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Profile

Dr. Raees Khan is an Associate Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Pakistan. He holds a Ph.D. in Applied Biology and Metagenomics from Dong-A University, South Korea, where he also completed postdoctoral research focusing on Host-Microbiome Interactions and Metagenomics. Dr. Raees actively supervises PhD, MS, and BS students and teaches advanced courses related to Microbiome and Antimicrobial Resistance. His current work supports translational research, specifically developing synthetic microbiome-based transplants and bacteriophage therapies to address gut dysbiosis and multi-drug-resistant pathogens.

Research Interest

Human Gut Microbiome, Synthetic Microbiome Transplants, Functional Metagenomics

Selected Publications

Mahnoor, ., Ullah, R., Sonyia, Khan, R., Bahadar, A., Elbatel, I., ... & **Khan, R.** (2026). A modified targeted culturing approach provided a snapshot into interdependencies and resistome among core anaerobic bacteria of the healthy human gut. *Microbiology Spectrum*, 14(2), e03182-25.

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Awards/Achievements/Grants

HEC Local Challenge Fund research Project: Development of multipurpose Synthetic Microbiome Based Transplants (SMT) to recover Gut Microbiome Dysbiosis. Amount: 23.3 Million PKR (Principal Investigator).

HEC NRPU research Project: Functional metagenomics based-engineering of the human gut microbiome Amount: 10. Million PKR. (Principal Investigator).

PSF (NSLP) research Project: Development Of A Bacteriophage Biobank Against Major Pathogenic Bacteria. Amount: 4.2 Million PKR. (Principal Investigator).

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Registered two international Patents on Utilizing a metagenomic novel triclosan resistant genes as economical and efficient selectable markers (Reg. No. 10-1858044 and Reg. No. 10-1858046).