorial Review

The Cell: A Molecular Approach, Geoffrey M. Copper and Robert E. Hausman; Sinauer 2012 – Present

Associates, Inc.

External Reviewer Faculty Promotion and Tenure

St. Louis University, Department of Biology, Division of Neuroscience, St. Louis, MO
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Genetics and Genome

Sciences, Cleveland, OH

External Academic Program Reviewer

2012- 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF) TJU Coordinator for Survey of Graduate Students and

Post-doctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS)

External Reviewer for Burlington County Community College Chemistry Program December
External Reviewer for State of New Jersey, Middlesex Community College Biotechnology

Program

SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH AND MENTORSHIP

Current Support

Agency: Foundation Fighting Blindness

Project: Deciphering the Impact of ABCA4 Genetic Variants of Unknown Significance in Inherited Retinal

Disease Prognosis.

Scope of Work: Structure-function analysis of genetic variants

Role: PI 06/30/23 - 06/29/2026

Completed Research Support

Agency: Limelight Bio

Project: Biologic testing contract research – NDA in place

Scope of Work: Functional analysis of bio-therapeutic proteins for use in the treatment of visual

disease

Role: PI 10/1/2019 – 10/2021

Agency: Delaware Bioscience CAT

Title: A Novel Low-Cost Expression System for the Production of Complex Viral Proteins

Scope of Work: Large-scale production of SARS-V2/COVID-19 proteins for diagnostic assay platforms and

vaccine development

Role: CO-I 08/01/2020 - 08/01/2021

Agency: NIH/NEI

2R15EY013113 Biswas-Fiss (PI) 07/01/2000 - 01/31/2018

Project: "Biomolecular Analysis of Proteins in Visual Disease."

Scope of Work: Functional analysis of proteins harboring mutations associated with inherited macular degeneration.

Role: PI

Supplemental Awards to NEI/NIH grant 2R15EY013113

3R15EY013113-02S1 MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers)

Supplement - NIH/NEI/NIGMS Project Period Begin Date: 07/01/2000

Project Period End Date: 06/30/2005

Role: PI Fellowship support for JSHP student: Kwabena Freempong

3R15EY013113-04S1 MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers)

Supplement - NIH/NEI/NIGMS Project Period Begin Date: 07/01/2000

Project Period End Date: 03/31/2010

Role: PI Fellowship support for JSHP student: Maimonua Bah

3R15EY013113-02S2 Administrative Supplement for "Quantitative Physical Measurements at the

Nanoscale" Project Period Begin Date: 07/01/2000

Project Period End Date: 06/30/2005

Role: PI (Supplement to provided funds for acquisition of research grade spectrofluorometer.)

Agency: American Health Assistance Foundation

Role: PI

Period: 4-1-03 to 3-31-04

Scope of Work: Analysis of Age-Related Macular Degeneration mutations on protein-protein interactions

involving the ABCR gene product.

Agency: Fight for Sight

Role: PI

Period: 7-1-99 to 6-30-04

Scope of Work: Cloning, expression and characterization of the nucleotide binding domains of the ABCR gene product, analysis of alterations in nuclotidase corresponding with mutations linked to retinal degenerations.

<u>Undergraduate</u>, <u>Graduate & Post-Doctoral Student Mentorship</u>

Graduate Mentorship at University of Delaware

Jazzlyn Jones, MS - Ph.D. Thesis Advisor, 2021-present, Senem Cevik, MS, - Ph.D. Thesis Advisor 2020-present, Meera Patel^{1,2} (completed defense April 2021), MS - Ph.D. Thesis Advisor, 2016-2021; Albtool Alturkestani, MS - Ph.D. Thesis Co-Advisor, Diana Vargas Carvajal - MS Research Trainee (2022-present)

Undergraduate Research Trainees at University of Delaware

Afoma Mbanefo (INBRE 2017); Nyle Smith (Summer Scholar, 2017); Tyler Findley (Summer Scholar, 2018), Leon Elcock (INBRE, 2018); Emily Hodgkins and Janae Latta (INBRE, 2019), Sarah Brandt (IMBRE, 2020), Margaret Bricker (INBRE, 2021), Jeremy Reisman (INBRE, 2021); Rebecca Seiler (2020-present); Cailin Nigrelli (AY 2021-22), John Keller (AY 2021-22), Cory Williams (spring 2022), Kevin Marks (INBRE, 2022 summer), Julia Nelson (Source Program, Summer 2022), Christopher Sullivan (Fall 2022), Andrew Martin (Spectrum Scholar, Fall 2022), Christie Santucci (Fall 2022), Zyairr Bissoon (NASA program, Summer 2023).

MS Research Trainees at Thomas Jefferson University

Stephen Flowers^{1,2}; Ryan Wyanocheck; Mary Jablonski; William Riches^{2,}; Shaan Kunwar; Nick Yun²; Teresa Pagoa²; Margo Puccerelli²; Megan Choicey²; Alessandra Gambino²; Kwabena Frempong^{2,3*}; (**Recipient of a MARC-NIH fellowship**); Jacquline LeGates³; Bayan Sajar; Jinadue Oke^{2*}; Aline Disimone²; Maimouna Bah^{2,3} (**Recipient of a MARC-NIH fellowship**); Carina Davis; Kinjaben Joshi^{1,2}; Deepa Kurpad²; Gayathri Sivaraman; Patricia Solobnick; Malissa Ha²; Krystal Coleman; Teresa Ng; Nissy Thomas; Nada Bawazir; Yesha Patel; Vaishakhi Patel; Eleonora Samarxhi ^{2*}

Post-Doctoral Mentorship

2001 - 2003 Tatiana M. Suarez (recipient of a "Fight for Sight Post-doctoral Fellowship" 1,2,3

2003 - 2004 Sujata Khopde¹

Footnote....

- 1. Student peer reviewed publication outcome.
- 2. Student presented abstract at annual research day or other national or international meeting (*indicates student present received an award).
- 3. Student peer reviewed abstract outcome.

Thesis Committee Mentor/Member

University of Delaware – Joseph Patria (ANFS/Biology, PI – Mark Parcells); Shaili Patel (Biology, PI- Salil Lachke); Natalia Torres (MMSC, PI-Eric Kimec); Brett Sansbury (MMSC, PI-Eric Kimec); Safiyah Mansori (MMSC, PI- Sheau Ching Chai); Ngozi Dom Chima (MMSC – PI Sam Biswas); Ashely Taylor (ANFS – PI Aditya Dutta)

Rowan University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (formerly UMDNJ) – Department of Molecular Biology: Khusbu Patel, MS Thesis Committee Spring 2011-Spring 2013; Gulden Kaplan, Ph.D. Committee 2013-present; Shawna Rotoli, Ph.D. Committee; 2012 – present; Julia Crawford, Ph.D. Committee; 2010-present; Jirayu Kukirtirat, MS Thesis Committee: Spring 2009 - Spring 2010.

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS OR REVIEWS

- 1. *Cascino, E.M., Das, S. Marella, M., Shakarchi, M.*, Biswas-Fiss, E.B. (2020) "Leadership Principals: Past, Present and Future, Invited Chapter in Laboratory Management, Principles and Processes, Fourth Edition, Denise Hammering, Editor, D.H. Publishing & Consulting Inc.
- 2. *A. Alturkestani, J.P Jones, J. Korth*, Biswas-Fiss, E.E, *Affett, S.* and *Ha, M.A*. Biswas, S.B. (2018) "ABCA Subfamily of Transporters" in Encyclopedia of Signaling Molecules, Invited Review: Choi, S. Editor, Springer Science Publishers, 2nd Edition.
- 3. Biswas, E.E, *Affett, S.* and *Ha, M.A*. (2012) "ABCA Subfamily of Transporters" in Encyclopedia of Signaling Molecules, Invited Review: Choi, S. Editor, Springer Science Publishers.
- 4. Biswas, S. B., Clark, J., *Kurpad, D. S.*, & **Biswas-Fiss E. E**. (2008) Invited Review: Bacterial Replicative DNA Helicases in "*DNA Helicases*", December 2008, Editor, Frank Columbus, Nova Science Publishers, Inc., Hauppauge, NY.
- 5. **Biswas-Fiss**, **E.E**. (2007) Biochemical Defects in the Nucleotide Binding Domains of the Retina Specific ABC Transporter, ABCR., in "Ocular Transporters, in Ophthalmic Diseases and Drug Delivery", *Ophthalmology Research*, Invited Review, Tombran-Tink, J. and Barnstable, C., Editors.

Contribution to Science and Areas of Interest

- 1. The ABCA4 gene has been linked through genetic studies to a broad spectrum of blinding retinal degenerations, including Stargardt macular dystrophy and cone-rod dystrophy. Over 1000 disease associated mutations have been identified to date. The ABCA4 gene encodes a retina specific ATP binding cassette (ABC) transporter localized primarily to the rod and cone outer segment disc membranes. Each half of the bipartite ABCA4 protein contains a transmembrane domain (TMD) followed by a cytoplasmic or soluble domain (NBD), which harbors the Walker nucleotide binding motifs. In addition, each ABCA4 half transporter possesses a large extra-lumenal loop (ECD), characteristic of the ABCA subfamily. Historically, studies using purified and reconstituted bovine or hABCA4 expressed in mammalian cell lines were used as experimental systems to probe ABCA4 function. However, whole molecule studies have their limitations. In a multifunctional protein, such as ABCA4, it is difficult to assign the true raison d'être of each domain using this approach. *My laboratory has developed a platform for the assessment of individual functional domains of ABCA4 as well as the consequences of disease associated genetic variations.* This work has provided opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral researchers, several of whom have earned co-authorship on publications. I have served as the primary investigator on all of these studies.
- 1. Biswas E.E. and Biswas, S.B. (2000) The C-terminal Domain of the Human ABCR Protein is a Functional ATPase, *Biochemistry*, **39**, 15879-15886. PMID: 11123914 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 2. Biswas, E.E. (2001) The Nucleotide Binding Domain 1 of the Human Retinal ABC Transporter Functions as a General Ribonucleotidase. *Biochemistry*, 40, 8181-8187. PMID:11444963 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 3. <u>Suarez, T. C.</u>, Biswas S. B., and Biswas, E. E. (2002) Biochemical Defects in Human ABCR Nucleotide Binding Domain 1 Mutants Associated with Macular Degeneration. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 277, 21759-21767. PMID: 11919200 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 4. Biswas-Fiss, E. E. (2003) Molecular Basis and Functional Consequences of Genetic Mutations in Human ABCR Nucleotide Binding Domain 2, *Biochemistry*, 42, 10683-10696. PMID:12962493 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 5. **Patel MJ**, Biswas SB, Biswas-Fiss EE. (2019) Functional significance of the conserved C-terminal VFVNFA motif in the retina-specific ABC transporter, ABCA4, and its role in inherited visual disease. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun.*, 519(1):46-52. doi: 10.1016/j.bbrc.2019.08.121. Epub 2019 Aug 31
- 2. The systematic analysis of the structure and function of individual domains of the retina specific ABC transporter ABCA4 has proven to be a highly viable and specific approach, as demonstrated in our studies with the NBD1/NBD2 and ECD1/ECD2 domains of ABCA4. **Specifically, our studies have allowed us to**

pinpoint the region of ABCA4 which interact with the retinoids, 11-cis and all-trans retinal, as well to determine the consequences of disease associated mutations in these domains. Our work supports the notion that ABCA4 functions as an 11-cis retinal importer as well as an all-trans retinal exporter. This work has provided opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral researchers, several of whom have earned co-authorship on publications. I have served as the primary investigator on all of these studies.

- 1. Biswas-Fiss, E.E, *Kurpad*, *D.S.*, and *Joshi*, *K.* (2010) Interaction of Extracellular Domain 2 of the Human Retina-Specific ABC Transporter (ABCA4) With All-*Trans* Retinal. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 285, 19372-83. PMID: 20404325 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 2. Biswas-Fiss, E.E, *Affet S*, and *Ha*, *M*. (2012) Retinoid binding properties of nucleotide binding domain 1 of the Stargardt disease-associated ATP binding cassette (ABC) transporter, ABCA4. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 287, 44097-107. PMID:23144455 [PubMed in process]
- 3. Biswas, E.E, *Jones, J., Alturkestani, A., Korth, J. Affett, S.* and *Ha, M.A.* (2017) "ABCA Transporters" in Encyclopedia of Signaling Molecules, 2nd Edition, pp. 21-28, Choi, S. Editor, Invited Review Springer Science Publishers.
- 3. The identification of genes and mutations associated with visual disease has led to routine genetic testing as a part of diagnosis, yet often such testing provides limited information on prognosis in the case of ABCA4 associated disease. *Our ABCA4 analysis platforms allows for "reverse translation" of patient genotype-phenotype clinical profiles to their corresponding biochemical genotype-phenotype profiles.* This is an exciting concept that may help to ultimately develop a predictive model for the clinical course of a specific genotype. Our work involves collaborations with the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia and more recently, with the Wilmington VA Medical Center in Delaware. This work has provided opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral researchers, several of whom have earned co-authorship on publications. I have served as the primary investigator on all of these studies.
- 1. Biswas-Fiss, E.E. (2006) Interaction of the Nucleotide Binding Domains and Regulation of the ATPase activity of the human retina specific ABC transporter, ABCR. *Biochemistry*, **45**, 3813-3823. PMID: 16533065 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
- 2. Biswas-Fiss, E.E. (2007) Biochemical Defects in the Nucleotide Binding Domains of the Retina Specific ABC Transporter, ABCR., in "Ocular Transporters, in Ophthalmic Diseases and Drug Delivery", *Ophthalmology Research*, Invited Review, Tombran-Tink, J. and Barnstable, C., Editors.
- 3. <u>Wangtiraumnuay, N.</u>, Capasso, J., <u>Tsukikawa, M.</u>, Levin, A. V., Biswas-Fiss, E. E. Novel ABCA4 Mutation Leads to Loss of a Conserved C-Terminal Motif: Implications for Predicting Pathogenicity Based on Genetic Testing. (2017) *European Journal of Ophthalmology*, 2018 January;28(1):123-126. PubMed PMID: 28885670.
- 4. *Cevik, S.*, <u>Wangtiraumnuay, N., Van Schelvergem, K.</u>, *Korth, J.*, *Tsukikawa, M.*, Capasso, J., Subhasis B. Biswas, Biswas-Fiss, E., Boydt, B, Levin, A.V. (2021) Bioinformatic Analysis of ABCA4 Protein in Ocular Genetic Disease, *Manuscript under review*.
- 4. My early publications directly addressed the initiation of DNA replication, with an emphasis on DNA helicases and sequence specific DNA binding proteins. Such work formed a basis for later collaborative studies on emerging drug resistant and select agents, and oncogenic viruses such as *S. aureus*, B. *anthracis*, human *papillomavirus* virus. **Our studies provide evidence for the use of replication initiation proteins as targets for novel antimicrobials or antiviral pharmaceuticals.** I have served as a co-investigator on all of these studies.
 - 1. Aiello D, Barnes MH, Biswas EE, Biswas SB, Gu S, Williams JD, Bowlin TL, Moir DT. (2009) Discovery, Characterization and Comparison of Inhibitors of *Bacillus anthracis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* Replicative DNA Helicases. (2009) *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry*, 17, 4466-76. PMID: 19477652 [PubMed indexed for MEDLINE]
 - 2. Biswas E.E., Barnes, M.H., Moir, D.T., and Biswas, S.B (2009) An Essential DnaB Helicase of Bacillus Anthracis: Identification, Characterization, and Mechanism of Action. *J. Bacteriol.* 1, 249-60. PMID: 18931108

- 3. Biswas-Fiss, EE, *Kukiratirat J*, Biswas S.B. (2012) Thermodynamic analysis of DNA binding by a Bacillus single stranded DNA binding protein, *BMC Biochem.*, 13, 10-14. PMCID 3464605
- 4. *Rotoli, S. M.*, Biswas-Fiss, E.and Biswas, S. B. (2012) Quantitative analysis of the mechanism of DNA binding by Bacillus DnaA protein. *Biochemie*, 94, 2764-75. PMCID 22974984
- 5. *Patel MJ*, *Bhatia L*, *Yilmaz G*, Biswas-Fiss EE, **Biswas SB**. (2016) Multiple conformational states of DnaA protein regulate its interaction with DnaA boxes in the initiation of DNA replication. *Biochemi*. *Biophys. Acta.* 9, 2165-2174. doi: 10.1016/j.bbagen.2017.06.013. [Epub ahead of print]

Bold/italics indicates undergrad, BS/MS, MS, Ph.D. or Medical student co-authors. **Bold underlined** indicates post-doctoral co-author.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 1. **Senem Cevik, MS**, Nutsuchar Wangtiraumnuay, MD, Kristoff Van Schelvergem MD, Mai Tsukikawa MS, MD Jenina Capasso, MS, LCGC, Subhasis B. Biswas PhD, Barry Bodt, PhD, Alex V. Levin, MD, MHSc, Esther Biswas-Fiss, PhD (2023) Protein modeling and in silico analysis to assess the pathogenicity of ABCA4 variants in inherited retinal disease. Molecular Vision, In Press.
- 2. **Ngozi Dom-Chima**, Yakubu Mohammed Ajang, Chinyere Ifeoma Dom-Chima, Esther Biswas-12 Fiss, Maryam Aminu, & Subhasis B. Biswas (2023) Human papillomavirus spectrum of HPV-infected women in Nigeria: An analysis by next-generation sequencing and type-specific PCR, *Virology Journal Springer Nature*, Jul 11;20(1):144. doi: 10.1186/s12985-023-02106-y. PMID: 37434253; PMCID: PMC10337082.
- 3. **Evande R**, **Rana A**, Biswas-Fiss EE, Biswas SB. Protein-DNA Interactions Regulate Human Papillomavirus DNA Replication, Transcription, and Oncogenesis. *Int J Mol Sci.* 2023 May 9;24(10):8493. doi: 10.3390/ijms24108493. PMID: 37239839; PMCID: PMC10218588.
- 4. *Cevik S*, Biswas SB, Biswas-Fiss EE. Structural and Pathogenic Impacts of *ABCA4* Variants in Retinal Degenerations-An *In-Silico* Study. *Int J Mol Sci.* 2023 Apr 14;24(8) PubMed Central PMCID: PMC10138569.
- 5. **Yilmaz G**, Biswas-Fiss EE, Biswas SB. Sequence-Dependent Interaction of the Human *Papillomavirus E2 Protein with the DNA Elements on Its DNA Replication Origin. Int* J Mol Sci. 2023 Mar 31;24(7):6555. doi: 10.3390/ijms24076555. PMID: 37047526; PMCID: PMC10095481.
- 6. *Patel, M. J.*, Biswas S. B., & **Biswas-Fiss**, **E.E.** (2020) Integrated approaches to understanding novel genetic variants identified through molecular diagnostic testing. *ASCLS Today*, 34(4).
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- 2. Computational and Functional Predictive Analysis of ABCA4 Variants in Inherited Retinal Disorders, Lens Club, Department of Biology, University of Delaware, July 21, 2022.
- 3. Spotlight on: The Retina Specific ABC Transporter ABCA4, Research Community Connector Series, APBiopharm, University of Delaware, April 22, 2022.
- 4. COVID-19: Vaccines and Variants, Panel Roundtable Discussion, University of Delaware, March 10, 2021
- 5. Squamous Cell Carcinoma STEM Group, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, "Genetic Variations in Human Papillomavirus Affecting Carcinogenicity & Diversity of the Global HPV Infections & Disease'. Thomas Jefferson University, March 3, 2021
- 6. University of Delaware, Delaware Life Science Forum; Panel Moderator, April 24, 2019
- 7. Burlington County College; Keynote Speaker Burlington County College Undergraduate Research Symposium; "You've Come a Long Way Baby"; April 2015, Mt. Laurel, NJ.
- 8. Montgomery County Community College; Biotechnology Career Day; Panel Presentation, April 2015
- 3. Bucks County College; "Biotechnology Science of the New Millennium" Invited Presentation; March 2015
- 4. Burlington County College; "Molecular Approaches to Understanding Inherited Visual Disease"; February 2015; October 2014
- 5. Wills Eye Vision Center Symposium; April 25, 2014 "Genetic Mechanisms of Inherited Retinal Degenerations."
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- 7. Bucks County College, Newtown, PA, November 7, 2012, Keynote Speaker for Women in Technology and Science Symposium.
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TEACHING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

University of Delaware

MMSC 425/625 Basic Molecular Techniques; Course Director (4.0 credits) – Designed and oversee this course on basic molecular biology techniques. (Annually, Fall semesters AY 2016- course responsibility assigned to other departmental faculty 2017 - present).

MMSC 408/608 *Molecular Preparatory Techniques; Course Director (2.0 credit)* – Designed and teach (sole instructor) this laboratory/lecture course on preparatory techniques required to carry-out molecular biology laboratory procedures. (Annually, Fall semesters AY 2016- present)

MMSC 491/691 *Human Molecular Genetics*. Designed this online course in basic human genetics. (Annually, Spring semesters AY 2018 – present.)

MMSC 425/625 Protein Purification and Characterization (3.0 credits); Course Director - Designed and oversee the teaching (3 credit course) of laboratory-based course in basic techniques and principals of protein purification and current methods of characterization. (Annually, Spring semesters AY 2017-present; course assigned to other faculty in the department)

MMSC 492/692 and 493 Molecular Diagnostic Techniques (2.0 – 3.0 credits); Course Director -

Designed and oversee the teaching of **(3 credit course)** this laboratory/lecture course on molecular diagnostic techniques. (Annually, AY 2017 -present, responsibility assigned to other faculty).

MMSC 604 Methods in Bioscience Education (3.0 credits) – Developed this graduate level course to introduce students in the basics of educational pedagogy, theory, assessment, online-delivery with an emphasis on instruction in laboratory science-based programs. Responsibility turned over to MMSC faculty member 2017-2019; resumed teaching responsibility in 2020.

MMSC 605 Regulatory and Fiscal Issues in Laboratory Management (3.0 credits); Assisted in the development and participate in this graduate level team-taught course which covers various regulatory and financial issues encountered in research and clinical laboratories. (Annually, Spring semesters AY 2018, course responsibility assigned to other departmental faculty 2017 - present).

MMSC 411/611, 412/612, 443/643, 444,644 *Biotechnology Practicum (Variable 2-4 credits)*; **Course Director - Coordinate and Administer** this course in which biotechnology students rotate out to various laboratories to gain practical laboratory experience. Annually, all semesters; 2017-present.

MMSC 800 – *Writing Research Proposals*. Revised, updated and teach core course on proposal writing and presentation for second year Ph.D. in Medical Sciences students.

Thomas Jefferson University

PAST 530 Clinical Skills Course – Microbiological Skills I & II (3.0 credits) Developed and delivered two lectures on clinical microbiology for students in the Physician Assistant Program, Fall 2014.

LS301/501 *Molecular Biology; Course Director/sole lecturer (3.0 credits)* – Reorganized, **updated** and serve as sole lecturer for this lecture course on basic molecular cell biology and biochemistry. (Annually, AY 1999-00-present).

LS303/503 Fundamentals of Clinical and Experimental Techniques; Course Director (3.0 credits) - departmental team-taught course on basic laboratory techniques. (Annually, Fall semesters, AY 1999-present).

BT310/510 Basic Molecular Techniques; Course Director (4.0 credits) – Designed and oversee this course on basic molecular biology techniques. (Annually, Fall semesters AY 2000-01- course responsibility assigned to other departmental faculty 2002 - present).

BT303/503 *Molecular Preparatory Techniques; Course Director (1.0 credit)* – Designed and teach (sole instructor) this laboratory/lecture course on preparatory techniques required to carry-out molecular biology laboratory procedures. (Annually, Fall semesters AY 2000-01-present).

BT 320/520 *Cell and Tissue Culture Techniques; Course Director (4.0 credits)* - Designed, direct and participate in the team teaching of this laboratory/lecture course dealing with cell growth and protein expression in cell systems such as: *E. coli*, yeast, insect (baculovirus), plant and mammalian cell lines. (Annually, Spring semesters, AY 2000-- present).

BT 405/605 *Microbial Genetics* **(3.0 credits)**; - **Designed**, directed and participated in the teaching of this lecture/seminar based course on current as well as classical topics in microbial genetics. (Annually, Fall semesters AY 2000 to AY 2002; course responsibility assigned to adjunct faculty 2002 – present).

BT 411/611 Protein Purification and Characterization (3.0 credits); Course Director - Designed and participate in the teaching (1.5 credits of a 3 credit course) of laboratory based course in basic techniques and principals of protein purification and current methods of characterization. (Annually, Spring semesters AY 2003-present)

LS 440 Current Research in Bioscience Technologies (3.0 credits); Course Director - Developed, serve as course director and participate in this team taught course in which students review, critique and report on recent primary literature in a small group session/case study format. (Annually AY 2003-present)

BT410/610 *Molecular Diagnostic Techniques (4.0 credits)*; Course Director - Designed, direct and teach (sole instructor) this laboratory/lecture course on molecular diagnostic techniques. (Annually, AY 2001-present).

BT 403/603 *Human Genetics*. **Designed** this course in basic human genetics. (Annually, Spring semesters AY 2003; course responsibility assigned to adjunct faculty 2003 - present).

BT 401/601 Systems Biology; Course Director (2.0 credits) - Coordinate and participate (1.0 credit of 2 credits) in this course which utilizes a systems approach to current problems in biomedical science; topics include flow cytometry, bioinformatics, proteomics and genomics. Annually Spring semesters, 2002-present.

BT 412, 422, 432 442, BT 812, 813, 814, and 815 *Laboratory Practicum (Variable 2-4 credits)*; Course Director - Coordinate and administer this course in which biotechnology students rotate out to various laboratories to gain practical laboratory experience. Annually, all semesters; 2000-present.

LS610 Regulatory and Fiscal Issues in Laboratory Science (3.0 credits); Assisted in the development and participate in this graduate level team-taught course which covers various regulatory and financial issues encountered in research and clinical laboratories. (Annually, Spring and Summer semesters AY 2001-2016).

LS603 *Research Design (3.0 credits)*, **Assisted in the development and participate** in this graduate level team-taught course which covers fundamental concepts in basic and clinical research. (Annually, Fall semesters, AY 2001-present).

LS801/802 Master Research Project (3.0 credits); Assisted in the development and participate in this course in which BST students complete their Master's research projects. (Annually, all semesters, AY 2001-2016).

BT302 *Molecular and Immunological Techniques (3.0 credits)* - Taught the molecular biology half of an upper-division undergraduate course in molecular and immunological techniques. AY 1999-0.