**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

1984 - 1987 B.Sc., Physiology (Major) Physics, Chemistry (Minor) Presidency College, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India (*First Class*)

1987 - 1990 M.Sc., Biophysics and Molecular Biology, University College of Science and Technology, University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India. (*First class, first*)

1990 - 1995 Ph.D., Molecular Biophysics, Molecular Biophysics Unit, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India. “Expression and Characterization of Rat Brain Sodium Channel in CHO cells”.

**Post Graduate Education and Training**

1995 - 1996 Research Fellow, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA.

1996 - 2000 Research Fellow, Department of Molecular Biology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, USA.

2000 - 2002 Research Associate, Department of Molecular Biology, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, USA.

2003 - 2008 Project Scientist (Research Asst. Prof.), Department of Molecular Genetics, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, USA.

**Employment History**

Academic Appointments

2008-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics (Primary), Department of Immunology (Secondary)

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

Member, Cancer Virology Program,

University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

2015-2024 Associate Professor (tenured 2015), Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics (Primary), Department of Immunology (Secondary)

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

Member, Cancer Virology Program,

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Pittsburgh, PA

2024 Professor Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics (Primary), Department of Immunology (Secondary)

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**Honors and Awards**

1987 Government of India National Scholarship for B.Sc.

1987 Government of India National Scholarship for M.Sc.

1990 1st in M.Sc. in the University of Calcutta, India.

1994 Young Scientist Fellowship from International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the 16th Congress.

2003 Young Investigator’s Award from International Society of Interferon and Cytokine Research in the annual ISICR meeting, Cairns, Australia.

2007 Young Investigator Travel Award from International Society of Interferon and Cytokine Research in the annual ISICR meeting, Oxford, UK.

2009 Hillman Fellow for Innovative Cancer Research Award, Hillman Foundation

2013 Junior Scholar Award in Basic Research, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

**Professional Society Memberships**

1999-Present Member, International Society of Interferon and Cytokine Research.

2009-Present Member, American Society of Virology.

2010-Present Member, American Association of Immunologists.

**Administrative Service**

PittSOM, Pittsburgh

2009-2024 Interviewer, Graduate Program Admissions

2012-2013 Organizer, UPCI Basic & Translational Research Seminar Series

2021-2022 Member, PMI graduate program recruitment committee

2023-2024 Organizer, MMG Late Night discussion series.

Diversity Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and Antiracism Awareness

2022-2024 Annual Title IX and Non-Discrimination Training (Pitt)

**Local Service**

2010-2024 Poster judging for various local conferences.

**National Service**

2009-present Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Nature (2x/yr) Science (1x/yr), Cell (1x/2yr), Immunity (2x/yr), Cell Host Microbe (1x/yr)*, *Nature Cancer (1x/yr), Nature Communications (1x/yr), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA. (3x/yr, guest editor), Science Signaling (1x/yr), PLoS Genetics (guest editor), PLoS Pathogen (1x/yr), Cell Research, mBio (guest editor), Molecular and Cellular Biology, Journal of Immunology, Journal of Virology.*

2009 Member, NIH/NIAID Study Section, B-0915: Innate Immune Receptors and Adjuvant Discovery.

2009 Member, NIH/NIAID Study Section, ZAI1PTMIM1: Immune Defense Mechanisms at the Mucosa.

2010 Member, DOD/ TMT Phase II Proposal Review.

2011 Member, NIH/NIAID Study Section, ZAI1-PA-I-M1: Asthma and Allergic Diseases cooperative Research Centers (AADCRC).

2013 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, Virology B (VIRB).

2013 Member, NIH/NIAID Study Section, ZAI1-SV-A-J1: Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01).

2015 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, Immunity and Host Defense (IHD).

2017 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, F13 Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Fellowship.

2019 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, NIH Director’s New Innovator Review (DP2).

2020 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, Immunity and Host Defense (IHD).

2020 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, F13 Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Fellowship

2020 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, NIH Director’s New Innovator Review (DP2).

2022 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, Immunological Mechanisms in Host Defense Against Pathogens (ZRG1 IDIB-S).

2023 Ad-Hoc Member, NIH/CSR Study Section, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Fellowship (ZRG1 F07C-Y).

**Teaching Service**

Undergraduate Student Teaching/Mentoring/Advising

2000-2008 Mentor, Cleveland Clinic

2 PhD students – 1-2 hours/week over 3-4-year span

3 Laboratory Assistants – 3-4 hours/week over 2-3-year span

2009-2024 Mentor, University of Pittsburgh

5 Rotation students – 1-2 hours/week over 8 weeks span.

8 Undergraduate students – 1-2 hours/week over 1-2-year span

4 Highschool students – 1-2 hours/week over the summer

Graduate / Post-Graduate Teaching

2009-2023 Primary Advisor, University of Pittsburgh

1-2 PhD students per semester – 3-4 hours/week over 4-5-year span

Secondary Advisor (Mentoring/Thesis committee member)

3-4 PhD students per semester – 4-5 hours/semester over 4-5-year span

2009-2024 Primary Advisor, University of Pittsburgh

2-3 postdoctoral fellow per semester – 3-4 hours/week over 5-6-year span

Secondary Advisor (Mentoring committee member)

1-2 postdoctoral fellow per semester – 1-2 hours/semester over 4-5-year span

2009-2023 Lecturer, Tumor Virology (MSMVM 3495), PittSOM  
 5-7 2nd – 3rd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

2009-2016 Lecturer, Experimental Virology (MSMVM 2420), PittSOM  
 5-7 2nd – 3rd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

2012-2023 Lecturer, Small Group Mentor, Grant-writing for Grad Students (INTBP 3240), PittSOM 12-14 2nd year graduate students – 6 contact hours/year

2014-2016 Lecturer, Discussion leader, Advanced Topics in Gene Expression (MSMGDB 3510), PittSOM 6-8 2nd – 3rd year graduate students – 4 contact hours/year

2015-2023 Lecturer, Course Director and Discussion leader, Innate Immunity (MSMI 3270), PittSOM 10-12 2nd – 3rd year graduate students – 20 contact hours/2 years

2016-2024 Lecture, Comprehensive Microbiology (MSMI 2200) PittSOM, 8-10 1st – 2nd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

2019-2024 Lecture, Bedside to Bench (ISB 2070) PittSOM, 6-10 1st – 2nd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

2019-2025 Lecture, Genome Instability and Human Disease (MSMPHL 3330) PittSOM, 4-8 1st – 2nd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

2024- Lecture, Advances in Immunology (GPLS 769) UMSOM, 5-10 1st – 2nd year graduate students – 2 contact hours/year

Medical Student Teaching/Mentoring

2014-2016 PBL Facilitator, Medical Microbiology (MSIMB 3465), PittSOM   
5-8 2nd year medical students – 4 contact hours/year

2019-2024 Lecture, Bench Research Summer Course (CLRES 2700) 15-20 1st – 2nd year medical residents – 2 contact hours/year

**Research Activities**

Research Interest:

1. Host-virus interaction and innate immunity.
2. Transcriptional Signaling pathways engaged by innate immune receptors.
3. Role of innate-immune signaling and interferon response in inflammation and cancer.

##### **Grant Support**

###### Active Grants or Contracts

01/23/2023 – 12/31/2027 PI, 20%

*“*New roles of IFN-inducible OAS proteins in innate immune defense against bacterial infections*”*

NIH/NIAID R01AI176333

Annual Direct Costs: $523,000

Total Costs: $3,176,774

12/20/2019 – 11/30/2024 PI, 30%

(NCE -11/30/2025) *“A new mechanism of antiviral activity of 2’-5’ Oligoadenylate Synthetase 1”*

NIH/NIAID R01 AI150214

Annual Direct Costs: $231,000

Total Costs: $2,592,100

Completed Grants or Contracts

2014-2019 PI, 20%

(NCE 2020) *“Creation of immuno-oncolytic viruses for cancer therapy”*

NIH/NCI R01 CA178766

Annual Direct Costs: $207,500

Total Costs: $958,650

2022-2023 PI 3%

“*Regulation of tumor microenvironment by Interferon regulatory factors*”

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center   
Developmental Research Program (DRP) of the Melanoma and Skin Cancer SPORE

Annual Direct Costs: $50,000

2015-2020 PI 25%

*“Differential modulation of RIG-I and cGAS signaling by OASL and its role in antiviral response.”*

NIH/NIAID R01 AI118896

Annual Direct Costs: $297,000

Total Costs: $1,886,296.

2016-2020 PI 2%

*“Differential modulation of RIG-I and cGAS signaling by OASL and its role in antiviral response.”*

NIH/NIAID R01 AI118896-02S1 (Diversity Supplement)

Annual Direct Costs: $31,000

2009-2014 PI 30%

*“Novel Modifiers of Toll-like and RIG- like Receptor Signaling.”*

NIH/NIAID U24 AI082673

Annual Direct Costs: $237,000

Total Costs: $1,551,086.

**Patents, Inventions and Copyrights**

**Sarkar SN**, Thorne SH, Inventor; University of Pittsburgh, assignee. IRF Modulator-expressing oncolytic viruses for treating cancer. US Patent application Pending: US 62/985,979.

**Publications**

Peer-reviewed journal articles and reviews

1. **Sarkar SN**, Balasubramanian SV, Sikdar SK. Effect of fenvalerate, a pyrethroid insecticide on membrane fluidity. Biochim Biophys Acta. 1993 Apr 8;1147(1):137–142. PMID: 8466925
2. **Sarkar SN**, Haldar S, and Sikdar SK (1993) Effect of pyrethroid insecticide fenvalerate on sodium current of rat dorsal root ganglion neuron. Current Science 64, 260-262.
3. **Sarkar SN** and Sikdar SK (1994) High level stable expression of rat brain type IIA sodium channel a subunit in CHO cells. Current Science 67, 196-199.
4. **Sarkar SN**, Adhikari A, Sikdar SK. Kinetic characterization of rat brain type IIA sodium channel alpha-subunit stably expressed in a somatic cell line. J Physiol. 1995 Nov 1;488 ( Pt 3)(Pt 3):633–645. PMCID: PMC1156730
5. Ghosh A, Desai SY, **Sarkar SN**, Ramaraj P, Ghosh SK, Bandyopadhyay S, Sen GC. Effects of mutating specific residues present near the amino terminus of 2’-5’-oligoadenylate synthetase. J Biol Chem. 1997 Jun 13;272(24):15452–15458. PMID: 9182577
6. Ghosh A, **Sarkar SN**, Guo W, Bandyopadhyay S, Sen GC. Enzymatic activity of 2’-5’-oligoadenylate synthetase is impaired by specific mutations that affect oligomerization of the protein. J Biol Chem. 1997 Dec 26;272(52):33220–33226. PMID: 9407111
7. Bandyopadhyay S, Ghosh A, **Sarkar SN**, Sen GC. Production and purification of recombinant 2’-5’ oligoadenylate synthetase and its mutants using the baculovirus system. Biochemistry. 1998 Mar 17;37(11):3824–3830. PMID: 9521702
8. Ghosh JK, **Sarkar SN**, Sikdar SK. Spectroscopic studies of the interactions of the pyrethroid insecticide fenvalerate with gramicidin. Biochem Mol Biol Int. 1998 May;44(6):1083–1092. PMID: 9623761
9. **Sarkar SN**, Sen GC. Production, purification, and characterization of recombinant 2’, 5’-oligoadenylate synthetases. Methods. 1998 Jul;15(3):233–242. PMID: 9735308
10. **Sarkar SN**, Bandyopadhyay S, Ghosh A, Sen GC. Enzymatic characteristics of recombinant medium isozyme of 2’-5’ oligoadenylate synthetase. J Biol Chem. 1999 Jan 15;274(3):1848–1855. PMID: 9880569
11. **Sarkar SN**, Ghosh A, Wang HW, Sung SS, Sen GC. The nature of the catalytic domain of 2’-5’-oligoadenylate synthetases. J Biol Chem. 1999 Sep 3;274(36):25535–25542. PMID: 10464285
12. Ghosh A, **Sarkar SN**, Sen GC. Cell growth regulatory and antiviral effects of the P69 isozyme of 2-5 (A) synthetase. Virology. 2000 Jan 20;266(2):319–328. PMID: 10639318
13. Ghosh A, **Sarkar SN**, Rowe TM, Sen GC. A specific isozyme of 2’-5’ oligoadenylate synthetase is a dual function proapoptotic protein of the Bcl-2 family. J Biol Chem. 2001 Jul 6;276(27):25447–25455. PMID: 11323417
14. Gomos JB, Rowe TM, **Sarkar SN**, Kessler SP, Sen GC. The proapoptotic 9-2 isozyme of 2-5 (A) synthetase cannot substitute for the sperm functions of the proapoptotic protein, Bax. J Interferon Cytokine Res. 2002 Feb;22(2):199–206. PMID: 11911802
15. **Sarkar SN**, Miyagi M, Crabb JW, Sen GC. Identification of the substrate-binding sites of 2’-5’-oligoadenylate synthetase. J Biol Chem. 2002 Jul 5;277(27):24321–24330. PMID: 11986302
16. **Sarkar SN**, Pal S, Sen GC. Crisscross enzymatic reaction between the two molecules in the active dimeric P69 form of the 2’-5’ oligodenylate synthetase. J Biol Chem. 2002 Nov 22;277(47):44760–44764. PMID: 12223486
17. **Sarkar SN**, Smith HL, Rowe TM, Sen GC. Double-stranded RNA signaling by Toll-like receptor 3 requires specific tyrosine residues in its cytoplasmic domain. J Biol Chem. 2003 Feb 14;278(7):4393–4396. PMID: 12509442
18. Hartmann R, Justesen J, **Sarkar SN**, Sen GC, Yee VC. Crystal structure of the 2’-specific and double-stranded RNA-activated interferon-induced antiviral protein 2’-5’-oligoadenylate synthetase. Mol Cell. 2003 Nov;12(5):1173–1185. PMID: 14636576
19. **Sarkar SN**, Sen GC. Novel functions of proteins encoded by viral stress-inducible genes. Pharmacol Ther. 2004 Sep;103(3):245–259. PMID: 15464592
20. **Sarkar SN**, Peters KL, Elco CP, Sakamoto S, Pal S, Sen GC. Novel roles of TLR3 tyrosine phosphorylation and PI3 kinase in double-stranded RNA signaling. Nat Struct Mol Biol. 2004 Nov;11(11):1060–1067. PMID: 15502848
21. **Sarkar SN**, Pandey M, Sen GC. Assays for the interferon-induced enzyme 2’,5’ oligoadenylate synthetases. Methods Mol Med. 2005;116:81–101. PMID: 16000856
22. Sen GC, **Sarkar SN**. Transcriptional signaling by double-stranded RNA: role of TLR3. Cytokine Growth Factor Rev. 2005 Feb;16(1):1–14. PMID: 15733829
23. **Sarkar SN**, Kessler SP, Rowe TM, Pandey M, Ghosh A, Elco CP, Hartmann R, Pal S, Sen GC. Natural mutations in a 2’-5’ oligoadenylate synthetase transgene revealed residues essential for enzyme activity. Biochemistry. 2005 May 10;44(18):6837–6843. PMID: 15865429
24. Sen GC, **Sarkar SN**. Hitching RIG to action. Nat Immunol. 2005 Nov;6(11):1074–1076. PMID: 16239922
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26. **Sarkar SN**, Elco CP, Peters KL, Chattopadhyay S, Sen GC. Two tyrosine residues of Toll-like receptor 3 trigger different steps of NF-kappa B activation. J Biol Chem. 2007 Feb 9;282(6):3423–3427. PMID: 17178723
27. Beura LK, **Sarkar SN**, Kwon B, Subramaniam S, Jones C, Pattnaik AK, Osorio FA. Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus nonstructural protein 1beta modulates host innate immune response by antagonizing IRF3 activation. J Virol. 2010 Feb;84(3):1574–1584. PMCID: PMC2812326
28. Zhu J, Smith K, Hsieh PN, Mburu YK, Chattopadhyay S, Sen GC, **Sarkar SN**. High-throughput screening for TLR3-IFN regulatory factor 3 signaling pathway modulators identifies several antipsychotic drugs as TLR inhibitors. J Immunol. 2010 May 15;184(10):5768–5776. PMCID: PMC2874113
29. Rathi AV, Cantalupo PG, **Sarkar SN**, Pipas JM. Induction of interferon-stimulated genes by Simian virus 40 T antigens. Virology. 2010 Oct 25;406(2):202–211. PMCID: PMC2939315
30. Mburu YK, Abe K, Ferris LK, **Sarkar SN**, Ferris RL. Human β-defensin 3 promotes NF-κB-mediated CCR7 expression and anti-apoptotic signals in squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck. Carcinogenesis. 2011 Feb;32(2):168–174. PMCID: PMC3026843
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32. Zhu J, Coyne CB, **Sarkar SN**. PKC alpha regulates Sendai virus-mediated interferon induction through HDAC6 and β-catenin. EMBO J. 2011 Sep 27;30(23):4838–4849. PMCID: PMC3243614
33. Umemura N, Zhu J, Mburu YK, Forero A, Hsieh PN, Muthuswamy R, Kalinski P, Ferris RL, **Sarkar SN**. Defective NF-κB signaling in metastatic head and neck cancer cells leads to enhanced apoptosis by double-stranded RNA. Cancer Res. 2012 Jan 1;72(1):45–55. PMCID: PMC3251732
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37. Okada H, Scheurer ME, **Sarkar SN**, Bondy ML. Integration of epidemiology, immunobiology, and translational research for brain tumors. Ann N Y Acad Sci. 2013 May;1284(1):17–23. PMCID: PMC3648859
38. Delorme-Axford E, Donker RB, Mouillet JF, Chu T, Bayer A, Ouyang Y, Wang T, Stolz DB, **Sarkar SN**, Morelli AE, Sadovsky Y, Coyne CB. Human placental trophoblasts confer viral resistance to recipient cells. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2013 Jul 16;110(29):12048–12053. PMCID: PMC3718097
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**Major Invited Speeches**

Local

1. **Sarkar SN,** Innate Immunity in Virus Infection and Cancer. Department of Biological Science, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. 2010.
2. **Sarkar SN,** Innate Immunity in Virus Infection and Cancer. Department of Immunology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 2010.
3. **Sarkar SN,** Innate Immunity in Virus Infection and Cancer. Prostate & Urologic Cancer Program, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. 2010.
4. **Sarkar SN,** Innate Immunity in Virus Infection and Cancer. University of Pittsburgh Drug Discovery Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. 2011.
5. **Sarkar SN,** Early and late modulation of anti-viral Innate Immunity. Department of Infectious Disease and Microbiology, School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 2013
6. **Sarkar SN,** RNA sensors in anti-viral and anti-cancer Innate Immunity. Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 2013

**Sarkar SN,** RNA sensors in anti-viral and anti-cancer Innate Immunity. Basic and Translational Research Seminar series, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. 2013

1. **Sarkar SN,** Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. Molecular Medicine Research Seminar, Children’s hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 2014
2. **Sarkar SN,** Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. Joint symposium of Immunology and Microbiology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 2014
3. **Sarkar SN,** RNA sensors and ISGs in cancer. Annual Research Retreat, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pittsburgh, PA. 2015
4. **Sarkar SN,** Revisiting the Mechanism of Action of OAS-Family Proteins. Immunology Retreat, Oglebay, WV. 2019
5. **Sarkar SN,** Virus-specific antiviral activities of Oligoadenylate Synthetases. Basic and Translational Research Conference, Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. 2022
6. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanistic Specialization of IFN-stimulated gene function. Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA. (Promotion Seminar). 2023
7. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanistic Specialization of IFN-stimulated gene function**.** Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. 2024

National

1. **Sarkar SN,** Early and late modulation of anti-viral Innate Immunity. Department of Biological Sciences, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH. 2012
2. **Sarkar SN,** Early and late modulation of anti-viral Innate Immunity. Department of Medicine, UMASS school of Medicine, Worcester, MA. 2012
3. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanisms of antiviral activity of Human OASL. Keystone Symposium: Innate Immunity to Viral Infections, Keystone, CO 2014
4. **Sarkar SN,** Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, Duke University, Durham, NC. 2015
5. **Sarkar SN,** Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. 2015
6. **Sarkar SN,** Revisiting the mechanism of action of OAS-family proteins. Department of Medicine, UMASS school of Medicine, Worcester, MA. 2017
7. **Sarkar SN,** Revisiting the mechanism of action of OAS-family proteins. Immunology 2017, American Association of Immunologists, Washington DC. 2017
8. **Sarkar SN,** Revisiting the mechanism of action of OAS-family proteins. Department of Immunology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. 2017
9. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanisms of antiviral and anticancer activities of ISGs. Department of Immunology, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY. 2021
10. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanisms of antiviral and anticancer activities of ISGs. GW Cancer Center, George Washington University, Washington DC. 2022
11. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanisms of antiviral and anticancer activities of ISGs. Department of Pharmacology, Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD. 2023
12. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanistic Specialization of IFN-stimulated gene function**.** University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center, Baltimore, MD. 2024
13. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanistic Specialization of IFN-stimulated gene function**.** Department of Microbiology & Immunology, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. 2024

International

1. **Sarkar SN**, Changes in Innate Immune Signaling Pathways during Tumor Metastasis and their Modulation by naturally occurring Isothiocyanates. 3rd International Cancer Research Symposium, Kolkata, INDIA. 2012
2. **Sarkar SN**, Early and late modulation of anti-viral Innate Immunity. Dept. of Molecular Biology and Genetics, University of Aarhus, DENMARK. 2012
3. **Sarkar SN**, Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, INDIA. 2015
4. **Sarkar SN**, Modulation of antiviral innate immunity by ISGs. Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, INDIA. 2015
5. **Sarkar SN**, Revisiting the mechanism of action of OAS-family proteins. Institute of Virus Research, Kyoto University, Kyoto, JAPAN. 2017
6. **Sarkar SN**, IFN and ISG in infectious disease and cancer. China Agricultural University, Beijing, China. 2018
7. **Sarkar SN**, Differential effects of OASL protein on RNA and DNA virus infections. Yangzhou University, Yangzhou, China. 2018
8. **Sarkar SN**, Mechanistic Specialization of OAS family proteins. 7th TOLL Conference, Rotterdam, Netherlands. 2024
9. **Sarkar SN,** Mechanistic Specialization of IFN-stimulated gene function**.** Université Paris-Saclay, Faculté de Médecine, France (Virtual). 2024