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EDUCATION:

2001-2005 B.Sc: **Biology**, Department of Biology, Faculty of Basic Sciences, Razi

University, Kermanshah, Iran

2006-2009 M.Sc: **Developmental Biology**, Department of Biology, Faculty of

Basic Sciences, Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran

2014-2019 Ph.D: **Reproductive Biology**, Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine,

Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran

M.Sc. Thesis subject:

" Effects of hydrostatic pressure on preovulatory follicle produced of mouse in vitro"

Supervisors: Dr.Mehri Azadbakht, Dr.Ali Amini

Ph.D. Thesis subject:

"Effect of Quercetin on the expression of thioredoxin system (TRX/TXNIP) via Nrf2/ARE pathway in human granulosa cells" Supervisors: Dr. Fardin Amidi, Dr. Ashraf Ale Yasin.

HONORS:

Top students in undergraduate, graduate and PhD courses.

The best Ph.D thesis in Tehran University of Medical Sciences, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Histology, embryology and Cell Biology in Faculty of Paramedical Sciences, Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences, Payam Noor University (PNU) Kermanshah and Faculty of Basic Sciences, Razi University

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Biology and pathology of human sperm, oocyte and embryo.
In vitro and in-vivo study for male and female reproductive system
ART techniques (SA, IUI, IVM, IVF, ICSI, sperm- egg and embryo freezing, embryo biopsy)
Cell culture, cellular, and molecular biology
Cancer treatment in reproductive systems

Laboratory skills:

Fertility treatment center from 2010 to 2012 years

Fertility and infertility research center from 2012 to 2014

- 1: Cell Culture (Cell lines, Primary Culture, Stem cells)
- 2. Cell death detection (TUNEL assay, Acridin Orang / Ethidium Bromid, Hoechst/PI)
- 3. MTT Assay, Nitric Oxide Assay, Migration Assay
- 6. Isolation of stromal and epithelial cells from human endometrial tissue
- 7. Isolation and culture of Mouse embryonic fibroblast cells (MEF).
- 8. Histotechnique (Tissue processing, paraffin section and cryosection)
- 9. Sperm analysis, Semen processing, IUI, IVF, ICSI in mouse and Human
- 10. Ovarian and follicle Vitrification in mouse.
- 11. Oocye, sperm, embryo Vitrification in human
- 12. Isolation and culture of human granulosa cells in human
- 13. PCR &RNA /DNA extraction, Real time PCR
- 14. Western blot
- 15. Enzyme activity
- 16. ELISA
- 17. Flow cytometry

PUBLICATIONS:

FULL ARTICLES

- 1. Momeni Maryam, **Rashidi Zahra**, Azadbakht Mehri. Effect of Hydrostatic Pressure on In Vitro Maturation of Mouse Oocyte. Journal of Iranian Anatomical Sciences, Vol 9, Spring 2011, Pages: 1-12
- 2. **Rashidi Zahra**, Azadbakht Mehri, Khazaei Mozafar,. Hydrostatic pressure improves in-vitro maturation of oocytes derived from vitrified-warmed mouse ovaries. Iran J Reprod Med Vol. 10. No.3. May 2012, pp: 257-264.

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- 4. Leila Rezakhani, **Zahra Rashidi**, Pegah Mirzapur, Mozafar Khazaei. Antiproliferatory Efects of Crab Shell Extract on Breast Cancer Cell Line (MCF7). Journal of Breast Cancer, 2014 September; 17(3): 219-225
- 5. Pegah Mirzapur, **Zahra Rashidi**, Leila Rezakhani, Mozafar Khazaei. In vitro inhibitory effect of crab shell extract on human umbilical vein endothelial cell. In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology. Animal 2014, 51(1):36-41.
- 6. Sedigheh Ganji-Harsini., Mozafar Khazaei, **Zahra Rashidi**, Ali Ghanbari. Thymoquinone Could Increase The Efcacy of Tamoxifen Induced Apoptosis in Human Breast Cancer Cells: An In Vitro Study. Cell Journal. 2016; 18(2): 245-254.
- 7. Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei , **Zahra Rashidi** , Farzaneh Chobsaz , Mozafar Khazaei Apoptosis induction of human endometriotic epithelial and stromal cells by noscapine. Iranian Journal of Basic Medical Sciences. 2016; 19:940-945.
- 8. Arezou Rabzia, Mozafar Khazaei, **Zahra Rashidi** and Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei Synergistic Anticancer Effect of Paclitaxel and Noscapine on Human Prostate Cancer Cell Lines. Iranian Journal of Pharmaceutical Research (2017), 16 (4): 1432-1442.
- 9. Amidi F, **Rashidi Z**, Khosravizadeh Z, Khodamoradi K, Talebi A, Navid S, et al. "Antioxidant effects of quercetin in freeze-thawing process of mouse spermatogonial stem cells". Asian Pacific Journal of Reproduction_2019; 8(1): 7-12
- 10. **Zahra Rashidi**, Ashraf Aleyasin, Mojtab Eslami, Saeid Nekoonam, Adib Zendedel, Mojdeh Bahramrezaie, Fardin Amidi. Quercetin protects human granulosa cells against oxidative stress via thioredoxin system. Reproductive Biology, 2019; 19(3)
- 11. Mojtab Eslami, Sahar Esfandiari, Marzeih Aghahosaini, **Zahra Rashidi**, shrzad Hosaini, Samaneh Brenjian, Aligholi Sobhani, Fardin Amidi. Astaxanthin protects human granulosa cells against oxidative stress trough activation of Nrf2/ARE pathway and its downstream phase II enzyme. Cell Journal, 2020, Accepted
- 12. M Pourheydar, **Z Rashidi**, M Khazaei. Effect of letrozole and raloxifene on in vitro human endometrial stromal cells. The Iranian Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Infertility, 2020, 23 (5), 26-34.
- 13. Z Khosravizadeh, **Z Rashidi**, A Talebi, K Khodamoradi, G Hassanzadeh, The role of mitochondria in premature ovarian failure: A review, Journal of Contemporary Medical Sciences , 2020,6 (1)

- 14. Amirsaeed Sabeti Aghabozorgi, Reyhane Ebrahimi, Alireza Bahiraee, Sadra Samavarchi Tehrani, Fatemeh Nabizadeh, Leila Setayesh, Reza Jafarzadeh-Esfehani, Gordon A Ferns, Amir Avan, **Zahra Rashidi**. The genetic factors associated with Wnt signaling pathway in colorectal cancer, Life Sciences, 2020 118006
- 15. A Faramarzi, F Aghaz, M Bakhtiari, S Roshankhah, **Z Rashidi**, M Khazaei, Ceratonia siliqua (Carob) extract improved in vitro development of vitrified-warmed mouse germinal vesicle oocytes: assessment of possible mechanism. Cell and Tissue Banking, 2020, 1-8
- 16. MR Khazaei, Z Rashidi, F Chobsaz, E Niromand, M Khazaei, Inhibitory effect of resveratrol on the growth and angiogenesis of human endometrial tissue in an In Vitro three-dimensional model of endometriosis. Reproductive Biology 20 (4), 484-490
- 17. **Z Rashidi**, Z Khosravizadeh, A Talebi, K Khodamoradi, R Ebrahimi, ...Overview of biological effects of Quercetin on ovary. Phytotherapy Research 2021, 35 (1), 33-49
- 18. Fatemeh Ebrahimi, Sahar Rostami, Saeid Nekoonam, **Zahra Rashidi**, Aligholi Sobhani & Fardin Amidi. The Effect of Astaxanthin and Metformin on Oxidative Stress in Granulosa Cells of BALB C Mouse Model of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. Reproductive Sciences: Original Article Published: 19 April 2021
- 19. M Eslami, S Esfandyari, M Aghahosseini, **Z Rashidi**, S Hosseinishental, ...Astaxanthin Protects Human Granulosa Cells against Oxidative Stress through Activation of NRF2/ARE Pathway and Its Downstream Phase II Enzymes Cell Journal (Yakhteh) 2021 23 (3), 319
- 20. Ali Talebi, Kajal Khodamoradi, **Zahra Rashidi,** Zahra Khosravizadeh, Nazanin Bayat, Poorya Safarzadeh, Fardin Amidi. Attitude of Medical Students toward Third-party Reproductive Techniques. International Journal of Health Studies, 2021, 7 3 25-32
- 21. S Esfandyari, A Aleyasin, Z Noroozi, M Taheri, M Khodarahmian.. **Z Rashidi...**, The protective effect of sulforaphane against oxidative stress through activation of Nrf2/ARE pathway in human granulosa cells .Cell Journal (Yakhteh) 2021 23 (6), 692
- 22. Z Khosravizadeh, K Khodamoradi, **Z Rashidi**, M Jahromi, E Shiri, E Salehi, ... Sperm cryopreservation and DNA methylation: possible implications for ART success and the health of offspring Journal of assisted reproduction and genetics, 2022 1-10
- 23. S Heidarizadi, **Z Rashidi**, C Jalili, M Gholami Overview of biological effects of melatonin on testis: A review Andrologia, e14597,2022
- 24. Zahra Salimi, Mohammad Rasool Khazaei , Farshad Moradpour, Fatemeh Zarei, **Zahra Rashidi** , Seyed Mojtaba Ahmadi. Effects of Androgen Deprivation by Castration on Cognitive Functions and Behaviors: A Review Study, Journal of Advances in Medical and Biomedical Research, 2022, 30 (138), 1-11

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- 26. Zahra Khosravizadeh, **Zahra Rashidi**, Maral Daneshyan, Kajal Khodamoradi, Ali Talebi. Aberrant microribonucleic acid expression patterns in recurrent implantation failure: a review. 2023/1/1 F&S Reviews, Volume 4, Issue 1, Pages 26-37
- 27. M Khazaei, M Bozorgi, MM Khazaei, F Khazaei, **Z Rashidi**. Quercetin and raloxifene effect on breast cancer cell viability, migration, nitric oxide secretion and apoptotic genes expression, word cancer research journal DOI: 10.32113/wcrj_20239_2679 WCRJ, 2023, 10, e2679
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- 29. S Heidarizadi, **Z Rashidi**, C Jalili, K Mansouri, I Rashidi, B Mahaki, ... Melatonin Protects Mouse Type A Spermatogonial Stem Cells against Oxidative Stress via The Mitochondrial Thioredoxin System Cell Journal (Yakhteh) 2023, 25 (11), 741

ABSTRACTS PRESENTED IN CONGRESSES

- 1. **Rashidi Zahra**, Azadbakht M, Amini A: Effect of hydrostatic pressure on cell death in oocyte and cumulus complex (COCs) of preovulatory follicle produced in vitro. 1 Conference on biology & Biothechnology Islamic Azad University- Sanandaj Branch, 2009. **Oral presentation**
- 2. **Rashidi Zahra**, Azadbakht Mehri, Amini A: In vitro maturation of oocytes derived from preovulatory follicles produced in vitro after exposure to hydrostatic pressure. 10 international conferences royan, Iran, 2009.
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- 6. **Zahra Rashidi**, Mozafar Khazaei, Arezou Rabzia, Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei Inhibitory effect of noscapine on human endometriotic epithelial cells. 14 international conferences royan, Iran, 2013.
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- 10. Lotfi Kangarshahi R Khazaei M,Ghorbani R, Ghanbari A , **Rashidi Z.** Survey of in vitro effects of Noscapine on apoptosis of human endometrial stromal cell.14th international conferences royan, Iran, 2013.
- 11. **Zahra Rashidi**, Mozafar Khazaei, Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei, Farshad Rahimi[.] Effect of different concentration of noscapine on endometrial stromal cells in patient's endometriosis in vitro. The 11th Conference of Anatomical Sciences, Ahvaz, 2014
- 12. **Zahra Rashidi**, Mozafar Khazaei, Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei, Farzaneh Chobsaz High Concentrations Of Noscapine Induces Apoptosis In Stromal Cells Of Endometriosis In Vitro. 15th International Conference of Royan. Iran 2014
- 13. Kajal khodamoradi, **Zahra Rashidi**, Zahra Khosravizadeh, The role and effects of Acupuncture on pregnancy rate in patients who undergo IVF. 4th international conferences of academy of clinical embryologist in India, 18th 20th September, 2015.
- 14. **Zahra Rashidi**, Mozafar Khazaei, Mohammad Rasoul Khazaei. Noscapine induced cell death in human endometriotic epithelial cells. 6th Yazd international conferences and student award in reproductive medicin and ^{1st} Reproductive genetics congress, 17-19 April, 2015 Yazd Iran. **It was introduced as a top poster.**
- 15. **Zahra Rashidi**, Fardin Amidi, Ali Talebi, Kajal Khodamoradi, Zahra Khosravizadeh, Mehdi Abbasi., "Investigating the Antioxidant Effects of Quercetin in Freezing-Thawing Process of Mouse Spermatogonial Stem Cells". 2018, Bioimpacts;8, Suppl.1: PS-126
- 16. A Talebi, **Z Rashidi**, Sh Hseini, Z Khosravi, M Ealami, K Khodamoradi, "Endometriosis and oxidative stress". 2015, IRHRC Annual Meeting Reproductive and Infertility Updates: 8: 166

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- 20. M Eslami, S Esfandyari, M Aghahosseini, **Z Rashidi**, S Hosseinishental, ... Astaxanthin Protects Human Granulosa Cells against Oxidative Stress through Activation of NRF2/ARE Pathway and Its Downstream Phase II Enzymes Cell Journal (Yakhteh) 23 (3), 319, 2021

THESIS SUPERVISORS:

- The synergistic effect of quercetin and Raloxifene on breast cancer cell lines
- Study of the effects of melatonin on the mitochondrial thioredoxin system in mouse type A spermatogonial stem cells under oxidative stress conditions
- Investigating the effect of capsaicin and quercetin on premature ovarian failure in an induced rat model.
- Evaluation of knowledge and attitude of medical students of Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences regarding infertility treatment with the help of gamete / embryo and surrogate donation
- Investigating the role of mitochondrial damage in toxicity induced by German chamomile plant extract in breast cancer cells
- Investigating the effect of taraxasterol on the proliferation, expression of inflammatory factors, myogenic factor and AKT gene in muscle cells
- Measuring anticancer activity and apoptosis induction of hydroalcoholic extract and aqueous, ethylacetate and n-butanol fractions of Lepidiun sativum plant in cervical cancer cell line
- Investigating the effect of hydroalcoholic extract of German chamomile plant on the survival and expression of pro-apoptotic genes in osteosarcoma cells
- Investigating the effect of hydroalcoholic extract of Anacyclus pyrethum plant on proliferation and expression of genes and proteins of ERK1/2 signaling pathway in airway smooth muscle cells in asthma model

BOOKS:

- Textbook of Assisted Reproductive Techniques by David K. Gardner, Ariel Weissman, Colin M. Howles, Zeev Shoham. (Translated book, 2018, Heidari Publisher; Tehran, Iran. ISBN: 978-600-489-127-1)
- "Clinical aspects of infertility in reproductive biology". 2017, Bashari Publisher; Tehran, Iran. ISBN: 978-964-3994-56-3.
- "New methods of sperm selection in assisted reproductive techniques" Royanpajooh Publisher, Tehran, Iran, ISBN: 978-622-320-011-3
- "Basic Histology John Quiira 2021" Heidari Publisher, Tehran, Iran, ISBN: 9786004895217

CONGRESS PRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION:

Poster presentation:

- 1. **Zahra Rashidi,** Fardin Amidi, Ali Talebi, Kajal Khodamoradi, Zahra Khosravizadeh, Mehdi Abbasi. Investigating the Antioxidant Effects of Quercetin in Freezing-Thawing Process of Mouse Spermatogonial Stem Cells. The 3rd National Festival & International Congress on Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine, Iran, Tehran. November 2018.
- 2. **Rashidi Zahra**, Azadbakht Mehri, Khazaei Mozafar, Amini A Hydrostatic pressure improved in vitro maturation of oocytes derived from preovulatory follicles of vitrified-warmed ovarian tissue. 16th national and1th international Congress on reproductive medicine, shiraz, Iran, 2010
- **3. Zahra Rashidi,** Mehri Azadbakht, Ali Amini. Effect of hydrostatic pressure on cell death in oocyte and cumulus complex (COCs) of preovulatory follicle produced in vitro. 1th Conference on biology & Biothechnology Islamic Azad University- Sanandaj Branch, 2009.
- 4. Mehri Azadbakht, **Zahra Rashidi.** Vitrification of reproductive cells and Tissue. 3th annual conference of Razi University, Kermanshah, 2012

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