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Research Interests

In vitro plant regeneration and genetic transformation of grain legumes (*Vigna* species), rice and fodder crop (*Trifolium alexandrinum*) for crop improvement.

Research Projects: 07

- 1. Project Title: "Generating insect resistant cowpea plants" funded by UGC (University Grants Commission), New Delhi, India (2013-2017). Status: Completed. (Principal Investigator).
- 2. Project Title: "Expression of decaprenyldiphoshpate synthase gene in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) for biosynthesis of coenzyme Q10" funded by DST-SERB, Govt. of India. (2014-2017). Status: Completed. (Principal Investigator).
- 3. Project Title: "Biofortification of wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) with a potent antioxidant, CoQ10 for nutritional enhancement and abiotic stress tolerance" funded by DST-EMR, Govt. of India. (2014-2017). Status: Completed. (Co-PI).
- 4. Project Title: "Development of yellow mosaic virus resistance in blackgram (*Vigna mungo* L. Hepper) and cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata*)" funded by DBT, Govt. Of India (2011-2013). Status: Completed. (Co-PI).
- 5. Project Title: "Cloning of bovine rota virus genes for their expression in fodder plants to develop edible vaccine against bovine rota virus infections" funded by R K Fund, M D University, Rohtak (2018-2019) Status: Completed. (Principal Investigator).
- 6. Project Title: "Nanomaterials-mediated topical delivery of RNAi cargo for sustained protection of food legumes against whitefly *Bemisia tabaci* and the virus they transmit" funded by Haryana State Council for Science, Innovation and Technology (HSCSIT), Haryana. (2021-2021). Status: On-Going (Principal Investigator).
- 7. Project Title: "CRISPR-Cas9 targeted mutagenesis of FAE1 homoeologs in an allopolyploid oil seed Indian mustard (*Brassica juncea* L.) to improve oil qualities" funded by DBT-BUILDER, Govt. Of India. (2021-2026). Status: On-Going. (Principal Investigator).

Awards and Scholarships

- Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship conducted by CSIR, New Delhi, India (2005).
- Awarded **University Research Scholarship** (URS) by M. D. University, Rohtak, Haryana, India (2006).
- Awarded **Senior Research Fellowship** by CSIR (Council for Scientific & Industrial Research), New Delhi, India (2007).

Teaching Activities

Teaching M. Sc. and Ph. D. Course work Students of Agriculture Biotechnology and Biotechnology.

No. of students completed Ph. D.: 02

No. of students registered for Ph. D.: 03

No. of students supervised for P.G (Dissertation): 70+

Membership of Academic Societies

- Life Member of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI).
- Life Member of Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology, India.
- ➤ Life Member of Indian Science Congress Association.



Selected Publications:

- Bhoria, S., Yadav, J., Yadav, H., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, R., & Jaiwal, P. K.Current advances and future prospects in production of recombinant insulin and other proteins to treat diabetes mellitus. Biotechnology Letters (2022). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10529-022-03247-w **Impact Factor-**2.461
- 2 Kumar, A., Sainger, M., Jaiwal, R., Chaudhary, D., & Jaiwal, P. K. (2021). Tissue Culture-and Selection-Independent Agrobacterium tumefaciens-Mediated Transformation of a Recalcitrant Grain Legume, Cowpea (Vigna unguiculata L. Walp). Molecular biotechnology, 63(8), 710-718. **Impact Factor-**2.695
- Kumar, A., Jaiwal, R., Sreevathsa, R., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, P.K. Transgenic cowpea plants expressing Bacillus thuringiensis Cry2Aa insecticidal protein imparts resistance to Maruca vitrata legume pod borer. Plant Cell Rep. (2021) Jan 20. doi: 10.1007/s00299-020-02657. **Impact Factor-4.57**
- Suhag, A., Yadav, H., Chaudhary, D., Subramanian, S., Jaiwal, R., Jaiwal, P.K. Biotechnological interventions for the sustainable management of a global pest, whitefly (Bemisia tabaci). Insect Science. https://doi.org/10.1111/1744-7917.12853 **Impact Factor-3.262**
- Chauhan, C., Joshi, G., Chaudhary, D., Das, S Sequence and functional analysis of cis-elements associated with MIR159 loci from Brassica juncea reveal functional diversification and complex transcriptional regulation. Plant Growth Regulation (2020), 90 (2), 279-306. **Impact Factor-3.412**
- Birla, D.S., Malik, K., Sainger, M., Chaudharv, D., Jaiwal, R., and Jaiwal, P.K. Progress and challenges in improving the nutritional quality of rice (Oryza sativa L.). Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition, 57 (2017) 2455-2481.

Impact Factor -11.176

- Sainger, M., Jaiwal, A., Sainger, P.A., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, R., Jaiwal, P.K., Advances in genetic improvement of Camelina sativa for biofuel and industrial bio-products. Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 68 (2017)623-637.
 - **Impact Factor- 14.982**
- Chaudhary, D., Madanpotra, S., Jaiwal, Saini, R., Kumar, P.A. and Jaiwal, P.K., Agrobacterium tumifaciens-mediated high frequency genetic transformation of an Indian Cowpea (Vigna unguiculata L. Walp) cultivar and transmission of transgenes into progeny. Plant Science, 172 (2007) 692-700.

Impact Factor-4.729

Chhabra, G., Chaudhary, D., Lal, M. and Jaiwal, P. K. TDZ induces the shoot organogenesis and somatic embryogenesis on cotyledonary node explants of lentil (Lens culinaris Medik.). Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants, 14 (2008).

Impact Factor- 2.41

- 10. Yadav, M., Chaudhary, D., Singh, R.P. and Jaiwal, P.K. Agrobacterium mediated genetic transformation of (Sesamum indicum). Plant Cell, Tissue and Organ Culture, 103 (2010) 377-386. **Impact Factor- 2.711**
- 11. Chhikara, S., Chaudhary, D., Dhankher, O.P. and Jaiwal, P.K. Combined expression of barley class II chitinase and type I ribosome inactivating protein in transgenic Brassica juncea provide protection against fungus Alternaria brassicae. Plant Cell, Tissue and Organ Culture, 108 (2012) 83-89. Impact Factor- 2.41
- 12 Parmar, S.S, Sainger, M., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, P.K. Plant regeneration from mature embryo of commercial Indian bread wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) Cultivar. Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants 18 (2012) 177-183.

Impact Factor- 2.41

- 13. Aggarwal, V., Prashant, A., Malik, J., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, P. K., & Pundir, C. S.). Influence of chemically synthesized copper nanoparticles and cupric ions on oxalate oxidation system in germinating Sorghum grain. Indian Journal of Experimental Biology, 58(01) (2020). **Impact Factor- 0.818**
- 14 Verma, S., Yadav, J., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, P. K., & Jaiwal, R. (2020). Insecticidal Activities of Some Botanicals on the Three Species of

- Callosobruchus. Indian Journal of Agricultural Research, 54(6). **IF** = **0.369**
- 15. Kumar, A, Sainger, M, Jaiwal, R, Jaiwal, P.K. and Chaudhary, D. An Efficient and Reproducible *in vitro* Multiple Shoots and Plant Regeneration System for a Recalcitrant Large-seeded Legume, Cowpea [Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp]. Annals of Agri Bio Research. MS No. 2021/27. (2020). IF = 0.283
- **16.** Sindhu, M., Kumar, A., Yadav, H., **Chaudhary, D.**, Jaiwal, R., & Jaiwal, P. K. Current advances and future directions in genetic enhancement of a climate resilient food legume crop, cowpea (Vigna unguiculata L. Walp). *Plant Cell, Tissue and Organ Culture (PCTOC)*. 139 (3), 429-453, (2019). **IF** = **2.711**
- **17.** Yadav, J., Verma, S., **Chaudhary, D.**, Jaiwal, P. K., & Jaiwal, R., Tuberculosis: current status, diagnosis, treatment and development of novel vaccines. *Current pharmaceutical biotechnology*, (2019). 20(6), 446-458.
- **18.** Sindhu, M., Kumar, A., Sainger, M., Jaiwal, R & Chaudhary, D., In vitro plant regeneration of cowpea [Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp.] via direct shoot organogenesis from primary leaf explants. *Annals of Biology*, (2018). *34*(3), 249-254.
- 19. Sainger, M., Chaudhary, D., Dahiya, S., Jaiwal, R. and Jaiwal, P.K. Development of an efficient in vitro plant regeneration system amenable to Agrobacterium-mediated transformation of a recalcitrant grain legume blackgram (*Vigna mungo* L. Hepper). *Physiology and MolecularBiology of Plants*, 21 (2015) 505-517.

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- 20. Chauhan, C., Joshi, G., Chaudhary, D. and Das, S. An improved method for rapid analysis of promoters using modified sonication-assisted transient assay. *3 Biotech*, 8 (2018)198. Impact Factor -2.45
- **21.** Malik, K., Birla, D., Yadav, H., Sainger, M., **Chaudhary D.** and Jaiwal, P.K. Evaluation of carbon sources, gelling agents, growth hormones and additives for efficient callus induction and plant regeneration in Indian wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) genotypes using mature embryos. *Journal of Crop Science and Biotechnology*, 20 (2017)185-192. **Impact Factor- 2.837**
- 22. Verma, S., Malik, M., Kumar, P., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, P.K. and Jaiwal, R., Susceptibility of four Indian grain legumes to three species of stored pest, bruchid (*Callosobruchus*) and effect of temperature on bruchids. *International Journal of Entomology Research*, 3 (2018) 5-10. Impact Factor-0.211
- 23. Chetan, C., Chaudhary, D., & Das. S. Functional analysis of MIR159b promoter in leaf and callus of transgenic Brassica juncea var. Varuna using promoter: GUS transcriptional reporter. *Annals of Biology*, (2019). *35*(2), 167-172. **I.F.-0.316**
- 24 Sindhu, M., Kumar, A., Sainger, M., Jaiwal, R and Chaudhary, D. In vitro plant regeneration of Cowpea (Vigna unguiculata (L.) Walp) via direct shoot organogenesis from primary leaf explants. Annals of Biology, 34 (2018) 249-254, 0970-0153

 Impact Factor- 0.316
- 25. Chhabra, G., Chaudhary, D., Sainger, M. and Jaiwal, P.K. Genetic transformation of an Indian isolate of *Lemna minor* by *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* and recovery of transgenic plants. *Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants*, 17 (2011) 129–136.
 Impact Factor- 2.41
- **26** Chikkara, S., **Chaudhary D.**, Sainger, M. and Jaiwal, P. K. A non-tissue culture approach for generating the transgenics of Indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*). *In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology-Plant*, 48 (2012) 7-14.

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- 27. Sainger M, Sainger PA, Kumar A, Yadav H, Sindhu M and Chaudhary D (2015). Optimization of parameters for Agrobacterium mediated genetic transformation of mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L. Wilczeck). Proceeding of National Seminar on Innovative Research in Life Sciences, Dept. of Zoology, MDU, Rohtak 68-74, 2015 ISBN: 978-81-920945-5.
- 28 Chaudhary D, Sainger M, Kumar A, Yadav H, Sindhu M and Jaiwal R (2015)

Transient gus assay to optimize *agrobacterium* mediated genetic transformation of cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* l.walp) Proc. Natl. Seminar on "Innovative Researches in Life Science", 26-30, ISBN: 978-81-920945-5-7 (2015).

Book publised:

1. P. K. Jaiwal, Anil K. Chhillar, **Darshna Chaudhary**, Ranjana Jaiwal, *Nutritional Quality Improvement in Plants* (2019): Editors: **Springer Nature publisher**, **Switzerland**.

Book chapters:

- Sainger M, Chhillar, A K, Chaudhary D, Jaiwal, R and Jaiwal, P K (2019) Vitamin B6- C- and E- enrichment in crops, In: *Nutritional Quality Improvement* in *Plants*. Eds. Jaiwal, P.K., Chhillar, A.K., Chaudhary, D., Jaiwal, R. 2019 Springer Nature.
- 2 Sainger M, Sainger PA, Chaudhary D, Jaiwal R, Singh RP, Dhankher OP, Jaiwal PK (2015) GM Crops for Developing World in the Era of Climate Change: For Increase of Farmer's Income, Poverty Alleviation, Nutrition and Health. In *Genetic Manipulation in Plants for Mitigation of Climate Change* (pp. 223-241). Springer, New Delhi.
- 3. Kapoor S, Parmar SS, Yadav M, **Chaudhary D**, Sainger M., Jaiwal R, Jaiwal PK (2015) Agrobacterium Protocols: Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.), In: *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Wang, K. (ed.), Volume 2, 1224, pp 37-45. DOI 10.1007/978-1-4939-1658-0_4, © Springer Science+Business Media New York.
- 4. Dahiya, S., **Chaudhary**, **D**., Jaiwal, R., Dhankher, O., & Singh, R., Jaiwal, P.K. (2008). Elemental biofortification of crop plants. Plant membrane and vacuolar transporters. CABI International, Wallingford/Cambridge, 345-371.