

Curriculum Vita			
NAME POSITION TITLE		Professor of Medical Molecular Virology	
CONTACT INFORMATION			
EMAIL		Mobile PHONE	
eazhar@kau.edu.sa / esamazhar@yahoo.com		(+966) 566615222	
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Sheffield University	Ph.D.	07/99	(Medical Molecular Virology)
Sheffield & Sheffield Hallam Universities	MSc	11/94	Pathological Sciences (Medical Virology)
King Abdulaziz University	BSc	07/87	Medical Technology
Memberships/Fellowships			
Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh (FRCPE)	Fellowship	11/2015	Microbiology
Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCHS)	Consultant	03/2015	Medical Molecular Virologist
Institute of Biomedical Sciences (FIBMS)	Fellowship	03/1995	Medical Virology

POSITIONS

Current Positions

- Professor, Medical Molecular Virology, Department of Medical Technology, Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- Head of the Special Infectious Agents Unit, King Fahd Center for Medical Research, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Positions & Employment

- 05/2003–Present** Head of the Special Infectious Agent Unit – Biosafety Level 3, King Fahd Medical Research Centre, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 03/2017-12/2017** Acting Director – King Fahd Medical Research Centre, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 03/2014-02/2018** Deputy Director of King Fahd Medical Research Center, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 01/2011-12/2012** Executive Director- Business & Knowledge Alliance, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 05/2009–01/2011** Deputy Executive Director- Business & Knowledge Alliance, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 10/2009–01/2011** Director of the Knowledge Park- Business & Knowledge Alliance, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 09/2007–09/2008** Director of the Houses of Expertise- Business & Knowledge Alliance, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 09/2006–09/2007** Member of the Houses of Expertise Executive Committee- Business & Knowledge Alliance, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.

- 03/2006-01/2010** Vice-Dean for Post-Graduate Studies & Scientific Research – Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 04/2005–07/2006** Chairman of Medical Technology Department, Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 10/2000–05/2012** Assistant Professor (Medical Molecular Virology, Medical Laboratory Technology Department, Saudi Arabia.
- 11/1999–08/2000** Trainee for MRCPath part I in a Clinical Virology Lab, Different Public Health Laboratories, United Kingdom.
- 05/1992-09/1993** Demonstrator in Medical Virology, Medical Technology Program, Faculty of Medicine & Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 04/1989-05/1992** Clinical Immunology Laboratory Technologist, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia.
- 12/1987-04/1989** Medical Laboratory Technologist (Blood Bank, Clinical Chemistry, Haematology and Immunology Laboratories), Al-Noor Specialist Hospital Saudi Arabia.
- 09/1986-06/1987** Medical Technology Laboratory Trainee, King Abdulaziz University Hospital Saudi Arabia

RESEARCH EXPERINCE

After completing my PhD from Sheffield University in 2000, I returned to my home country to pursue an important academic career. In educational roles I served as Chairman of the Medical Laboratory Technology Department and Vice Dean for Postgraduate studies & scientific research in the Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences, King Abdulaziz university. After an outbreak of Rift Valley Fever in the Southern region of Saudi Arabia I act as a founder for the establishment of the Special Infectious Agents Unit (SIAU) which contains a full range of facilities including Biosafety Level 3 which allows us to ambulate and culture risk group 3 viruses in Saudi Arabia & gulf states for the first time. Since May 2003, I lead the Special Infectious Agents Unit and our international collaboration extended to implement a standard protocols in the infectious agents diagnostics procedure through different mode of collaboration including exchange of expertise, joint research program and more recently a technology transfer agreements with number of International institute sharing same interests. Furthermore, we have been engaged in number of mass gathering research related to Hajj & Umrah plus number of national services under the collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) through which, we utilize our Mobile biosafety level 3 Lab to enhance the diagnostics of MERS CoV in the Holly sites during Hajj since 2014. I served as a Deputy Director of the King Fahd Medical Research Center through it I start empowering many young Saudis to take-up the challenges of scientific research. In 2016, I have been awarded A Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh based on my contribution to the infectious agent's research and services through a nomination by two international distinguished Professors. In our SIAU and with a powerful team we have an excellent basic science, molecular and clinical translational research portfolio on commonly encountered pathogens, and a special interest in emerging and re-emerging viral infections of humans, particularly viral hemorrhagic fevers, Rift valley fever, and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus with an extensive experience of conduct and supervision of research with over 190 peer reviewed publications.

My research on Microbial aspects of infectious diseases internationally recognized as it pose a threat to global health security (due to several millions pilgrims coming to Saudi Arabia from 182 countries). My recent studies of the MSER-CoV outbreak and screening of blood donors, slaughter

houses, and nosocomial outbreaks were of international attention and published in high impact journals. My research has made valuable contributions through *in-vivo* and *in-vitro* animal and human studies and to the identification, isolation, molecular characterization, viral kinetics, translation and diagnosis of several human viral pathogens which are a threat to global health security due to millions of pilgrims visiting Saudi Arabia every year from 182 countries: with particular areas of interests in: Alkhurma Viral Hemorrhagic Fever, Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses; Rift Valley Fever Virus and more recently the new global infectious diseases threat, the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV).

My work was highlighted internationally when one of my MERS CoV study provide definitive evidence of the zoonotic transmission of MERS-CoV from camels to humans (manuscript published in New England Journal of Medicine, Azhar E *et al.*, 2014).

I am highly involved in COVID 19 research involving several aspects; I) *In-vitro* evaluation of the antiviral activity of natural products, medicinal plants, and repurposing drugs against SARS-CoV-2. II) Generation and evaluations of numbers of inactivated vaccines using conventional and novel methods with potential protection against SARS-CoV-2. III) Establishment and development of number of diagnostics detection techniques for SARS-CoV-2 (serological and molecular techniques).

I am extremely motivated in pursuing cutting-edge research for the advancement of science related to infectious agents.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publications

Full List of publications can be found at:

<https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=23090055800>

This author profile is generated by Scopus [Learn more](#)

Azhar, Esam Ibraheem Ahmed

[King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia](#) [Show all author info](#)

[23090055800](#) [https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1736-181X](#)

[Edit profile](#) [Set alert](#) [Potential author matches](#) [Export to SciVal](#)

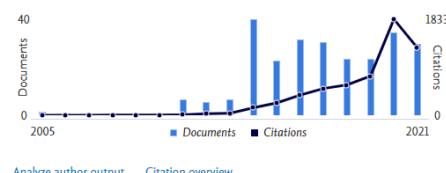
Metrics overview

264
Documents by author

5812
Citations by 5060 documents

33
h-index: [View h-graph](#)

Document & citation trends



Most contributed Topics 2016–2020

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus; Coronavirus Infections; Hajj
32 documents

Intestine Flora; Ruminococcaceae; Dysbiosis
10 documents

Eggerthella Lenta; Gram's Stain; Bacteroides
7 documents

[View all Topics](#)

[264 Documents](#)

[Cited by 5060 Documents](#)

[3 Preprints](#)

[816 Co-Authors](#)

[Topics](#)

[0 Awarded grants](#)

Beta

1. Salwa I Hindawi, Sherif A El-Kafrawy, Ahmed M Hassan, Maha A. Badawi, Maiman M. Bayoumi, Ahmad A. Almalki, Hosam M. Zowawi, Ahmed M Tolah, Thamir A Alandijany, Qossay Abunada, MarcusPicard-Maureau, Ghazi A Damanhoury, Esam I Azhar. Efficient inactivation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) in human

- apheresis platelet concentrates with amotosalen and ultraviolet A light. *Transfusion clinique et biologique* 2021; S1246-7820(21)00119-1 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trcli.2021.08.005>
2. Abeer N. Alshukairi, Sherif A. El-Kafrawy, Ashraf Dada, Muhammad Yasir, Amani H. Yamani, Mohammed F. Saeedi, Ahmed Aljohaney, Naif I. AlJohani, Husam A. Bahaudden, Intikhab Alam, Takashi Gojobori, Aleksandar Radovanovic, Thamir A. Alandijany, Norah A. Othman, Tagreed L. Alsubhi, Ahmed M. Hassan, Ahmed M. Tolah, Jaffar A. Al-Tawfiq, Alimuddin Zumla, Esam I. Azhar. Re-infection with a different SARS-CoV-2 clade and prolonged viral shedding in a hematopoietic stem cell transplantation patient. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases.* 2021; (110), 267-271 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijid.2021.07.036>
 3. Hoang Thong Kieu, Noémie Garrigou, Amael Fadlane, Ludivine Brechard, Nicholas Armstrong, Philippe Decloquement, Muhammad Yasir, Esam Ibraheem Azhar, Saad B. Al-Masaudi, Jean-Christophe Lagier, Maryam Tidjani Alou, Didier Raoult. Clostridium culturomicum sp. nov. and Clostridium jeddahitimense sp. nov., novel members of the Clostridium genus isolated from the stool of an obese Saudi Arabian. *Current Microbiology* 2021; 78:3586–3595. doi.org/10.1007/s00284-021-02616-4.
 4. Yezli, S., M. Yasir, Y. Yassin, A. Almazrua, T. Al-Subhi, N. Othman, A. Omar, A. Abdoon, Y. Elamin, A. Abuzaid, T. Bafaraj, H. Alzahrani, S. Almahmoodi, H. Alzahrani, K. Bieh, B. Alotaibi, A. Khan, M. Alzahrani, and E.I. Azhar, Lack of zika virus and other recognized flaviviruses among the mosquito vectors during and post the hajj mass gathering. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 2021. 18(12).
 5. Yasir, M., A.K. Qureshi, and E.I. Azhar, 16S amplicon sequencing of microbial communities in enriched and non-enriched sediments of non-volcanic hot spring with temperature gradients. *Peer J*, 2021. 9.
 6. Tolah, A.M.K., S.S. Sohrab, K.M.K. Tolah, A.M. Hassan, S.A. El-Kafrawy, and E.I. Azhar, Evaluation of a pseudovirus neutralization assay for sars-cov-2 and correlation with live virus-based micro neutralization assay. *Diagnostics*, 2021. 11(6).
 7. Sohrab, S.S., T.A. Madani, S.A.E. Kafrawy, H.M. Al-Bar, A.M.A. elzein, S.A.A. Farraj, N.A. Uthman, A.M.S. Hassan, L.H. Bajrai, and E.I. Azhar, Full-genome sequencing and analysis of DENV-3 serotype isolated from Yemen. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2021. 14(6): p. 803-810.
 8. Sohrab, S.S., S.A. El-Kafrawy, Z. Mirza, A.M. Hassan, F. Alsaqaf, and E.I. Azhar, Designing and evaluation of MERS-CoV siRNAs in HEK-293 cell line. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2021. 14(2): p. 238-243.
 9. Sohrab, S.S., S. Aly El-Kafrawy, Z. Mirza, A.M. Hassan, F. Alsaqaf, and E.I. Azhar, In silico prediction and experimental validation of siRNAs targeting ORF1ab of MERS-CoV in Vero cell line. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2021. 28(2): p. 1348-1355.
 10. Kock, R., A.L. Michel, D. Yeboah-Manu, E.I. Azhar, J.B. Torrelles, S.I. Cadmus, L. Brunton, J.M. Chakaya, B. Marais, L. Mboera, Z. Rahim, N. Haider, and A. Zumla, Zoonotic Tuberculosis – The Changing Landscape. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2021.
 11. Kieu, H.T., N. Garrigou, A. Fadlane, L. Brechard, N. Armstrong, P. Decloquement, M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, S.B. Al-Masaudi, J.C. Lagier, M. Tidjani Alou, and D. Raoult, Clostridium culturomicum sp. nov. and Clostridium jeddahitimense sp. nov., novel members of the

- Clostridium genus isolated from the stool of an obese Saudi Arabian. Current Microbiology, 2021.
- 12. Karim, A.M., M. Yasir, T. Ali, S.K. Malik, I. Ullah, N.A. Qureshi, H. Yuanting, E.I. Azhar, and H.J. Jin, Prevalence of clinical malaria and household characteristics of patients in tribal districts of Pakistan. PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases, 2021. 15(5).
 - 13. Jani, K., J. Bandal, Y. Shouche, S. Shafi, E.I. Azhar, A. Zumla, and A. Sharma, Extended Ecological Restoration of Bacterial Communities in the Godavari River During the COVID-19 Lockdown Period: a Spatiotemporal Meta-analysis. Microbial Ecology, 2021.
 - 14. Haq, F., S. Sharif, A. Khurshid, A. Ikram, I. Shabbir, M. Salman, A. Ahad, M. Suleman Rana, A. Raja, N. Badar, H. Tashkandi, T. Al Amri, E.I. Azhar, M.S. Almuhyawi, S. Harakeh, and M. Faraz Arshad Malik, Reverse transcriptase loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP)-based diagnosis: A potential alternative to quantitative real-time PCR based detection of the novel SARS-CoV-2 virus. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, 2021. 28(1): p. 942-947.
 - 15. Farsi, S.H., T.A. Alandijany, M. Radwi, A. Farsi, W. Bahaaziq, I. Abushoshah, S.A. El-Kafrawy, S. Alsayed, E.I. Azhar, and A. Boker, Prevalence of COVID-19 antibodies among operating room and critical care staff at a tertiary teaching hospital: A cross-sectional study. Saudi Medical Journal, 2021. 42(7): p. 742-749.
 - 16. Faizo, A.A., T.A. Alandijany, A.T. Abbas, S.S. Sohrab, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Tolah, A.M. Hassan, and E.I. Azhar, A reliable indirect ELISA protocol for detection of human antibodies directed to SARS-CoV-2 Np protein. Diagnostics, 2021. 11(5).
 - 17. El-Kafrawy, S.A., S.S. Sohrab, Z. Mirza, A.M. Hassan, F. Alsaqaf, and E.I. Azhar, In vitro inhibitory analysis of rationally designed siRNAs against MERS-CoV replication in Huh7 cells. Molecules, 2021. 26(9).
 - 18. El-Kafrawy, S.A., M.M. El-Daly, A.M. Hassan, R.M. Kaki, A.M. Abuzenadah, M.A. Kamal, and E.I. Azhar, A direct method for rt-pcr detection of sars-cov-2 in clinical samples. Healthcare (Switzerland), 2021. 9(1).
 - 19. El-Kafrawy, S.A., A.T. Abbas, S.S. Sohrab, A.A. Tabll, A.M. Hassan, N. Iwata-Yoshikawa, N. Nagata, and E.I. Azhar, Immunotherapeutic efficacy of IgY antibodies targeting the full-length spike protein in an animal model of middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection. Pharmaceuticals, 2021. 14(6).
 - 20. Bibi, F., M.I. Naseer, and E.I. Azhar, Assessing the diversity of bacterial communities from marine sponges and their bioactive compounds. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, 2021. 28(5): p. 2747-2754.
 - 21. Bibi, F. and E.I. Azhar, Analysis of bacterial communities in sponges and coral inhabiting Red Sea, using barcoded 454 pyrosequencing. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, 2021. 28(1): p. 847-854.
 - 22. Bharadwaj, S., S.A. El-Kafrawy, T.A. Alandijany, L.H. Bajrai, A.A. Shah, A. Dubey, A.K. Sahoo, U. Yadava, M.A. Kamal, E.I. Azhar, S.G. Kang, and V.D. Dwivedi, Structure-based identification of natural products as sars-cov-2 mpro antagonist from echinacea angustifolia using computational approaches. Viruses, 2021. 13(2).
 - 23. Azhar, E.I., S.I. Hindawi, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Hassan, A.M. Tolah, T.A. Alandijany, L.H. Bajrai, and G.A. Damanhouri, Amotosalen and ultraviolet A light treatment efficiently

- inactivates severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in human plasma. *Vox Sanguinis*, 2021. 116(6): p. 673-681.
24. Althaqafi, A., F. Farahat, A. Alsaedi, M. Alshamrani, M.S. Alsaeed, B. AlhajHussein, S.A. El-Kafrawy, and E.I. Azhar, Molecular detection of influenza A and B viruses in four consecutive influenza seasons 2015-16 to 2018-19 in a tertiary center in Western Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health*, 2021. 11(2): p. 208-215.
 25. Alshukairi, A.N., J. Zhao, M.A. Al-Mozaini, Y. Wang, A. Dada, S.A. Baharoon, S. Alfaraj, W.A. Ahmed, M.A. Enani, F.E. Elzein, N. Eltayeb, L. Layqah, A. El-Saed, H.A. Bahaudden, A. Haseeb, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Hassan, N.A. Siddiq, I. Alsharif, I. Qushmaq, E.I. Azhar, S. Perlman, and Z.A. Memish, Longevity of middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus antibody responses in humans, saudi arabia. *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, 2021. 27(5): p. 1472-1476.
 26. Alshukairi, A.N., A.M. Tolah, A. Dada, J.A. Al-Tawfiq, R.S. Almagharbi, M.F. Saeedi, M.A. Al-Hamzi, S.A. El-Kafrawy, H.A. Bahaudden, A. El-Saed, M.A. Al-Mozaini, I. Khalid, L.K. Hefni, A.M. Hassan, T.A. Alandijany, L.H. Bajrai, D.T. Bayumi, G.E. Albishi, S.I. Althawadi, N.A. Zabani, S. Perlman, and E.I. Azhar, Test-based de-isolation in COVID-19 immunocompromised patients: Cycle threshold value versus SARS-CoV-2 viral culture. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2021. 108: p. 112-115.
 27. Alsayed, S.M., T.A. Alandijany, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Hassan, L.H. Bajrai, A.A. Faizo, E.A. Mulla, L.S. Aljahdali, K.M. Alquthami, A. Zumla, and E.I. Azhar, Pattern of respiratory viruses among pilgrims during 2019 Hajj season who sought healthcare due to severe respiratory symptoms. *Pathogens*, 2021. 10(3).
 28. Alhadrami, H.A., A.M. Sayed, A.M. Sharif, E.I. Azhar, and M.E. Rateb, Olive-derived triterpenes suppress sars cov-2 main protease: A promising scaffold for future therapeutics. *Molecules*, 2021. 26(9).
 29. Alhadrami, H.A., A.M. Hassan, R. Chinnappan, H. Al-Hadrami, W.H. Abdulaal, E.I. Azhar, and M. Zourob, Peptide substrate screening for the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 using fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET) assay. *Microchimica Acta*, 2021. 188(4).
 30. Alandijany, T.A., S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.A. Al-Ghamdi, F.S. Qashqari, A.A. Faizo, A.M. Tolah, A.M. Hassan, S.S. Sohrab, S.I. Hindawi, M.A. Badawi, and E.I. Azhar, Lack of antibodies to sars-cov-2 among blood donors during covid-19 lockdown: A study from Saudi Arabia. *Healthcare (Switzerland)*, 2021. 9(1).
 31. Alam, I., A. Radovanovic, R. Incitti, A.A. Kamau, M. Alarawi, E.I. Azhar, and T. Gojobori, CovMT: an interactive SARS-CoV-2 mutation tracker, with a focus on critical variants. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2021. 21(5): p. 602.
 32. Ahmed, W.A., A. Dada, A.N. Alshukairi, S.S. Sohrab, A.A. Faizo, A.M. Tolah, S.A. El-Kafrawy, L.H. Bajrai, H.M. Moalim, M.H. Aly, A.F. Aboelazm, M.A. Al-Hamzi, M.F. Saeedi, T.A. Alandijany, and E.I. Azhar, Seroprevalence of neutralizing antibodies to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) among healthcare workers in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *Journal of King Saud University - Science*, 2021. 33(3).
 33. Zumla, A., D. Yeboah-Manu, A.L. Michel, E.I. Azhar, J.B. Torrelles, S.I. Cadmus, S.L. Kendall, J.M. Chakaya, B. Marais, and R. Kock, Zoonotic tuberculosis—a call for an open One Health debate. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 20(6): p. 642-644.

34. Zumla, A., F.S. Wang, C. Chang, G. Ippolito, N. Petrosillo, C. Agrati, E.I. Azhar, S.A. El-Kafrawy, M. Osman, L. Zitvogel, P.R. Galle, F. Locatelli, E. Gorman, C. O'Kane, D. McAuley, C. Cordon-Cardo, and M. Maeurer, Reducing mortality and morbidity in patients with severe COVID-19 disease by advancing ongoing trials of Mesenchymal Stromal (stem) Cell (MSC) therapy — Achieving global consensus and visibility for cellular host-directed therapies. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 96: p. 431-439.
35. Zumla, A., D.S. Hui, E.I. Azhar, Z.A. Memish, and M. Maeurer, Reducing mortality from 2019-nCoV: host-directed therapies should be an option. *The Lancet*, 2020. 395(10224): p. e35-e36.
36. Zumla, A., E.I. Azhar, S. Alqahtani, S. Shafi, and Z.A. Memish, COVID-19 and the scaled-down 2020 Hajj Pilgrimage—Decisive, logical and prudent decision making by Saudi authorities overcomes pre-Hajj public health concerns. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 99: p. 34-36.
37. Zaki, E.A., M.M. El-Daly, A. Abdulhaq, T.L. Al-Subhi, A.M. Hassan, S.A. El-Kafrawy, M.M. Alhazmi, M.A. Darraj, and E.I. Azhar, Genotyping and antiretroviral drug resistance of human immunodeficiency Virus-1 in Jazan, Saudi Arabia. *Medicine*, 2020. 99(49): p. e23274.
38. Yasir, M., R. Ullah, F. Bibi, S.B. Khan, A.A. Al-Sofyani, U. Stingl, and E.I. Azhar, Draft genome sequence of a multidrug-resistant emerging pathogenic isolate of *Vibrio alginolyticus* from the Red Sea. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2020. 38.
39. Yasir, M., A.K. Qureshi, S. Srinivasan, R. Ullah, F. Bibi, M. Rehan, S.B. Khan, and E.I. Azhar, Domination of Filamentous Anoxygenic Phototrophic Bacteria and Prediction of Metabolic Pathways in Microbial Mats from the Hot Springs of Al Aridhah. *Folia Biologica (Czech Republic)*, 2020. 66(1): p. 24-35.
40. Yasir, M., M. Farman, M.W. Shah, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, N.A. Othman, S.B. Almasaudi, M. Alawi, S. Shakil, N. Al-Abdullah, N.A. Ismaeel, and E.I. Azhar, Genomic and antimicrobial resistance genes diversity in multidrug-resistant CTX-M-positive isolates of *Escherichia coli* at a health care facility in Jeddah. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2020. 13(1): p. 94-100.
41. Yasir, M., F. Bibi, A.M. Hashem, and E.I. Azhar, Comparative metagenomics and characterization of antimicrobial resistance genes in pasteurized and homemade fermented Arabian laban. *Food Research International*, 2020. 137.
42. Tolah, A.M., S.B. Al Masaudi, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.A. Mirza, S.M. Harakeh, A.M. Hassan, M.A. Alsaadi, A.A. Alzahrani, G.A. Alsaaidi, N.M.S. Amor, A.N. Alagaili, A.M. Hashem, and E.I. Azhar, Cross-sectional prevalence study of MERS-CoV in local and imported dromedary camels in Saudi Arabia, 2016-2018. *PLoS ONE*, 2020. 15(5).
43. Sohrab, S.S., M. Suhail, M.A. Kamal, F. Ahmad, and E.I. Azhar, The emergence of human pathogenic coronaviruses: Lectins as antivirals for sars-cov-2. *Current Pharmaceutical Design*, 2020. 26(41): p. 5286-5292.
44. Sohrab, S.S. and E.I. Azhar, Genetic diversity of MERS-CoV spike protein gene in Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2020. 13(5): p. 709-717.
45. Petersen, E., B. McCloskey, D.S. Hui, R. Kock, F. Ntoumi, Z.A. Memish, N. Kapata, E.I. Azhar, M. Pollack, L.C. Madoff, D.H. Hamer, J.B. Nachege, N. Pshenichnaya, and A. Zumla, COVID-19 travel restrictions and the International Health Regulations – Call for an open debate on easing of travel restrictions. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 94: p. 88-90.

46. Petersen, E., D. Hui, D.H. Hamer, L. Blumberg, L.C. Madoff, M. Pollack, S.S. Lee, S. McLellan, Z. Memish, I. Praharaj, S. Wasserman, F. Ntoumi, E.I. Azhar, T.D. McHugh, R. Kock, G. Ippolito, A. Zumla, and M. Koopmans, Li Wenliang, a face to the frontline healthcare worker. The first doctor to notify the emergence of the SARS-CoV-2, (COVID-19), outbreak. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 93: p. 205-207.
47. Perlman, S., E.I. Azhar, Z.A. Memish, D.S. Hui, and A. Zumla, Confronting the persisting threat of the Middle East respiratory syndrome to global health security. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 20(2): p. 158-160.
48. Harakeh, S., G. Kalamegam, P.N. Pushparaj, A. Al-Hejin, S.M. Alfadul, T. Al Amri, S. Barnawi, H. Al Sadoun, A.A. Mirza, and E. Azhar, Chemokines and their association with body mass index among healthy Saudis. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2020. 27(1): p. 6-11.
49. Harakeh, S., E. Angelakis, T. Karamitros, D. Bachar, S. Bahijri, G. Ajabnoor, S.M. Alfadul, S.A. Farraj, T.A. Amri, A. Al-Hejin, A. Ahmed, A.A. Mirza, R. Didier, and E.I. Azhar, Impact of smoking cessation, coffee and bread consumption on the intestinal microbial composition among Saudis: A cross-sectional study. *PLoS ONE*, 2020. 15(4).
50. Fouz, N., K.N.A. Pangesti, M. Yasir, A.L. Al-Malki, E.I. Azhar, G.A. Hill-Cawthorne, and M.A. El Ghany, The contribution of wastewater to the transmission of antimicrobial resistance in the environment: Implications of mass gathering settings. *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease*, 2020. 5(1).
51. Farraj, S.A., S.A. El-Kafrawy, T.A. Kumosani, J.M. Yousef, and E.I. Azhar, Evaluation of extraction methods for clinical metagenomic assay. *Microorganisms*, 2020. 8(8): p. 1-21.
52. El-Kafrawy, S.A., A.M. Hassan, M.M. El-Daly, I. Qadri, A.M. Tolah, T.L. Al-Subhi, A.A. Alzahrani, G.A. Alsaaidi, N. Al-Abdullah, R.M. Kaki, T.C. Li, and E.I. Azhar, Seroprevalence of dromedary camel HEV in domestic and imported camels from Saudi Arabia. *Viruses*, 2020. 12(5).
53. Degnah, A.A., S.S. Al-amri, A.M. Hassan, A.S. Almasoud, M. Mousa, S.A. Almahboub, R.Y. Alhabbab, A.A. Mirza, S.I. Hindawi, N.K. Alharbi, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, Seroprevalence of MERS-CoV in healthy adults in western Saudi Arabia, 2011–2016. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2020. 13(5): p. 697-703.
54. de Sousa, E., D. Ligeiro, J.R. Lérias, C. Zhang, C. Agrati, M. Osman, S.A. El-Kafrawy, E.I. Azhar, G. Ippolito, F.S. Wang, A. Zumla, and M. Maeurer, Mortality in COVID-19 disease patients: Correlating the association of major histocompatibility complex (MHC) with severe acute respiratory syndrome 2 (SARS-CoV-2) variants. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2020. 98: p. 454-459.
55. Dar, H.A., T. Zaheer, N. Ullah, S.M. Bakhtiar, T. Zhang, M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, and A. Ali, Pangenome analysis of mycobacterium tuberculosis reveals core-drug targets and screening of promising lead compounds for drug discovery. *Antibiotics*, 2020. 9(11): p. 1-14.
56. Bibi, F., M. Yasir, A. Al-Sofyani, M.I. Naseer, and E.I. Azhar, Antimicrobial activity of bacteria from marine sponge Suberea mollis and bioactive metabolites of Vibrio sp. EA348. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2020. 27(4): p. 1139-1147.
57. Bibi, F., S.A. Alvi, A. Al-Sofyani, M.I. Naseer, M. Yasir, and E.I. Azhar, Pyrosequencing reveals sponge specific bacterial communities in marine sponges of Red Sea, Saudi Arabia. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2020. 27(1): p. 67-73.

58. Bharadwaj, S., E.I. Azhar, M.A. Kamal, L.H. Bajrai, A. Dubey, K. Jha, U. Yadava, S.G. Kang, and V.D. Dwivedi, SARS-CoV-2 Mpro inhibitors: identification of anti-SARS-CoV-2 Mpro compounds from FDA approved drugs. *Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*, 2020.
59. Bajrai, L.H., S. Mougar, J. Andreani, E. Baptiste, J. Delerce, D. Raoult, E.I. Azhar, B. La Scola, and A. Levasseu, Isolation of yasminevirus, the first member of klosneuvirinae isolated in coculture with vermamoeba vermiformis, demonstrates an extended arsenal of translational apparatus components. *Journal of Virology*, 2020. 94(1).
60. Alzahrani, F.A., I.M. Saadeldin, A. Ahmad, D. Kumar, E.I. Azhar, A.J. Siddiqui, B. Kurdi, A. Sajini, A.F. Alrefaei, and S. Jahan, The Potential Use of Mesenchymal Stem Cells and Their Derived Exosomes as Immunomodulatory Agents for COVID-19 Patients. *Stem Cells International*, 2020. 2020.
61. Alsofyani, A.A., A. Dallol, S.A. Farraj, R.A. Alsiary, A. Samkari, B.T. Alhaj-Hussain, J.A. Khan, J. Al-Maghribi, S.S. Al-Khayyat, H. Alkhatabi, A. Elaimi, A. Buhmeida, A.K. Johargy, A.M. Abuzenadah, E.I. Azhar, and M.H. Al-Qahtani, Molecular characterisation in tongue squamous cell carcinoma reveals key variants potentially linked to clinical outcomes. *Cancer Biomarkers*, 2020. 28(2): p. 213-220.
62. Alandijany, T.A., A.A. Faizo, and E.I. Azhar, Coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries: Current status and management practices. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2020. 13(6): p. 839-842.
63. Alandijany, T.A., S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Tolah, S.S. Sohrab, A.A. Faizo, A.M. Hassan, T.L. Alsubhi, N.A. Othman, and E.I. Azhar, Development and optimization of in-house elisa for detection of human igg antibody to SARS-CoV-2 full length spike protein. *Pathogens*, 2020. 9(10): p. 1-11.
64. Al-Sharif, H.A., S.A. El-Kafrawy, J.M. Yousef, T.A. Kumosani, M.A. Kamal, N.A. Khathlan, R.M. Kaki, A.A. Alnajjar, and E.I. Azhar, Dominance of the on1 genotype of rsv-a and ba9 genotype of rsv-b in respiratory cases from jeddah, saudi arabia. *Genes*, 2020. 11(11): p. 1-19.
65. Al-Saud, H., K. Al-Romaih, R. Bakheet, L. Mahmoud, N. Al-Harbi, I. Alshareef, S.B. Judia, L. Aharbi, A. Alzayed, A. Jabaan, H. Alhadrami, A. Albarrag, E.I. Azhar, and M.A. Al-Mozaini, Automated SARS-COV-2 RNA extraction from patient nasopharyngeal samples using a modified DNA extraction kit for high throughput testing. *Annals of Saudi Medicine*, 2020. 40(5): p. 373-381.
66. Akbar, N.A., A.M. Assiri, O.I. Shabouni, O.M. Alwafi, R. Al-Raddadi, M.H. Alzahrani, E.I. Azhar, A. Amir, A.M. Aljiffri, and A.O. Althaqafi, The economic burden of dengue fever in the kingdom of saudi arabia. *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, 2020. 14(11): p. 1-25.
67. Abbas, A.T., S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.S. Sohrab, A.A. Tabll, A.M. Hassan, N. Iwata-Yoshikawa, N. Nagata, and E.I. Azhar, Anti-s1 mers-cov igy specific antibodies decreases lung inflammation and viral antigen positive cells in the human transgenic mouse model. *Vaccines*, 2020. 8(4): p. 1-18.
68. Yasir, M., M.W. Shah, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, S.B. Almasaudi, H. Ahmad, M. Alawi, and E.I. Azhar, Draft genome sequence of a clinical *Acinetobacter baumannii* isolate of new sequence type ST1688 from Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Global Antimicrobial Resistance*, 2019. 18: p. 151-152.

69. Yasir, M., A.K. Qureshi, I. Khan, F. Bibi, M. Rehan, S.B. Khan, and E.I. Azhar, Culturomics-Based Taxonomic Diversity of Bacterial Communities in the Hot Springs of Saudi Arabia. OMICS A Journal of Integrative Biology, 2019. 23(1): p. 17-27.
70. Ullah, R., M. Yasir, F. Bibi, T.S. Abujamel, A.M. Hashem, S.S. Sohrab, A. Al-Ansari, A.A. Al-Sofyani, A.K. Al-Ghamdi, A. Al-sieni, and E.I. Azhar, Taxonomic diversity of antimicrobial-resistant bacteria and genes in the Red Sea coast. Science of the Total Environment, 2019. 677: p. 474-483.
71. Traore, S.I., M. Bilen, M. Beye, A. Diop, M.D. Mbogni Fonkou, M.L. Tall, C. Michelle, M. Yasir, E. Ibraheem Azhar, F. Bibi, F. Bittar, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, Z. Daoud, F. Cadoret, P.E. Fournier, and S. Edouard, Noncontiguous finished genome sequence and description of Raoultibacter massiliensis gen. nov., sp. nov. and Raoultibacter timonensis sp. nov, two new bacterial species isolated from the human gut. MicrobiologyOpen, 2019. 8(6).
72. Shah, M.W., M. Yasir, M. Farman, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, S.B. Almasaudi, M. Alawi, D. El-Hossary, and E.I. Azhar, Antimicrobial Susceptibility and Molecular Characterization of Clinical Strains of Acinetobacter baumannii in Western Saudi Arabia. Microbial Drug Resistance, 2019. 25(9): p. 1297-1305.
73. Seck, E.H., B. Senghor, V. Merhej, D. Bachar, F. Cadoret, C. Robert, E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, F. Bibi, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, D.S. Konate, D. Musso, O. Douumbo, C. Sokhna, A. Levasseur, J.C. Lagier, S. Khelaifia, M. Million, and D. Raoult, Salt in stools is associated with obesity, gut halophilic microbiota and Akkermansia muciniphila depletion in humans. International Journal of Obesity, 2019. 43(4): p. 862-871.
74. Mousa, M., S.S. Al-Amri, A.A. Degnah, A.M. Tolah, H.H. Abduljabbar, A.M. Oraif, H.S. Abduljabbar, A.A. Mirza, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, Prevalence of human papillomavirus in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Annals of Saudi Medicine, 2019. 39(6): p. 403-409.
75. Memish, Z.A., R. Steffen, P. White, O. Dar, E.I. Azhar, A. Sharma, and A. Zumla, Mass gatherings medicine: public health issues arising from mass gathering religious and sporting events. The Lancet, 2019. 393(10185): p. 2073-2084.
76. Khan, T.J., M.N. Hasan, E.I. Azhar, and M. Yasir, Association of gut dysbiosis with intestinal metabolites in response to antibiotic treatment. Human Microbiome Journal, 2019. 11.
77. Khan, I., M. Yasir, M. Farman, T. Kumosani, S.F. Albasri, O.S. Bajouh, and E.I. Azhar, Evaluation of gut bacterial community composition and antimicrobial resistome in pregnant and non-pregnant women from saudi population. Infection and Drug Resistance, 2019. 12: p. 1749-1761.
78. Hashem, A.M., A.M. Hassan, A.M. Tolah, M.A. Alsaadi, Q. Abunada, G.A. Damanhouri, S.A. El-Kafrawy, M. Picard-Maureau, E.I. Azhar, and S.I. Hindawi, Amotosalen and ultraviolet A light efficiently inactivate MERS-coronavirus in human platelet concentrates. Transfusion Medicine, 2019. 29(6): p. 434-441.
79. Hashem, A.M., T.L. Al-Subhi, N.A. Badroon, A.M. Hassan, L.H.M. Bajrai, T.M. Banassir, K.M. Alquthami, and E.I. Azhar, MERS-CoV, influenza and other respiratory viruses among symptomatic pilgrims during 2014 Hajj season. Journal of Medical Virology, 2019. 91(6): p. 911-917.
80. Hashem, A.M., S.S. Al-amri, T.L. Al-subhi, L.A. Siddiq, A.M. Hassan, M.M. Alawi, R.Y. Alhabbab, S.I. Hindawi, O.B. Mohammed, N.S. Amor, A.N. Alagaili, A.A. Mirza, and E.I.

- Azhar, Development and validation of different indirect ELISAs for MERS-CoV serological testing. *Journal of Immunological Methods*, 2019. 466: p. 41-46.
81. Harakeh, S., E. Azhar, S. Almasaudi, K.B. Kissoyan, S. Fadlallah, A. Tanelian, and G.M. Matar, Effects of a specific nutrient combination on ESBL resistance. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2019. 26(7): p. 1576-1580.
 82. Farman, M., M. Yasir, R.R. Al-Hindi, S.A. Farraj, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, M. Alawi, and E.I. Azhar, Genomic analysis of multidrug-resistant clinical *Enterococcus faecalis* isolates for antimicrobial resistance genes and virulence factors from the western region of Saudi Arabia. *Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control*, 2019. 8(1).
 83. El-Kafrawy, S.A., V.M. Corman, A.M. Tolah, S.B. Al Masaudi, A.M. Hassan, M.A. Müller, T. Bleicker, S.M. Harakeh, A.A. Alzahrani, G.A. Alsaaidi, A.N. Alagili, A.M. Hashem, A. Zumla, C. Drosten, and E.I. Azhar, Enzootic patterns of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus in imported African and local Arabian dromedary camels: a prospective genomic study. *The Lancet Planetary Health*, 2019. 3(12): p. e521-e528.
 84. Azhar, E.I., D.S.C. Hui, Z.A. Memish, C. Drosten, and A. Zumla, The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). *Infectious Disease Clinics of North America*, 2019. 33(4): p. 891-905.
 85. Angelakis, E., D. Bachar, M. Yasir, D. Musso, F. Djossou, C. Melenotte, C. Robert, B. Davoust, B. Gaborit, E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, A. Dutour, and D. Raoult, Comparison of the gut microbiota of obese individuals from different geographic origins. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2019. 27: p. 40-47.
 86. Angelakis, E., D. Bachar, M. Yasir, D. Musso, F. Djossou, B. Gaborit, S. Brah, A. Diallo, G.M. Ndombe, O. Mediannikov, C. Robert, E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, N.S. Nsana, H.J. Parra, J. Akiana, C. Sokhna, B. Davoust, A. Dutour, and D. Raoult, Treponema species enrich the gut microbiota of traditional rural populations but are absent from urban individuals. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2019. 27: p. 14-21.
 87. Alwabli, A.S., S.G. Alattas, A.M. Alhebshi, N.M. Zabermawi, F. Kaneez, E.I. Azhar, N. Alkenani, K. Al-Ghmady, and I. Qadri, Pharmacological modulation of flavivirus methyltransferase activity of dengue virus (DEV). *Indian Journal of Pharmaceutical Education and Research*, 2019. 53(3): p. S433-S436.
 88. Alharbi, N.K., I. Qasim, A. Almasoud, H.A. Aljami, M.W. Alenazi, A. Alhafufi, O.S. Aldibasi, A.M. Hashem, S. Kasem, R. Albrahim, M. Aldubaib, A. Almansour, N.J. Temperton, A. Kupke, S. Becker, A. Abu-obaideh, A. Alkarar, I.K. Yoon, E. Azhar, T. Lambe, F. Bayoumi, A. Aldowerij, O.H. Ibrahim, S.C. Gilbert, and H.H. Balkhy, Humoral Immunogenicity and Efficacy of a Single Dose of ChAdOx1 MERS Vaccine Candidate in Dromedary Camels. *Scientific Reports*, 2019. 9(1).
 89. Alghamdi, A., A.M. Hassan, A.M. Tolah, S.S. Alamari, A.A. Alzahrani, G.A. Alsaaidi, T.S. Abujamel, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, Molecular Evidence of Influenza A Virus Circulation in African Dromedary Camels Imported to Saudi Arabia, 2017-2018. *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*, 2019. 6(10).
 90. Al-Zahrani, I.A., E.I. Azhar, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, L.A. Siddig, M. Yasir, A.K. Al-Ghamdi, and C.R. Harwood, Impact of mass migrations on the clonal variation of clinical *Staphylococcus aureus* strains isolated from the Western region of Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Infection and Public Health*, 2019. 12(3): p. 317-322.

91. Abbas, A.T., S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.S. Sohrab, and E.I.A. Azhar, IgY antibodies for the immunoprophylaxis and therapy of respiratory infections. *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics*, 2019. 15(1): p. 264-275.
92. Zumla, A., E.I. Azhar, D.S. Hui, S. Shafi, E. Petersen, and Z.A. Memish, Global spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and mass-gathering religious events. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2018. 18(5): p. 488-490.
93. Yasir, M., A.M. Ajlan, S. Shakil, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, S.B. Almasaudi, M. Farman, Z.M. Baazeem, R. Baabdullah, M. Alawi, N. Al-Abdullah, N.A. Ismaeel, H.A. Shukri, and E.I. Azhar, Molecular characterization, antimicrobial resistance and clinico-bioinformatics approaches to address the problem of extended-spectrum β -lactamase-producing *Escherichia coli* in western Saudi Arabia. *Scientific Reports*, 2018. 8(1).
94. Tiberi, S., E. Petersen, M. Maeurer, F. Ntoumi, D. Yeboa-Manu, P. Mwaba, C. Vilaplana, O. Dar, M. Bates, T. Corrah, M. Rao, N. Kapata, E.I. Azhar, Z.A. Memish, S. Mfinanga, A. Aseffa, G. Ippolito, G.B. Migliori, and A. Zumla, Taking forward the Stop TB Partnership and World Health Organization Joint Theme for World TB Day March 24th 2018 — “Wanted: Leaders for a TB-Free World. You can make history. End TB”. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2018. 68: p. 122-124.
95. Sohrab, S.S., M. Suhail, A. Ali, I. Qadri, S. Harakeh, and E.I. Azhar, Consequence of HIV and HCV co-infection on host immune response, persistence and current treatment options. *VirusDisease*, 2018. 29(1): p. 19-26.
96. Sohrab, S.S., M. Suhail, A. Ali, M.A. Kamal, A. Husen, F. Ahmad, E.I. Azhar, and N.H. Greig, Role of viruses, prions and miRNA in neurodegenerative disorders and dementia. *VirusDisease*, 2018. 29(4): p. 419-433.
97. Sohrab, S.S., S.A. El-Kafrawy, Z. Mirza, M.A. Kamal, and E.I. Azhar, Design and delivery of therapeutic siRNAs: Application to MERS-coronavirus. *Current Pharmaceutical Design*, 2018. 24(1): p. 62-77.
98. Shirato, K., S. Semba, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Hassan, A.M. Tolah, I. Takayama, T. Kageyama, T. Notomi, W. Kamitani, S. Matsuyama, and E.I. Azhar, Development of fluorescent reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) using quenching probes for the detection of the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus. *Journal of Virological Methods*, 2018. 258: p. 41-48.
99. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, H. Abu-Araki, S.S. Ali, S.M. Jalalah, A.M. Hassan, H.M.S. Al-Bar, and E.I. Azhar, Ultrastructural Features of Alkhumra Hemorrhagic Fever Virus Infection of Cells Under In Vivo and In Vitro Conditions. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 2018. 18(2): p. 108-113.
100. Hui, D.S., E.I. Azhar, Y.J. Kim, Z.A. Memish, M.D. Oh, and A. Zumla, Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus: risk factors and determinants of primary, household, and nosocomial transmission. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2018. 18(8): p. e217-e227.
101. Hindawi, S.I., A.M. Hashem, G.A. Damanhouri, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M. Tolah, A.M. Hassan, and E.I. Azhar, Inactivation of Middle East respiratory syndrome-coronavirus in human plasma using amotosalen and ultraviolet A light. *Transfusion*, 2018. 58(1): p. 52-59.
102. Hashem, A.M., S.S. Sohrab, S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.A. El-Ela, A.M.M. Abd-Alla, S.A. Farraj, N.A. Othman, A.M. Hassan, M.M. El-Daly, R.N. Charrel, T.A. Madani, and E.I. Azhar, First complete

- genome sequence of circulating dengue virus serotype 3 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2018. 21: p. 9-11.
103. Hashem, A.M., S.S. Sohrab, S.A. El-Kafrawy, A.M.M. Abd-Alla, S.A. El-Ela, T.S. Abujamel, A.M. Hassan, S.A. Farraj, N.A. Othman, R.N. Charrel, and E.I. Azhar, Diversity of dengue virus-3 genotype III in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *Acta Tropica*, 2018. 183: p. 114-118.
104. Hashem, A.M., E.I. Azhar, S. Shalhoub, T.S. Abujamel, N.A. Othman, A.B. Al Zahrani, H.M. Abdullah, M.M. Al-Alawi, and A.A. Sindi, Genetic characterization and diversity of circulating influenza A/H1N1pdm09 viruses isolated in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia between 2014 and 2015. *Archives of Virology*, 2018. 163(5): p. 1219-1230.
105. Hashem, A.M., T. Abujamel, R. Alhabbab, M. Almazroui, and E.I. Azhar, Dengue infection in patients with febrile illness and its relationship to climate factors: A case study in the city of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for the period 2010–2014. *Acta Tropica*, 2018. 181: p. 105-111.
106. Harakeh, S., J. Khalife, E. Baydoun, R. Azar, A. Al-Hejin, E. Barbour, E. Azhar, A. Niedzwiecki, S. Al Jaouni, M. Diab-Assaf, M.A. Kamal, and M. Rath, Effects of ascorbic acid on tax, NF-κB and MMP-9 in human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1 positive malignant T-lymphocytes. *Anti-Cancer Agents in Medicinal Chemistry*, 2018. 18(2): p. 237-244.
107. Fatima, K., S. Mathew, M. Suhail, E. Azhar, G. Damanhour, and I. Qadri, Architecture of viral RNA helicases; HCV helicase as antiviral target. *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Research*, 2018. 10(2): p. 31-39.
108. El-Kafrawy, S.A., G.A. Jamjoom, H.O. Akbar, H.I.B. Fallatah, M.M. El-Daly, Y.A. Qari, A.S. Alghamdi, M. Babatin, M.A. Alsaedi, N.A. Othman, T.L. Al-Subhi, M. Abdel-Hamid, and E.I. Azhar, Analysis of hepatitis B virus (HBV) mutations in patients from western Saudi Arabia with chronic disease. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2018. 12(7): p. 557-567.
109. Dione, N., S. Bellali, M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, M. Beye, N. Armstrong, F. Cadoret, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, N. Helmy, J. Rathored, N. Labas, P.E. Fournier, D. Raoult, and J.C. Lagier, *Anaerococcus jeddahensis* sp. nov., a New Bacterial Species Isolated From Healthy Nomadic Bedouin Woman From Saudi Arabia. *Current Microbiology*, 2018. 75(11): p. 1419-1428.
110. Bibi, F., G.A. Strobel, M.I. Naseer, M. Yasir, A.A. Khalaf Al-Ghamdi, and E.I. Azhar, Halophytes-associated endophytic and rhizospheric bacteria: diversity, antagonism and metabolite production. *Biocontrol Science and Technology*, 2018. 28(2): p. 192-213.
111. Bibi, F., G.A. Strobel, M.I. Naseer, M. Yasir, A.A.K. Al-Ghamdi, and E.I. Azhar, Microbial flora associated with the Halophyte-Salsola imbricate and its biotechnical potential. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 2018. 9(JAN).
112. Bibi, F., M.I. Naseer, A.M. Hassan, M. Yasir, A.A.K. Al-Ghamdi, and E.I. Azhar, Diversity and antagonistic potential of bacteria isolated from marine grass *Halodule uninervis*. *3 Biotech*, 2018. 8(1).
113. Bibi, F., S.A. Alvi, A. Al-Sofyani, M. Yasir, E.A. Kensarah, and E.I. Azhar, Two marine sponges-associated cultivable bacteria: Diversity and biological activities. *Genetics and Molecular Research*, 2018. 17(2).
114. Bibi, F., I. Ali, M.I. Naseer, H.S.A. Mohamoud, M. Yasir, S.A. Alvi, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, A. Sawan, and E.I. Azhar, Detection of genetic alterations in gastric cancer patients from Saudi Arabia using comparative genomic hybridization (CGH). *PLoS ONE*, 2018. 13(9).

115. Alamoudi, R.J., L.E. Azhar, D.H. Alamoudi, D.H. Alamoudi, A.M. Tolah, R.Y. Alhabbab, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, No molecular evidence of MERS-CoV circulation in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia between 2010–2012: A single-center retrospective study. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2018. 12(5): p. 390-393.
116. Zumla, A., B. McCloskey, T. Endericks, E.I. Azhar, and E. Petersen, The challenges of cholera at the 2017 Hajj pilgrimage. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2017. 17(9): p. 895-897.
117. Ullah, R., M. Yasir, I. Khan, F. Bibi, S.S. Sohrab, A. Al-Ansari, F. Al-Abbasi, A.A. Al-Sofyani, I. Daur, S.W. Lee, and E.I. Azhar, Comparative bacterial community analysis in relatively pristine and anthropogenically influenced mangrove ecosystems on the Red Sea. *Canadian Journal of Microbiology*, 2017. 63(8): p. 649-660.
118. Traore, S.I., E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, F. Bibi, P.E. Fournier, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, J. Delerce, F. Cadoret, J.C. Lagier, and D. Raoult, Description of 'Beduinibacterium massiliense' gen. nov., sp. nov., 'Massilimaliae massiliensis' gen. nov., sp. nov., 'Provencibacterium massiliense' gen. nov., sp. nov. and 'Oscilibacter massiliensis' sp. nov., isolated from a faecal specimen of a 19-year-old healthy Saudi Arabian Bedouin by culturomics. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 19: p. 78-82.
119. Traore, S.I., E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, F. Bibi, P.E. Fournier, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, J. Delerce, F. Cadoret, J.C. Lagier, and D. Raoult, Description of 'Arabia massiliensis' gen. nov., sp. nov., 'Gordonibacter massiliensis' sp. nov., and 'Bacilliculturomica massiliensis' gen. nov., sp. nov., isolated from a faecal specimen of a 50-year-old Saudi Bedouin woman. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 19: p. 87-90.
120. Traore, S.I., E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, F. Bibi, P.E. Fournier, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, J. Delerce, F. Cadoret, J.C. Lagier, and D. Raoult, Description of 'Blautia phocaeensis' sp. nov. and 'Lachnoclostridium edouardi' sp. nov., isolated from healthy fresh stools of Saudi Arabia Bedouins by culturomics. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 19: p. 129-131.
121. Sohrab, S.S., M. Suhail, M.A. Kamal, A. Husen, and E.I. Azhar, Recent development and future prospects of plant-based vaccines. *Current Drug Metabolism*, 2017. 18(9): p. 831-841.
122. Sohrab, S.S., M.A. Kamal, R.L. Atkinson, M.M. Alawi, and E.I. Azhar, Viral Infection and Obesity: Current Status and Future Prospective. *Current Drug Metabolism*, 2017. 18(9): p. 798-807.
123. Papadioti, A., E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, A. Jiman-Fatani, S.M. Aboushoushah, M. Yasir, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, 'Jeotgalicoccus saudimassiliensis' sp. nov., a new bacterial species isolated from air samples in the urban environment of Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 15: p. 128-130.
124. Papadioti, A., E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, A. Jiman-Fatani, S.M. Aboushoushah, M. Yasir, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, 'Lysinibacillus saudimassiliensis' sp. nov., a new bacterial species isolated from air samples in the urban environment of Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 16: p. 25-27.
125. Papadioti, A., E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, A. Jiman-Fatani, S.M. Aboushoushah, M. Yasir, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, 'Arthrobacter saudimassiliensis' sp. nov. a new bacterial species isolated from air samples in the urban environment of Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 16: p. 41-42.

126. Memish, Z.A., J.A. Al-Tawfiq, M. Almasri, E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, M.S. Al-Saeed, H. Ben Helaby, R. Borrow, A. Turkistani, and A. Assiri, *Neisseria meningitidis nasopharyngeal carriage during the Hajj: A cohort study evaluating the need for ciprofloxacin prophylaxis.* Vaccine, 2017. 35(18): p. 2473-2478.
127. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, S.M. Jalalah, H. Abu-Araki, E.I. Azhar, A.M. Hassan, and H.M.S. Al-Bar, *Electron Microscopy of Alkhumra Hemorrhagic Fever Virus.* Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases, 2017. 17(3): p. 195-199.
128. Jamjoom, G.A., M.M. El-Daly, E.I. Azhar, H.I. Fallatah, H.O. Akbar, M. Babatin, A.S. Alghamdi, M.I. Dgdgi, M.A. Hamid, Y.A. Qari, and S.A. El-Kafrawy, *Prevalence and molecular characterization of hepatitis D virus in Saudi Arabia: A single-center study.* Saudi Journal of Gastroenterology, 2017. 23(3): p. 176-182.
129. Hashim, G.M., S.B. Almasaudi, E. Azhar, S.K. Al Jaouni, and S. Harakeh, *Biological activity of Cymbopogon schoenanthus essential oil.* Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, 2017. 24(7): p. 1458-1464.
130. Harakeh, S., I. Khan, S.B. Almasaudi, E.I. Azhar, S. Al-Jaouni, and A. Niedzweicki, *Role of nutrients and phyto-compounds in the modulation of antimicrobial resistance.* Current Drug Metabolism, 2017. 18(9): p. 858-867.
131. Hamad, I., S. Ranque, E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, H. Tissot-Dupont, D. Raoult, and F. Bittar, *Culturomics and Amplicon-based Metagenomic Approaches for the Study of Fungal Population in Human Gut Microbiota.* Scientific Reports, 2017. 7(1).
132. Bibi, F., M. Yasir, S.A. Alvi, E.I. Azhar, A.A.K. Al-Ghamdi, A.M. Abuzenadah, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, ‘*Halomonas saudii*’ sp. nov., a new bacterial species isolated from marine plant *Halocnemum strobilaceum.* New Microbes and New Infections, 2017. 15: p. 42-43.
133. Bibi, F., I. Ullah, S.A. Alvi, S.A. Bakhsh, M. Yasir, A.A.K. Al-Ghamdi, and E.I. Azhar, *Isolation, diversity, and biotechnological potential of rhizo- and endophytic bacteria associated with mangrove plants from Saudi Arabia.* Genetics and Molecular Research, 2017. 16(2).
134. Bibi, F., P.N. Pushparaj, M.I. Naseer, M. Yasir, and E.I. Azhar, *Decrypting the microRNA signatures in gastric cancer using high-throughput miRNA array coupled with systems biological approaches for precision medicine.* Genetics and Molecular Research, 2017. 16(4).
135. Bibi, F., M.I. Naseer, M. Yasir, A.A.K. Al-Ghamdi, and E.I. Azhar, *LC-MS based identification of secondary metabolites from marine antagonistic endophytic bacteria.* Genetics and Molecular Research, 2017. 16(4).
136. Bibi, F., M. Faheem, E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, S.A. Alvi, M.A. Kamal, I. Ullah, and M.I. Naseer, *Bacteria from marine sponges: A source of new drugs.* Current Drug Metabolism, 2017. 18(1): p. 11-15.
137. Bibi, F., S.A. Alvi, S.A. Sawan, M. Yasir, A. Sawan, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, and E.I. Azhar, *Detection and genotyping of helicobacter pylori among gastric ulcer and cancer patients from Saudi Arabia.* Pakistan Journal of Medical Sciences, 2017. 33(2): p. 320-324.
138. Azhar, E.I., A. Papadioti, F. Bibi, A.M. Ashshi, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, ‘*Pseudomonas saudiphocaensis*’ sp. nov., a new bacterial species isolated from currency notes collected during the Hajj pilgrimage in 2012 at Makkah, Saudi Arabia. New Microbes and New Infections, 2017. 15: p. 131-133.

139. Azhar, E.I., A. Papadioti, F. Bibi, A.M. Ashshi, D. Raoult, and E. Angelakis, 'Pseudomonas saudimassiliensis' sp. nov. a new bacterial species isolated from air samples in the urban environment of Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2017. 16: p. 43-44.
140. Azhar, E.I., S. Lanini, G. Ippolito, and A. Zumla, The middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus – a continuing risk to global health security, in *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*. 2017. p. 49-60.
141. Ashshi, A.M., S. Alghamdi, A.G. El-Shemi, S. Almdani, B. Refaat, A.M. Mohamed, H.O. Ghazi, E.I. Azhar, and F.A. Al-Allaf, Seroprevalence of asymptomatic dengue virus infection and its antibodies among healthy/eligible saudi blood donors: Findings from holy makkah city. *Virology: Research and Treatment*, 2017. 8.
142. Almasaudi, S.B., A.A.M. Al-Nahari, E.S.M. Abd El-Ghany, E. Barbour, S.M. Al Muhayawi, S. Al-Jaouni, E. Azhar, M. Qari, Y.A. Qari, and S. Harakeh, Antimicrobial effect of different types of honey on *Staphylococcus aureus*. *Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences*, 2017. 24(6): p. 1255-1261.
143. Alam, M.Z., Q. Alam, M.A. Kamal, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, E.I. Azhar, M. Azhar Khan, and A. Haque, Infectious agents and neurodegenerative diseases: Exploring the links. *Current Topics in Medicinal Chemistry*, 2017. 17(12): p. 1390-1399.
144. Al-Saeed, M.S., S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.A. Farraj, T.L. Al-Subhi, N.A. Othman, A. Alsultan, H.G. Ben Helaby, M.M. Alshawdari, A.M. Hassan, R.N. Charrel, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, Phylogenetic characterization of circulating Dengue and Alkhumra Hemorrhagic Fever viruses in western Saudi Arabia and lack of evidence of Zika virus in the region: A retrospective study, 2010-2015. *Journal of Medical Virology*, 2017. 89(8): p. 1339-1346.
145. Al-Amri, S.S., A.T. Abbas, L.A. Siddiq, A. Alghamdi, M.A. Sanki, M.K. Al-Muhanna, R.Y. Alhabbab, E.I. Azhar, X. Li, and A.M. Hashem, Immunogenicity of Candidate MERS-CoV DNA Vaccines Based on the Spike Protein. *Scientific Reports*, 2017. 7.
146. Abdulhaq, A.A., V.K. Basode, A.M. Hashem, A.S. Alshrari, N.A. Badroon, A.M. Hassan, T.L. Alsubhi, Y. Solan, S. Ejeli, and E.I. Azhar, Patterns of Human Respiratory Viruses and Lack of MERS-Coronavirus in Patients with Acute Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Southwestern Province of Saudi Arabia. *Advances in Virology*, 2017. 2017.
147. Zumla, A., A.B. Saeed, B. Alotaibi, S. Yezli, O. Dar, K. Bieh, M. Bates, T. Tayeb, P. Mwaba, S. Shafi, B. McCloskey, E. Petersen, and E.I. Azhar, Tuberculosis and mass gatherings—opportunities for defining burden, transmission risk, and the optimal surveillance, prevention, and control measures at the annual Hajj pilgrimage. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 47: p. 86-91.
148. Zumla, A., M. Rao, R.S. Wallis, S.H.E. Kaufmann, R. Rustomjee, P. Mwaba, C. Vilaplana, D. Yeboah-Manu, J. Chakaya, G. Ippolito, E. Azhar, M. Hoelscher, and M. Maeurer, Host-directed therapies for infectious diseases: Current status, recent progress, and future prospects. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 16(4): p. e47-e63.
149. Zumla, A., B. McCloskey, A.A. Bin Saeed, O. Dar, B. Al Otabi, S. Perlmann, P. Gautret, N. Roy, L. Blumberg, E.I. Azhar, M. Barbeschi, Z. Memish, and E. Petersen, What is the experience from previous mass gathering events? Lessons for Zika virus and the Olympics 2016. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 47: p. 1-4.

- 150.Zumla, A., I. Goodfellow, F. Kasolo, F. Ntoumi, P. Buchy, M. Bates, E.I. Azhar, M. Cotten, and E. Petersen, Zika virus outbreak and the case for building effective and sustainable rapid diagnostics laboratory capacity globally. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 45: p. 92-94.
- 151.Zumla, A., O. Dar, R. Kock, M. Muturi, F. Ntoumi, P. Kaleebu, M. Eusebio, S. Mfinanga, M. Bates, P. Mwaba, R. Ansumana, M. Khan, A.N. Alagaili, M. Cotten, E.I. Azhar, M. Maeurer, G. Ippolito, and E. Petersen, Taking forward a ‘One Health’ approach for turning the tide against the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus and other zoonotic pathogens with epidemic potential. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 47: p. 5-9.
- 152.Zumla, A., J.F.W. Chan, E.I. Azhar, D.S.C. Hui, and K.Y. Yuen, Coronaviruses-drug discovery and therapeutic options. *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*, 2016. 15(5): p. 327-347.
- 153.Zumla, A., A.N. Alagaili, M. Cotten, and E.I. Azhar, Infectious diseases epidemic threats and mass gatherings: Refocusing global attention on the continuing spread of the Middle East Respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV). *BMC Medicine*, 2016. 14(1).
- 154.Traore, S.I., M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, F. Bittar, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, P.E. Fournier, and S. Edouard, “Raoultibacter massiliensis” gen. nov., sp. nov., a new bacterium isolated from the human gut of a Saudi Bedouin. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2016. 14: p. 1-3.
- 155.Traore, S.I., E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, F. Bibi, J. Delerce, P.E. Fournier, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, J.C. Lagier, and D. Raoult, ‘Beduinella massiliensis’, gen. nov., sp. nov. a new genus representing a new family in the phylum Firmicutes, and proposal of Beduinellaceae fam. nov. *New Microbes and New Infections*, 2016. 14: p. 10-12.
- 156.Tolah, A.M., E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Hashem, Susceptibility of influenza viruses circulating in Western Saudi Arabia to neuraminidase inhibitors. *Saudi Medical Journal*, 2016. 37(4): p. 461-465.
- 157.Shafi, S., O. Dar, M. Khan, M. Khan, E.I. Azhar, B. McCloskey, A. Zumla, and E. Petersen, The annual Hajj pilgrimage—minimizing the risk of ill health in pilgrims from Europe and opportunity for driving the best prevention and health promotion guidelines. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 47: p. 79-82.
- 158.Petersen, E., M.E. Wilson, S. Touch, B. McCloskey, P. Mwaba, M. Bates, O. Dar, F. Mattes, M. Kidd, G. Ippolito, E.I. Azhar, and A. Zumla, Rapid Spread of Zika Virus in The Americas - Implications for Public Health Preparedness for Mass Gatherings at the 2016 Brazil Olympic Games. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2016. 44: p. 11-15.
- 159.Nedjadi, T., A. Al-Ammari, D. Khayyat, N. Salem, A. Al-Sayyad, S.A. Hussain, E. Azhar, G. Damanhouri, and J. Al-Maghribi, The cell cycle regulator p27Kip1 is associated with urothelial bladder cancer invasion. *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology*, 2016. 9(10): p. 10515-10521.
- 160.Mathew, S., M. Faheem, M. Suhail, K. Fatima, G. Archunan, N. Begum, M. Ilyas, E. Azhar, G.A. Damanhouri, and I. Qadri, Updates on traditional medicinal plants for hepatocellular carcinoma. *Pharmacognosy Journal*, 2016. 8(3): p. 203-214.
- 161.Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, E.I. Azhar, H.M.S. Al-Bar, A.M. Hassan, and T.G. Ksiazek, Growth characteristics of alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus in mammalian cell lines. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 2016. 16(11): p. 722-727.

162. Lagier, J.C., S. Khelaifia, M.T. Alou, S. Ndongo, N. Dione, P. Hugon, A. Caputo, F. Cadoret, S.I. Traore, E.H. Seck, G. Dubourg, G. Durand, G. Mourembou, E. Guilhot, A. Togo, S. Bellali, D. Bachar, N. Cassir, F. Bittar, J. Delerce, M. Mailhe, D. Ricaboni, M. Bilen, N.P.M. Dangui Nieko, N.M. Dia Badiane, C. Valles, D. Mouelhi, K. Diop, M. Million, D. Musso, J. Abrahão, E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, M. Yasir, A. Diallo, C. Sokhna, F. Djossou, V. Vitton, C. Robert, J.M. Rolain, B. La Scola, P.E. Fournier, A. Levasseur, and D. Raoult, Culture of previously uncultured members of the human gut microbiota by culturomics. *Nature Microbiology*, 2016. 1.
163. Khelaifia, S., J.C. Lagier, F. Bibi, E.I. Azhar, O. Croce, R. Padmanabhan, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, M. Yasir, C. Robert, C. Andrieu, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Microbial Culturomics to Map Halophilic Bacterium in Human Gut: Genome Sequence and Description of Oceanobacillus jeddahense sp. nov. *OMICS A Journal of Integrative Biology*, 2016. 20(4): p. 248-258.
164. Khan, I., M. Yasir, T. Kumosani, A.T. Abbas, E.K. Barbour, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, and E.I. Azhar, Assessment of bacterial density, diversity, and antibiotic resistance-dissemination from multidrug-resistant Escherichia Coli to rat's gut microbiota in presence and absence of antibiotic treatment: A useful animal model for future investigations. *International Journal of Applied Research in Veterinary Medicine*, 2016. 14(2): p. 170-184.
165. Khan, I., E.I. Azhar, A.T. Abbas, T. Kumosani, E.K. Barbour, D. Raoult, and M. Yasir, Metagenomic analysis of antibiotic-induced changes in gut microbiota in a pregnant rat model. *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, 2016. 7(APR).
166. Jamjoom, G.A., E.I. Azhar, M.A. Kao, and R.M. Radadi, Seroepidemiology of asymptomatic dengue virus infection in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *Virology: Research and Treatment*, 2016. 2016(7): p. 1-7.
167. Harakeh, S.M., I. Khan, T. Kumosani, E. Barbour, S.B. Almasaudi, S.M. Bahijri, S.M. Alfadul, G.M.A. Ajabnoor, and E.I. Azhar, Gut microbiota: A contributing factor to obesity. *Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology*, 2016. 6(AUG).
168. Haque, A., Q. Alam, M.Z. Alam, E.I. Azhar, K.H.W. Sait, N. Anfinan, G. Mushtaq, M.A. Kamal, and M. Rasool, Current understanding of HSP90 as a novel therapeutic target: An emerging approach for the treatment of Cancer. *Current Pharmaceutical Design*, 2016. 22(20): p. 2947-2959.
169. El-Kafrawy, S.A., S.S. Sohrab, S.A. Ela, A.M.M. Abd-Alla, R. Alhabbab, S.A. Farraj, N.A. Othman, A.M. Hassan, M. Bergoin, R. Klitting, R.N. Charrel, A.M. Hashem, T.A. Madani, and E.I. Azhar, Multiple introductions of dengue 2 virus strains into Saudi Arabia from 1992 to 2014. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 2016. 16(6): p. 391-399.
170. Bibi, F., M.I. Naseer, S.A. Alvi, M. Yasir, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, A. Sawan, A.M. Abuzenadah, M.H. Al-Qahtani, and E.I. Azhar, microRNA analysis of gastric cancer patients from Saudi Arabian population. *BMC Genomics*, 2016. 17.
171. Bajrai, L.H., F.L. de Assis, E.I. Azhar, P. Jardot, C. Robert, J. Abrahão, D. Raoult, and B. La Scola, Saudi moumouvirus, the first group B mimivirus isolated from Asia. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 2016. 7(DEC).
172. Bajrai, L.H., S. Benamar, E.I. Azhar, C. Robert, A. Levasseur, D. Raoult, and B. La Scola, Kaumoebavirus, a new virus that clusters with Faustoviruses and Asfarviridae. *Viruses*, 2016. 8(11).

- 173.Bajrai, L.H., E.I. Azhar, M. Yasir, P. Jardot, L. Barrassi, D. Raoult, B.L. Scola, and I. Pagnier, *Legionella saoudiensis* sp. nov., isolated from a sewage water sample. International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology, 2016. 66(11): p. 4367-4371.
- 174.Azhar, E. and A. Zumla, Optimizing the benefits of pneumococcal vaccination in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Annals of Thoracic Medicine, 2016. 11(2): p. 91-92.
- 175.Arwady, M.A., B. Alraddadi, C. Basler, E.I. Azhar, E. Abuelzein, A.I. Sindy, B.M. Bin Sadiq, A.O. Althaqafi, O. Shabouni, A. Banjar, L.M. Haynes, S.I. Gerber, D.R. Feikin, and T.A. Madani, Middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus transmission in extended family, Saudi Arabia, 2014. Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2016. 22(8): p. 1395-1402.
- 176.Angelakis, E., M. Yasir, D. Bachar, E.I. Azhar, J.C. Lagier, F. Bibi, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, M. Alawi, M.A. Bakarman, C. Robert, and D. Raoult, Gut microbiome and dietary patterns in different Saudi populations and monkeys. Scientific Reports, 2016. 6.
- 177.Alraddadi, B.M., H.S. Al-Salmi, K. Jacobs-Slifka, R.B. Slayton, C.F. Estivariz, A.I. Geller, H.H. Al-Turkistani, S.S. Al-Rehily, H.A. AlSerehi, G.Y. Wali, A.N. Alshukairi, E.I. Azhar, L. Haynes, D.L. Swerdlow, J.A. Jernigan, and T.A. Madani, Risk factors for middle east respiratory syndrome Coronavirus infection among healthcare personnel. Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2016. 22(11): p. 1915-1920.
- 178.Aitsi-Selmi, A., V. Murray, D. Heymann, B. McCloskey, E.I. Azhar, E. Petersen, A. Zumla, and O. Dar, Reducing risks to health and wellbeing at mass gatherings: The role of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. International Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2016. 47: p. 101-104.
- 179.Zumla, A., E.I. Azhar, Y. Arabi, B. Alotaibi, M. Rao, B. McCloskey, E. Petersen, and M. Maeurer, Host-directed therapies for improving poor treatment outcomes associated with the middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus infections. International Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2015. 40: p. 71-74.
- 180.Yasir, M., E.I. Azhar, I. Khan, F. Bibi, R. Baabdullah, I.A. Al-Zahrani, and A.K. Al-Ghamdi, Composition of soil microbiome along elevation gradients in southwestern highlands of Saudi Arabia Ecological and evolutionary microbiology. BMC Microbiology, 2015. 15(1).
- 181.Yasir, M., E. Angelakis, F. Bibi, E.I. Azhar, D. Bachar, J.C. Lagier, B. Gaborit, A.M. Hassan, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, K.Z. Alshali, C. Robert, A. Dutour, and D. Raoult, Comparison of the gut microbiota of people in France and Saudi Arabia. Nutrition and Diabetes, 2015. 5.
- 182.Refaat, B., A.G. El-Shemi, A. Ashshi, and E. Azhar, Vitamin D and chronic hepatitis C: Effects on success rate and prevention of side effects associated with pegylated interferon- α and ribavirin. International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, 2015. 8(7): p. 10284-10303.
- 183.Refaat, B., A.M. Ashshi, A.G. El-Shemi, and E. Azhar, Activins and follistatin in chronic hepatitis c and its treatment with pegylated-interferon- α based therapy. Mediators of Inflammation, 2015. 2015.
- 184.Nedjadi, T., S. El-Kafrawy, S.S. Sohrab, P. Després, G. Damanhour, and E. Azhar, Tackling dengue fever: Current status and challenges Positive-strand RNA viruses. Virology Journal, 2015. 12(1).
- 185.Mourembou, G., M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, J.C. Lagier, F. Bibi, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, N. Helmy, C. Robert, J. Rathored, P.E. Fournier, D. Raoult, and M. Million, Rise of microbial culturomics:

- Noncontiguous finished genome sequence and description of Beduini massiliensis gen. Nov., sp. nov. OMICS A Journal of Integrative Biology, 2015. 19(12): p. 766-776.
- 186.Mathew, S., K. Fatima, M.Q. Fatmi, G. Archunan, M. Ilyas, N. Begum, E. Azhar, G. Damanhouri, and I. Qadri, Computational docking study of p7 ion channel from HCV genotype 3 and genotype 4 and its interaction with natural compounds. PLoS ONE, 2015. 10(6).
- 187.Lagier, J.C., S. Khelaifia, E.I. Azhar, O. Croce, F. Bibi, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, M. Yasir, H.B. Helaby, C. Robert, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Genome sequence of Oceanobacillus picturiae strain S1, an halophilic bacterium first isolated in human gut. Standards in Genomic Sciences, 2015. 10(1).
- 188.Lagier, J.C., F. Bibi, D. Ramasamy, E.I. Azhar, C. Robert, M. Yasir, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, K.Z. Alshali, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Non contiguous-finished genome sequence and description of Clostridium jeddahense sp. nov. Standards in Genomic Sciences, 2015. 9(3): p. 1003-1019.
- 189.Kumosani, T., D.M. Ahmadieh, H.A. Shaib, S.K. Hamadeh, L.S. Jaber, S. Harakeh, A. Iyer, E. Azhar, and E.K. Barbour, Oseltamivir activity against avian influenza H9N2 strain with different point mutations in their neuraminidase. Veterinaria Italiana, 2015. 51(3): p. 217-224.
- 190.Khalil, M., E. Azhar, M. Kao, N. Al-Kaiedi, H. Alhani, I. Al Olayan, R. Pawinski, K. Gopala, W. Kandeil, S. Anis, L.J. Van Doorn, and R. Deantonio, Gastroenteritis attributable to rotavirus in hospitalized Saudi Arabian children in the period 2007–2008. Clinical Epidemiology, 2015. 7: p. 129-137.
- 191.Harakeh, S.M., I. Khan, T. Kumosani, E. Barbour, S.B. Almasaudi, E.I. Azhar, M. Rath, and A. Niedzwiecki, The role of nutrients and phyto-compounds in the modulation of antimicrobial resistance. Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology, 2015. 5(JUN).
- 192.Harakeh, S., R. Azar, E. Azhar, G.A. Damanhouri, M. Assidi, M. Abu-Elmagd, M.H. Alqahtani, T. Kumosani, A. Niedzwiecki, M. Rath, A. Al-Hejin, E. Barbour, and M. Diab-Assaf, Specific nutrient combination effects on tax, NF-KB and MMP-9 in human T-cell lymphotropic virus -1 positive malignant T-lymphocytes. BMC Cancer, 2015. 15(1).
- 193.Harakeh, S., M. Almatrafi, H. Ungapen, R. Hammad, F. Olayan, R. Hakim, M. Ayoub, N. Bakhsh, S.B. Almasaudi, E. Barbour, S. Bahijri, E. Azhar, G. Damanhouri, Y. Qari, T. Kumosani, Z. Harakeh, M.S. Ahmad, and J.W.L. Cals, Perceptions of medical students towards antibiotic prescribing for upper respiratory tract infections in Saudi Arabia. BMJ Open Respiratory Research, 2015. 2(1).
- 194.El-Shitany, N.A., L.A. Shaala, A.T. Abbas, U.A. Abdel-dayem, E.I. Azhar, S.S. Ali, R.W.M. Van Soest, D.T.A. Youssef, and C. Huang, Evaluation of the anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and immunomodulatory effects of the organic extract of the red sea marine sponge *xestospongia testudinaria* against carrageenan induced rat paw inflammation. PLoS ONE, 2015. 10(9).
- 195.El-Sayed, Z.M.F., A.K. Al-Ghamdi, E.I. Azhar, N.A. Khalifa, A.M. Ashshi, and H.S. Faidaha, Multidrug resistant bacterial strains and their associated plasmid profile. Life Science Journal, 2015. 12(1): p. 1-9.
- 196.Edouard, S., F. Bibi, R. Dhamodharan, J.C. Lagier, E.I. Azhar, C. Robert, A. Caputo, M. Yasir, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, M. Alawi, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Non-contiguous finished genome sequence and description of *Corynebacterium jeddahense* sp. nov. Standards in Genomic Sciences, 2015. 9(3): p. 987-1002.

- 197.Bittar, F., F. Bibi, D. Ramasamy, J.C. Lagier, E.I. Azhar, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, A.K. Al-Ghamdi, T.T. Nguyen, M. Yasir, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Non contiguous-finished genome sequence and description of *Bacillus jeddahensis* sp. nov. Standards in Genomic Sciences, 2015. 10(AUGUST2015).
- 198.Barbour, E.K., T.J. Kassabian, H. Shaib, Z. Kassaify, A. Iyer, E. Azhar, S. Harakeh, and T. Kumosani, The significance of escherichia coli-induced mastitis in cows associated with the presence of virulence genes and wide range-resistance to twenty antimicrobials. International Journal of Applied Research in Veterinary Medicine, 2015. 13(1): p. 51-63.
- 199.Barbour, E.K., R.R. Bragg, G. Karrouf, A. Iyer, E. Azhar, S. Harakeh, and T. Kumosani, Control of eight predominant *Eimeria* spp: Involved in economic coccidiosis of broiler chicken by a chemically characterized essential oil. Journal of Applied Microbiology, 2015. 118(3): p. 583-591.
- 200.Barbour, E.K., R.R. Bragg, G. Karrouf, A. Iyer, E. Azhar, S. Harakeh, and T. Kumosani, Corrigendum: Control of eight predominant *Eimeria* spp. involved in economic coccidiosis of broiler chicken by a chemically characterized essential oil [Journal of Applied Microbiology, 2015, 118(3), 583-591]. Journal of Applied Microbiology, 2015. 119(5): p. 1454.
- 201.Azhar, E.I., A.M. Hashem, S.A. El-Kafrawy, S. Abol-Ela, A.M.M. Abd-Alla, S.S. Sohrab, S.A. Farraj, N.A. Othman, H.G. Ben-Helaby, A. Ashshi, T.A. Madani, and G. Jamjoom, Complete genome sequencing and phylogenetic analysis of dengue type 1 virus isolated from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Virology Journal, 2015. 12(1).
- 202.Uthman, N.A., S.S. Sohrab, I.H. Kamal, S.A. Farraj, B.E. Masri, A.M. Ashshi, T.A. Kumosani, and E.I. Azhar, Genetic diversity of the pandemic influenza a (H1N1) virus in Saudi Arabia. Journal of Infection in Developing Countries, 2014. 8(12): p. 1563-1573.
- 203.Suhail, M., H. Abdel-Hafiz, A. Ali, K. Fatima, G.A. Damanhouri, E. Azhar, A.G.A. Chaudhary, and I. Qadri, Potential mechanisms of hepatitis B virus induced liver injury. World Journal of Gastroenterology, 2014. 20(35): p. 12462-12472.
- 204.Sohrab, S.S., S. Karim, A. Varma, E.I. Azhar, A.M. Abuzenadah, and B. Mandal, Sap transmission of Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus infecting sponge gourd in northern India. Journal of Plant Interactions, 2014. 9(1): p. 241-248.
- 205.Sohrab, S.S., E.I. Azhar, M.A. Kamal, P.S. Bhattacharya, and D. Rana, Genetic variability of Cotton leaf curl betasatellite in Northern India. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, 2014. 21(6): p. 626-631.
- 206.Shaib, H.A., N. Cochet, T. Ribeiro, A.M.A. Nour, G. Nemer, E. Azhar, A. Iyer, T. Kumosani, S. Harakeh, and E.K. Barbour, Passaging impact of H9N2 avian influenza virus in hamsters on its pathogenicity and genetic variability. Journal of Infection in Developing Countries, 2014. 8(5): p. 570-580.
- 207.Naseer, M.I., F. Bibi, M.H. Alqahtani, A.G. Chaudhary, E.I. Azhar, M.A. Kamal, and M. Yasir, Role of gut microbiota in obesity, type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets, 2014. 13(2): p. 305-311.
- 208.Memish, Z.A., A. Assiri, M. Almasri, R.F. Alhakeem, A. Turkestani, A.A. Al Rabeeah, J.A. Al-Tawfiq, A. Alzahrani, E. Azhar, H.Q. Makhdoom, W.H. Hajomar, A.M. Al-Shangiti, and S. Yezli, Prevalence of MERS-CoV nasal carriage and compliance with the Saudi health

- recommendations among pilgrims attending the 2013 Hajj. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2014. 210(7): p. 1067-1072.
209. Memish, Z.A., J.A. Al-Tawfiq, H.Q. Makhdoom, A. Assiri, R.F. Alhakeem, A. Albarak, S. Alsubaie, A.A. Al-Rabeeah, W.H. Hajomar, R. Hussain, A.M. Kheyami, A. Almutairi, E.I. Azhar, C. Drosten, S.J. Watson, P. Kellam, M. Cotton, and A. Zumla, Respiratory tract samples, viral load, and genome fraction yield in patients with middle east respiratory syndrome. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2014. 210(10): p. 1590-1594.
210. Madani, T.A., M. Kao, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, E.I. Azhar, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, R.Y. Bokhary, and T.G. Ksiazek, Propagation and titration of Alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus in the brains of newborn Wistar rats. *Journal of Virological Methods*, 2014. 199: p. 39-45.
211. Madani, T.A., E.I. Azhar, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, M. Kao, H.M.S. Al-Bar, S.A. Farraj, B.E. Masri, N.A. Al-Kaiedi, S. Shakil, S.S. Sohrab, J. Santalucia Jr, and T.G. Ksiazek, Complete genome sequencing and genetic characterization of alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus isolated from Najran, Saudi Arabia. *Intervirology*, 2014. 57(5): p. 300-310.
212. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, E.I. Azhar, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, and T.G. Ksiazek, Comparison of RT-PCR assay and virus isolation in cell culture for the detection of alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus. *Journal of Medical Virology*, 2014. 86(7): p. 1176-1180.
213. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, E.I. Azhar, and H.M.S. Al-Bar, Thermal inactivation of Alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus. *Archives of Virology*, 2014. 159(10): p. 2687-2691.
214. Khan, S.A., A. Ali, S.A. Khan, S.A. Zahran, G. Damanhouri, E. Azhar, and I. Qadri, Unraveling the Complex Relationship Triad between Lipids, Obesity, and Inflammation. *Mediators of Inflammation*, 2014. 2014.
215. Khan, I., M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, T. Kumosani, E.K. Barbour, F. Bibi, and M.A. Kamal, Implication of gut microbiota in human health. *CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets*, 2014. 13(8): p. 1325-1333.
216. Karim, S., Z. Mirza, M.A. Kamal, A.M. Abuzenadah, E.I. Azhar, M.H. Al-Qahtani, and S.S. Sohra, An association of virus infection with type 2 diabetes and Alzheimer's disease. *CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets*, 2014. 13(3): p. 429-439.
217. Karim, S., Z. Mirza, M.A. Kamal, A.M. Abuzenadah, E.I. Azhar, M.H. Al-Qahtani, G.A. Damanhouri, F. Ahmad, S.H. Gan, and S.S. Sohrab, The role of viruses in neurodegenerative and neurobehavioral diseases. *CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets*, 2014. 13(7): p. 1213-1223.
218. Iyer, A., T. Kumosani, E. Azhar, E. Barbour, and S. Harakeh, High incidence rate of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) among healthcare workers in Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2014. 8(3): p. 372-378.
219. Hasan, G.M., I.A. Sheikh, S. Karim, A. Haque, M.A. Kamal, A.G. Chaudhary, E. Azhar, and Z. Mirza, Effect of electromagnetic radiations on neurodegenerative diseases-technological revolution as a curse in disguise. *CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets*, 2014. 13(8): p. 1406-1412.
220. Harakeh, S., M. Diab-Assaf, R. Azar, H.M. Abdulla Hassan, S. Tayeb, K. Abou-El-Ardat, G.A. Damanhouri, I. Qadri, A. Abuzenadah, A. Chaudhary, T. Kumosani, A. Niedzwiecki, M. Rath, H. Yacoub, E. Azhar, and E. Barbour, Epigallocatechin-3-gallate inhibits tax-dependent activation of nuclear factor Kappa B and of matrix metalloproteinase 9 in human T-cell

- lymphotropic virus-1 positive leukemia cells. *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention*, 2014. 15(3): p. 1219-1225.
221. Fatima, K., S. Mathew, M. Suhail, A. Ali, G. Damanhouri, E. Azhar, and I. Qadri, Docking studies of Pakistani HCV NS3 helicase: A possible antiviral drug target. *PLoS ONE*, 2014. 9(9).
222. Fatima, K., E. Azhar, S. Mathew, G. Damanhouri, and I. Qadri, Comparison of structural architecture of HCV NS3 genotype 1 versus Pakistani genotype 3a. *BioMed Research International*, 2014. 2014.
223. Fageeh, W., S. Badawood, H. Al Thagafi, M. Yasir, E. Azhar, S. Farraj, M. Alomary, M. Alsaeed, S. Yaghmoor, and T. Kumosani, Chlamydia trachomatis infection among female inmates at Briman prison in Saudi Arabia. *BMC Public Health*, 2014. 14(1).
224. Elshal, M.F., T.A. Kumosani, E.I. Azhar, and A.M. Aldahlawi, Quantification of circulating endothelial and progenitor cells as biomarkers for dengue virus infection. *Life Science Journal*, 2014. 11(10): p. 250-256.
225. D'Amato, F., C. Robert, E.I. Azhar, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Draft genome sequence of *Coxiella burnetii* strain Cb196, an agent of endocarditis in Saudi Arabia. *Genome Announcements*, 2014. 2(6).
226. Croce, O., P. Hugon, J.C. Lagier, F. Bibi, C. Robert, E.I. Azhar, D. Raoult, and P.E. Fournier, Genome sequence of *Bacillus simplex* strain P558, isolated from a human fecal sample. *Genome Announcements*, 2014. 2(6).
227. Bibi, F., M. Yasir, S.S. Sohrab, E.I. Azhar, M.H. Al-Qahtani, A.M. Abuzenadah, M.A. Kamal, and M.I. Naseer, Link between chronic bacterial inflammation and Alzheimer disease. *CNS and Neurological Disorders - Drug Targets*, 2014. 13(7): p. 1140-1147.
228. Barbour, E.K., S.K. Dankar, H.A. Shaib, T. Kumosani, E. Azhar, S. Masaudi, A. Iyer, and S. Harakeh, Antimicrobial profile of essential oils extracted from wild versus cultivated *Origanum ehrenberjii* against enteric bacteria. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2014. 8(10): p. 1344-1349.
229. Barbour, E.K., D.B. Ayyash, H. Shaib, R.R. Bragg, E. Azhar, A. Iyer, S. Harakeh, Z. Kambris, and T. Kumosani, Koch's postulate in reproduction of broiler coccidiosis by co-infection with eight most common *Eimeria* spp.: A model for future evaluation of new biologics. *International Journal of Applied Research in Veterinary Medicine*, 2014. 12(1): p. 76-83.
230. Bajrai, L.H., T. Kumosani, S. El-Kafrawy, M. El-Daly, S. Hindawi, A. Ashshi, and E.I. Azhar, Distribution of HBV genotypes from two blood transfusion centers in western Saudi Arabia. *Future Virology*, 2014. 9(5): p. 457-464.
231. Azhar, E.I., A.M. Hashem, S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.S. Sohra, A.S. Aburizaiza, S.A. Farraj, A.M. Hassan, M.S. Al-Saeeda, G.A. Jamjoom, and T.A. Madani, Detection of the middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus genome in an air sample originating from a camel barn owned by an infected patient. *mBio*, 2014. 5(4).
232. Azhar, E.I., S.A. El-Kafrawy, S.A. Farraj, A.M. Hassan, M.S. Al-Saeed, A.M. Hashem, and T.A. Madani, Evidence for camel-to-human transmission of MERS coronavirus. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2014. 370(26): p. 2499-2505.
233. Ashshi, A., E. Azhar, A. Johargy, A. Asghar, A. Momenah, A. Turkestani, S. Alghamdi, Z. Memish, A. Al-Ghamdi, M. Alawi, S. El-Kafrawy, M. Farouk, S. Harakeh, T. Kumosani, H. Makhdoum, and E.K. Barbour, Demographic distribution and transmission potential of influenza

- A and 2009 pandemic influenza A H1N1 in pilgrims. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2014. 8(9): p. 1169-1175.
234. Angelakis, E., M. Yasir, E.I. Azhar, A. Papadioti, F. Bibi, A.S. Aburizaiza, S. Metidji, Z.A. Memish, A.M. Ashshi, A.M. Hassan, S. Harakeh, P. Gautret, and D. Raoult, MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry and identification of new bacteria species in air samples from Makkah, Saudi Arabia. *BMC Research Notes*, 2014. 7(1).
235. Angelakis, E., F. Bibi, D. Ramasamy, E.I. Azhar, A.A. Jiman-Fatani, S.M. Aboushoushah, J.C. Lagier, C. Robert, A. Caputo, M. Yasir, P.E. Fournier, and D. Raoult, Non-contiguous finished genome sequence and description of *Clostridium saudii* sp. nov. *Standards in Genomic Sciences*, 2014. 9(1).
236. Angelakis, E., E.I. Azhar, F. Bibi, M. Yasir, A.K. Al-Ghamdi, A.M. Ashshi, A.G. Elshemi, and D. Raoult, Paper money and coins as potential vectors of transmissible disease. *Future Microbiology*, 2014. 9(2): p. 249-261.
237. Ali, A., H. Abdel-Hafiz, M. Suhail, A. Al-Mars, M.K. Zakaria, K. Fatima, S. Ahmad, E. Azhar, A. Chaudhary, and I. Qadri, Hepatitis B virus, HBx mutants and their role in hepatocellular carcinoma. *World Journal of Gastroenterology*, 2014. 20(30): p. 10238-10248.
238. Alam, M.Z., S. Ahmad, E.I. Azhar, A. Haque, and Q. Alam, Microbial sorption and desorption of chromium, cadmium and nickel from aqueous solution by dried and non growing biomasses of *Staphylococcus gallinarum* W-61. *Journal of Pure and Applied Microbiology*, 2014. 8(3): p. 1961-1972.
239. Aburizaiza, A.S., F.M. Mattes, E.I. Azhar, A.M. Hassan, Z.A. Memish, D. Muth, B. Meyer, E. Lattwein, M.A. Müller, and C. Drosten, Investigation of anti-middle east respiratory syndrome antibodies in blood donors and slaughterhouse workers in Jeddah and Makkah, Saudi Arabia, Fall 2012. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 2014. 209(2): p. 243-246.
240. Abdel Nour, A.M., E. Azhar, G. Damanhouri, and S.A. Bustin, Five years MIQE guidelines: The case of the Arabian countries. *PLoS ONE*, 2014. 9(2).
241. Abbas, A.T., N.A. El-Shitany, L.A. Shaala, S.S. Ali, E.I. Azhar, U.A. Abdel-Dayem, and D.T.A. Youssef, Red sea Suberea mollis sponge extract protects against CCl₄induced acute liver injury in rats via an antioxidant mechanism. *Evidence-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, 2014. 2014.
242. Sohrab, S.S., S. Karim, A. Varma, E.I. Azhar, B. Mandal, A.M. Abuzenadah, and A.G. Chaudhary, Factors affecting sap transmission of Tomato leaf curl New Delhi begomovirus infecting sponge gourd in India. *Phytoparasitica*, 2013. 41(5): p. 591-592.
243. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, L. Bell-Sakyi, E.I. Azhar, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, A.M. Hassan, B.E. Masri, and T.G. Ksiazek, Susceptibility of tick cell lines to infection with alkhumra haemorrhagic fever virus. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 2013. 107(12): p. 806-811.
244. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, H.M.S. Al-Bar, E.I. Azhar, M. Kao, H.O. Alshoeb, and A.R. Bamoosa, Outbreak of viral hemorrhagic fever caused by dengue virus type 3 in Al-Mukalla, Yemen. *BMC Infectious Diseases*, 2013. 13(1).
245. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, H. Abu-Araki, E.I. Azhar, and H.M.S. Al-Bar, Trypsin-dependent hemagglutination of erythrocytes of a variety of mammalian and avian species by Alkhumra hemorrhagic fever virus. *Archives of Virology*, 2013. 158(1): p. 97-101.

246. Iyer, A., T. Kumosani, S. Yaghmoor, E. Barbour, E. Azhar, and S. Harakeh, *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella* spp. in meat in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *Journal of Infection in Developing Countries*, 2013. 7(11): p. 812-818.
247. Barbour, E.K., H.A. Shaib, D.M. Ahmadieh, T. Kumosani, S.K. Hamadeh, E. Azhar, and S. Harakeh, A Mini review of qRT-rtPCR technology application in uncovering the mechanism of food allergy and in the search for novel interventions. *Anti-Inflammatory and Anti-Allergy Agents in Medicinal Chemistry*, 2013. 12(1): p. 100-106.
248. Barbour, E.K., H. Shaib, E. Azhar, T. Kumosani, A. Iyer, S. Harakeh, G. Damanhouri, A. Chaudary, and R.R. Bragg, Modulation by essential oil of vaccine response and production improvement in chicken challenged with velogenic Newcastle disease virus. *Journal of Applied Microbiology*, 2013. 115(6): p. 1278-1286.
249. Saleh, I., N. Alwan, E. Barbour, E. Azhar, and S. Harakeh, Listeria infections: Epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment, in *Listeria Infections: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis and Treatment*. 2012. p. 155-166.
250. Madani, T.A., M. Kao, E.I. Azhar, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, and T.G. Ksiazek, Successful propagation of Alkhumra (misnamed as Alkhurma) virus in C6/36 mosquito cells. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 2012. 106(3): p. 180-185.
251. Madani, T.A., M. Kao, E.I. Azhar, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, and T.G. Ksiazek, Reply to comment on: Successful propagation of Alkhumra (misnamed as Alkhurma) virus in C6/36 mosquito cells. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 2012. 106(6): p. 392-393.
252. Madani, T.A., E.I. Azhar, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, M. Kao, H.M.S. Al-Bar, M. Niedrig, and T.G. Ksiazek, Alkhumra, not alkhurma, is the correct name of the new hemorrhagic fever flavivirus identified in Saudi Arabia. *Intervirology*, 2012. 55(4): p. 259-260.
253. Madani, T.A., E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, E.I. Azhar, M. Kao, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, and T.G. Ksiazek, Superiority of the buffy coat over serum or plasma for the detection of Alkhumra virus RNA using real time RT-PCR. *Archives of Virology*, 2012. 157(5): p. 819-823.
254. Barbour, E.K., Z.G. Hajj, S. Hamadeh, H.A. Shaib, M.T. Farran, G. Araj, O. Faroon, K.E. Barbour, F. Jirjis, E. Azhar, T. Kumosani, and S. Harakeh, Comparison of phenotypic and virulence genes characteristics in human and chicken isolates of *Proteus mirabilis*. *Pathogens and Global Health*, 2012. 106(6): p. 352-357.
255. Shakil, S., E.I. Azhar, S. Tabrez, M.A. Kamal, N.R. Jabir, A.M. Abuzenadah, G.A. Damanhouri, and Q. Alam, New Delhi metallo- β -lactamase (NDM-1): An update. *Journal of Chemotherapy*, 2011. 23(5): p. 263-265.
256. Madani, T.A., E.I. Azhar, E.T.M.E. Abuelzein, M. Kao, H.M.S. Al-Bar, H. Abu-Araki, M. Niedrig, and T.G. Ksiazek, Alkhumra (Alkhurma) virus outbreak in Najran, Saudi Arabia: Epidemiological, clinical, and Laboratory characteristics. *Journal of Infection*, 2011. 62(1): p. 67-76.
257. Azhar, E.I., G.A. Jamjoom, A.K. Al-Ghamdi, A.G. Chaudhary, S.M. Al-Ghamdi, S.A. El-Kafrawy, and F.A. Shaheen, A prospective study of hepatitis c virus infection in hemodialysis patients in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. *International Journal of Tropical Medicine*, 2011. 6(6): p. 124-128.

258. Asghar, A.H., A.M. Ashshi, E.I. Azhar, S.Z. Bukhari, T.A. Zafar, and A.M. Momenah, Profile of bacterial pneumonia during Hajj. Indian Journal of Medical Research, 2011. 133(5): p. 510-513.
259. Al-Sharif, F.M., O. Al-Jijfri, and E.I. Azhar, CCR5 Δ32 and CCR5-59029 allele frequency among hepatitis C virus infected and in non-HCV infected Saudi population. World Applied Sciences Journal, 2011. 13(3): p. 611-614.
260. Al-Jaouni, S.K., J. Jarullah, E. Azhar, and K. Moradkhani, Molecular characterization of glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. BMC Research Notes, 2011. 4.
261. Al-Ghamdi, A.K., S.M.A. Abdelmalek, M.S. Bamaga, E.I. Azhar, M.H. Wakid, and Z. Alsaeid, Bacterial contamination of Saudi "one" Riyal paper notes. Southeast Asian Journal of Tropical Medicine and Public Health, 2011. 42(3): p. 711-716.
262. Jamjoom, G.A., E.I. Azhar, T.A. Madani, S.I. Hindawi, H.A. Bakhsh, and G.A. Damanhouri, Genotype and antiretroviral drug resistance of human immunodeficiency virus-1 in Saudi Arabia. Saudi Medical Journal, 2010. 31(9): p. 987-992.
263. Khan, N.A., E.I. Azhar, S. El-Fiky, H.H. Madani, M.A. Abuljadial, A.M. Ashshi, A.M. Turkistani, and E.A. Hamouh, Clinical profile and outcome of hospitalized patients during first outbreak of dengue in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. Acta Tropica, 2008. 105(1): p. 39-44.
264. Jamjoom, M.B., E.A. Azhar, A.K. Tonkol, S.A. Al-Harthi, and I.M. Ashankytty, Detection of malaria in Saudi Arabia by real-time PCR. Journal of the Egyptian Society of Parasitology, 2006. 36(3): p. 737-748.
265. Momenah, A.M., A.H. Asghar, S.Z. Bukhari, E.I. Azhar, A.M. Ashi, and M.T. Tayeb, Accuracy of current oxacillin sensitivity tests routinely used in hospitals in Western Saudi Arabia. Saudi Medical Journal, 2005. 26(4): p. 584-587.
266. Al-Haj-Hussein, B.T., M.A. Al-Shehri, E.A. Azhar, I.M. Ashankytty, and A.O. Osoba, Evaluation of 2 real-time PCR assays for the investigation of *mecA* gene in clinical isolates of MRSA in Western Saudi Arabia. Saudi Medical Journal, 2005. 26(5): p. 759-762.

Book Chapters & Published Conference Proceedings

Book Chapters

- 1- Saleh, I., Alwan, N., Barbour, E., Azhar E., Harakeh, S., (2012) Listeria infections: Epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment, *Listeria Infections: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis and Treatment*, pp. 155166.
- 2- Azhar E.I., Lanini S., Ippolito G., Zumla A. (2016) The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus – A Continuing Risk to Global Health Security(4). In: Rezza G., Ippolito G. (eds) *Emerging and Reemerging Viral Infections. Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*, vol 972. Springer, Cham

Poster Presentations

1. Degnah A, Hassan A, Al-amri S, Hindawi S, Azhar E, Hashem A. Serological investigation of MERS CoV in human between 2011-2016, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Gulf Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 7-10, 2018
2. Alraddadi Y, Hashem A, Azhar E, Tolah A. Circulation of non-MERS CoV in Imported Camels in Saudi Arabia. Gulf Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 7-10, 2018

3. Al-Ghamdi A, Al-amri S, Tolah A, Azhar E, Hashem A. Circulation of Influenza A Viruses in Dromedary Camels in Saudi Arabia. Gulf Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 7-10, 2018
4. Al-Amri S, Al-subhi T, Azhar E, Hashem A. Development and validation of different indirect ELISAs for MERS-CoV serological testing. Gulf Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 7-10, 2018
5. Anwar M Hashem, Ahmed M Hassan, Salwa I Hindawi, Sherif A El-Kafrawy, Qossay Abunada, Marcus Picard-Maureau, Ghazi A Damanhouri, Esam I Azhar. Complete Inactivation of MERSCoronavirus in Human Apheresis Platelets with Amotosalen and Ultraviolet A Light Treatment. AABB Annual Meeting 2017. Boston, USA, October 13-16, 2018
6. Eitezaz A. Zaki, Mai M. El-Daly, Ahmed Abdulhaq, Tagreed L. Al-Subhi, Mohammad Alhazmi, Majid A. Darraj, Esam I. Azhar. Genotype and antiretroviral drug resistance of human immunodeficiency virus-1 in Jazan, Saudi Arabia. 12th Annual Conference of Saudi Society of Medical Microbiology Infectious Diseases. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, February 20-22, 2018
7. Nada F Alwathinani, Saad B Almsaudi, Sherif A El-Kafrawy, Mohamed Yasir, Taghreed Alsubhi, Osama Al-Wafi, Abdulhafeez Turkistani, Esam I Azhar. Molecular detection of Respiratory Pathogens Among Healthcare Workers during Hajj Season. 12th Annual Conference of Saudi Society of Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases. Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, February 20-22,
8. Abdullah M Subahi, Muhammad Yasir, Muhammad Waseem Shah, Maha Alawi, Anees A. Sindi, Asif Ahmad Jiman-Fatani, Esam Ibraheem Azhar. Antimicrobial susceptibility analysis of bacterial community in the hospital environment. 11the Annual Conference of Saudi Society of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. February 7, 2017
9. Muhammad Waseem Shah, Muhammad Yasir, Esam I. Azhar, Muhammad Farman Asif A. Jiman-Fatani, Saad Al-Masoodi, Antimicrobial susceptibility and molecular characterization of Acinetobacter baumannii isolates in health care facility of Saudi Arabia. 11the Annual Conference of Saudi Society of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, February 7, 2017
10. Fehmida BIBI, M Yasir, S.A Alvi, A.A.K AL-Ghamdi, M.I Naseer, E.I Azhar. Isolation, diversity and high antagonistic potential of mangroves associated bacteria and Actinobacteria from Saudi Arabia. 67th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society of Microbiologists, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. June 20–23, 2017
11. Hindawi SI, Hashem AM, Damanhouri GA, El-Kafrawy SA, Hassan AM, Azhar EI. Efficient Inactivation of MERS Coronavirus in Human Plasma with Amotosalen and UVA Light. AABB Annual Meeting 2017. San Diego, USA, October 7-10, 2017
12. Sherif A. El-Kafrawy, Ghazi A. Jamjoom, Mai M. El-Daly, Hisham O. Akbar, Hind B. Fallatah, Yousif A. Qari, Esam I Azhar. Deep Sequencing Analysis of HBV in Chronic HBV patients from Saudi Arabia. 12th World Congress on Virology, Baltimore, USA. 16-17 October 2017
13. F. Bibi, M. I. Nasser, S. Akhtar, M. Yasir, A. A. Jiman-Fatani, A. Sawan, E. I. Azhar. Gene expression analysis of Gastric cancer Patients from Saudi Arabian Population. 12th Meeting of the European Human Genetics Societies; Barcelona, Spain. May 21-24, 2016
14. Aymn T Abbas, Muhammad Yasir, Imran Khan, Esam I Azhar, Elie K Barbour and Taha Kumosani. Assessment of antibiotic resistance-dissemination from MDR *E. coli* to rat's microbiota by Matrix Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization Time of Flight Mass Spectrophotometry (MALDI TOF-MS). 2nd International Conference and Exhibition on Pharmacology and Ethnopharmacology. Chicago, USA, May 2 - 4, 2016
15. Imran Khan, Muhammad Yasir, Esam I Azhar, Sameera Al Al-Basri, Eli Barbour, Taha Kumosani. Metagenomics profile of gut microbiota during pregnancy in Saudi population. Second

- International Genomic Medicine Conference in Saudi Arabia, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Nov 29-3 Dec, 2015
16. Muhammad W Sha, Muhammad Yasir, Esam I Azhar, Saad AL Masoodi, Metagenomic analysis of waste water microbiome from Saudi Arabia. Second International Genomic Medicine Conference in Saudi Arabia Nov.29-3 Dec. 2015, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah Saudi Arabia
17. Esam Azhar, Nadine Litzba, Pranav Patel, Petra Kreher, Moujahed Kao, Ghazi Jamjoom, Nasim A. Khan, Matthias Niedrig. ANALYSIS OF DENGUE VIRUS PATIENT SAMPLES FROM SAUDI ARABIA BETWEEN 2004 AND 2006. The Second International Conference on Dengue and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever. Global Innovation to Fight Dengue, Phuket, Thailand, 15-17 October 2008.

Students Supervised

MSc Students

2005 – 2007	Amal Abdullah Baqatadah, Thesis Title "Molecular Epidemiology of Hepatitis C Virus among Hemodialysis Population in two regions of Saudi Arabia" Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
2006 - 2008	Leena H. Bajrai, Thesis Title "Establishment of molecular genotyping methods for Hepatitis B Viruses" Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
2008– 2010	Morooj M. Ba-Akdah, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Establishment and Characterization of α-Amylase from the Fungus Trichoderma harzianum"
2010 - 2012	Norah A. Alkaiedi, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Hospital based surveillance of the burden of rotaviruses gastroenteritis among children aged 5 years in Saudi Arabia"
2011 - 2013	Norah A. Uthman, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Diversity of Swine Flu A (H 1 N1) Isolated from Human in Makkah Region"
2011 – 2014	Raied A. Badierah, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Seroepidemiological Study of Dengue Fever among Students Attending Medical Administration of King Abdulaziz University"
2014 - 2015	Ahmed Toalah, Department of medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Phenotypic Analysis of Drug Susceptibility of Influenza Viruses Circulating in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 2013-2014"
2014 - 2015	Tagreed Alsubhi, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Development of Immunoblot Assay for Dengue Virus Serotyping"
2016 - 2018	Nada Al-Wethenani, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Molecular

Detection of Respiratory Pathogens among Healthcare Worker during Hajj Season"

2016 - 2018

Etezaz Zaki, Department of medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Genotype and antiretroviral drug resistance of human immunodeficiency virus 1 in Jazan, Saudi Arabia"

2016 - 2018

Abdullah M. Subahi, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Antimicrobial susceptibility analysis of bacterial community in the hospital environment"

2016 - 2018

Mohamed Al-Ahmari, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Prevalence of micro RNA (miRNA) in chronic Hepatitis C virus Cases in king Abdul-Aziz university hospital in Jeddah city"

2017 - 2019

Afnan Degnah, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Seroprevalence of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)-CoV in healthy Saudi blood donors"

2017 - 2019

Abdulaziz Alghamdi, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Circulation of Influenza A Viruses in Dromedary Camels in Saudi Arabia"

2018 - 2020

Moneerah Al-Saeed, Department of medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Clinical characteristics and severity of influenza infections by virus type, subtype, and lineage during 2017 – 2018"

2018 - 2021

Mohammed Marouf, Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Molecular screening and detection of flaviviruses in blood samples collected from patient with undiagnosed acute viral febrile illnesses"

2018 - 2021

Rawan Mosalam, Department of medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Pattern of Viral Respiratory Infections in Jeddah between 2016 -2019"

2018 - 2021

Bedour Alhazmi, Department of medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Genetic Diversity of Dengue Viruses in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia"

PhD Students

2012 – 2014

Emran Khan, PhD student, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Analysis of Gut

Microbiota Composition, Resistance and Antibiotics-induced changes During Pregnancy"

2012 - 2014

Mohamed Zia Mohamed Shabeer, PhD student, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Genetic Variability in the Pre S and S gene of HBV in patients with chronic liver disease in Saudi Arabia"

2016 – 2019

Farman Jannat Mir, PhD student, Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Molecular characterization of antimicrobial resistance of Enterococcus spp. isolated from local community and hospital patients"

2017 - 2019

Ahmed Tolah, PhD student, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Genetic Diversity of MERS-CoV in Camels Imported to Saudi Arabia"

2017 - 2020

Suha Farraj Abdulaal, PhD student, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Identification of Infectious agents in Cases of infections with Unknown Etiologies in Saudi Arabia" Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

2017 - 2021

Hessa Awad Alsherif, PhD student, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Thesis Title "Molecular Identification and Genetic Diversity of Respiratory Viruses Isolated from Patients attending King Abdulaziz University Hospital" Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.