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B.Sc.	Shaheed Bahonar University	Biology	2001	Kerman, Iran
M.Sc.	Tarbiat Modares University	Physiology	2006	Tehran, Iran
Ph.D.	Tarbiat Modares University	Physiology	2009	Tehran, Iran

Postdoc	Tarbiat Modares University	Physiology	2016-2018	Tehran, Iran
Postdoc	Royan Institute	Brain development	2018-2019	Tehran, Iran

II. THESIS AND DESERTATION:

M.Sc.: Investigating of elapsed time after several pentylenetetrazol injections on the chemical kindling acquisition in rats – A behavioral and electrophysiological study

Ph.D.: Effects of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation applied during amygdala kindling on electrophysiological properties and ionotropic glutamate currents of hippocampal CA1 pyramidal neurons in rats

Postdoc 1: Investigating the role of adenosine A₁ receptors in mediating the improving effects of low-frequency stimulation on seizure-induced cognitive impairments in rat

Postdoc 2: Establishment of human cerebral organoid model of genetic epilepsy - tuberous sclerosis complex

III. RESEARCH interests:

- Neurobiology of social behaviors
- Analyzing the brain electrical signals
- Improvement of cognitive functions following sleep deprivation

IV. Teaching experience

- Physiology. **MSc** students
- New advanced topics in renal physiology and water and electrolytes. **PhD** students
- New advanced topics in endocrine and reproductive physiology. **PhD** students
- Neurobiology of Learning and Memory. **PhD** students
- Pathophysiology. **PhD** students

V. PUBLICATIONS

International Papers

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National Papers:

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