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### Education

**PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry,** Faculty of Science, Mansoura University, **February 2022** Thesis title: "Effect of Oxygen releasing Nano fiber and/or oxygen nanobubbles on breast cancer in mice"

Pre-doctoral in Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mansoura University, 2019 (Very Good)

**Master's degree in chemistry and Biochemistry,** Faculty of Science, Mansoura University, **January 2017** Theis title: "Biochemical Effects of some Medicinal Plants against Carbon Tetrachloride Induced Liver Cell Damage in Rats"

Premaster in Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mansoura University, 2012 (Very Good)

Diploma in Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mansoura University, 2011 (Very Good)

B.Sc. of Science, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mansoura University, 2010 (Very Good)

# **Research and Work Experience**

#### International Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), Trieste, Italy

Postdoctoral Researcher, (6 months, 2022-2023)

- The fabrication of a biosensor for Trastuzumab (mAb) detection, contributing to innovative medical research projects.
- Training on utilizing Blitz system for measuring macromolecular interactions and binding affinity.
- Developed a monoclonal antibody (mAb) delivery system, enhancing the effectiveness of clinical investigations.
- Executed planned experiments using solid-phase peptide synthesis (SPPS) and various HPLC techniques (RP-HPLC, SEC-HPLC) for analytical and semi-preparative purposes.
- Utilized mass spectrometry (LC-MS) techniques to support research findings and ensure quality control.

# The British University in Egypt (BUE), Nanotechnology Research Center (NTRC), Cairo, Egypt

Member of the Nanotechnology Research Centre Executive Committee (2025- Present)

- Advise on the Centre's strategic direction, ensuring alignment with the university's Research and Enterprise Strategy and global best practices.
- Evaluate and recommend strategic priorities for research, innovation, and development.
- Review, approve, and prioritise research proposals and projects submitted to the Director.
- Makes decisions, where required, on matters tending to enhance the Centre's efficiency and effectiveness.
- Approval of matters raised by the Centre's Director related to the centre's operations and functional units.
- Assess the scientific merit, feasibility, and potential impact of research initiatives.
- Evaluate the Centre's performance against established goals and metrics.

- Advice on resource allocation and financial planning.
- Ensure responsible and ethical use of resources.
- Promote responsible innovation and address potential societal concerns.

# The British University in Egypt (BUE), Nanotechnology Research Center (NTRC), Cairo, Egypt

Researcher (2022- Present)

- Fabrication of Polymeric and Biomaterials for Medical and Pharmaceutical Applications, managing research projects and leading administrative tasks.
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- Preparing and submitting scientific research proposals for national and international funding.
- Supervise the Chemical and Physical Characterization Lab, ensuring compliance with safety guidelines and lab standards for ISO accreditation.
- Train junior researchers and technologists on advanced experimental techniques and equipment usage, fostering a collaborative research environment.
- Prepare and execute sustainable development strategies for NTRC research projects, promoting growth and innovation.
- Organize and moderate scientific conferences and workshops, facilitating communication and information sharing among researchers.
- Serving as a reviewer for numerous prestigious scientific journals.

# The British University in Egypt (BUE), Nanotechnology Research Center (NTRC), Cairo, Egypt

Assistant Researcher (2019-2022)

- Participated in numerous training programs and workshops as an instructor in biochemistry, nanotechnology, and materials science, contributing to the education and training of future researchers.
- Executed projects focused on biomaterials, drug delivery, and tissue engineering, aligning with the long-term strategic planning of research activities.
- Fabricated nanofibrous scaffolds using electrospinning techniques, emphasizing safety and quality in laboratory practices.
- Developed expertise in utilizing various preparation and analytical instruments, including: Electrospinner, Zeta Sizer, FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy), FT-Raman Spectroscopy, UV-Visible Spectroscopy, Spectrophotometer, prob-sonicator, freeze-dryer(lyophilizer), Plasma Cleaner.

# Mansoura University (MU), Nanotechnology Center, Mansoura, Egypt

Research Assistant (2013-2017)

- Specialized in Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM), applying techniques for various applications, including the measurement of roughness and stiffness.
- Developed skills in organic and inorganic synthesis techniques for nanomaterials, contributing to the advancement of laboratory research.
- Ensured safety measures and proper sample preparation in chemistry labs, safeguarding laboratory standards.
- Instructor in biomaterials and nanotechnology, sharing expertise and promoting teamwork among peers.

# **Publications**

- 1. Elbadry, M. M., Gomaa, E., Faisal, M. M., Kamoun, E. A., **Salim, S.A., 2025.** Smart dressings accelerating wound healing with tranexamic acid-infused aligned electrospun nanofibers: In vitro and In vivo assessments. Journal of Drug Delivery Science and Technology, 114, 107542. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jddst.2025.107542">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jddst.2025.107542</a>
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- 7. Salim, S.A., Abed, T., Abdelazim, E.B., Eissa, N. G., Elsabahy, M., & Kamoun, E. A., 2025. Exploring the Therapeutic Potential of Plant Extract-Loaded Polymeric Nanoparticles for Advanced Wound Healing: A Comprehensive Review. Arab J Sci Eng. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s13369-025-10247-1">https://doi.org/10.1007/s13369-025-10247-1</a>
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- 11. Mubarak, M. F., Yousef, T. A., **Salim, S. A.,** Khairy, M., Kamoun, E. A., & Mahmoud, T., **2025**. Meta-kaolinite metal oxide quaternary composite for layered double hydroxide applied to a new frontier in adsorption technology: Synthesis, adsorption performance and kinetics study. Inorganic Chemistry Communications, 178, 114647. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inoche.2025.114647

- 12. Shaimaa S. Goher, Esraa B. Abdelazim, Marwa A. Aleem, **Salim, S.A., 2025.** Development and Characterization of PMMA/PVP Nanofiber-loaded Bioactive Agents with Enhanced Breast Cancer activity. Arab J Sci Eng. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s13369-025-10288-6">https://doi.org/10.1007/s13369-025-10288-6</a>
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- Mosleh, A.T., Kamoun, E.A., EL-Moslamy, S.H., Salim, S.A., Zahran, H.Y., Zyoud, S.H., Yahia, I.S., 2024. Performance of Ag-doped CuO nanoparticles for photocatalytic activity applications: Synthesis, characterization, and antimicrobial activity. Discover Nano. <a href="https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4516793/v1">https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4516793/v1</a>
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- Salim, S. A., Taha, A. A., Khozemy, E. E., EL-Moslamy, S. H., Kamoun, E. A, 2022. Electrospun Zinc-Based Metal Organic Framework Loaded-PVA/Chitosan/Hyaluronic Acid Interfaces in Antimicrobial Composite Nanofibers Scaffold for Bone Regeneration Applications. J. Drug Deliv. Sci. Technol. 76, 103823. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jddst.2022.103823
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#### **Grant and Awards**

•	ICGEB Alumni Meeting, Trieste, Italy, supported by International Centre for Genetic Engineering	2025
	and Biotechnology in Italy (ICGEB)	
•	International Conference Grants (ICG), 60k EGP, supported by The British University in Egypt	2024
•	Scopus author reward, supported by The British University in Egypt	2023-2025
•	The scholarship for in-person attendance at the Green Chemistry Postgraduate summer school	2023
	2023, Venice, Italy, supported by Green Sciences for Sustainable Development Foundation, Italy	
•	Awarded as PI for Young Investigator's Research Grant (YIRG), 130k EGP, supported by The	2022
	British University in Egypt	
•	WE-STAR Fellowship scheme 2022, a program to promote early-career women scientists from	2022
	the African Continent at a postdoctoral level for 6 months at ICGEB, Trieste, Italy, supported by	
	the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)	

# **Poster Presentations**

- Samar A. Salim, Sara Nageeb El-Helaly, Eman Abd-Elrasheed, Rania H. Fahmy, Salwa Salah and Manal M. El-Ashmoony, Green Nanotechnology in the Formulation of a Novel Solid Dispersed Multilayered Core-Sheath Raloxifene-Loaded Nanofibrous Buccal Film, 15th Edition of the Green Chemistry Postgraduate Summer School 2023, Italy, 2023.
- Samar A. Salim, Yasmein Hussein, Elbadawy A. Kamoun, Samah A. Loutfy, 3D-Scaffolds Nanofiber Mats Based on PVA-Hyaluronan-Hydroxyapatite for Bone and Tissue Regeneration: In-Vitro and In-Vivo Experiments, 34th Egyptian Materials Research Society Conference, 2020.

# Conferences, Webinars, and Workshops Speaker, Organizer and Session Chair

- Participate with Oral Presentation in Annual Conference of the German Society for Biomaterials, Dresden, Germany.
  - October 2025
- Participation as a speaker with a talk entitled "Revolutionizing Biomedical Applications with Electrospun Nanofibers" in a workshop at NTRC

- Present the final presentation of my YIRG project entitled "Biocompatible and Biodegradable Electrospun Nanofibers-Loaded Novel Bioactive Heterocyclics for Cancer Treatment" at NTRC
   July 2025
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on "Pure and Applied Physics" (ICPAP)

Sept 2024

- "New Trends in Physics and Nanotechnology with Related Applications" seminar with the National Committee of Physics.
   May 2023
- The Future of Catalysis: Challenges and Prospective Symposium, BUE

Dec 2021

• "joint mini-conference" between NTRC, BUE and Nanoscience Laboratory for Environmental and Bio-medical Applications (NLEBA), ASU.

June 2021

#### **Attendee**

<ul> <li>The event "Women. Science. Developing Countries." Trieste, Italy.</li> </ul>	Nov 2022
A training program on "Nano Club Activity: Molecular Modeling".	Aug 2021
• 2020-21 Environmental Health & Safety Laboratory and Research Safety Training.	Aug 2020
<ul> <li>Health &amp; Risk Assessment for Employee Safety in the Care &amp; Use of Animals.</li> </ul>	Jan 2020
The 6th Euro- Mediterranean Conference and Expo in Egypt.	<b>April 2019</b>

# **Laboratory Technical Skills**

## **\*** Fabrication Expertise:

- Proficient in the fabrication of advanced materials, including nanofibrous scaffolds, hydrogels, membranes, nanobubbles, micelles, liposomes and nanoparticles, to support innovative research projects.
- Skilled in the development and functionalization of biosensors, enhancing detection capabilities in clinical and research settings.
- Experienced in manual peptide synthesis using solid-phase peptide synthesis (SPPS) techniques.

#### Analytical Techniques:

- Expertise in electrospinning techniques for producing nanofibers, crucial for different applications.
- Proficient in utilizing Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) for surface characterization and analysis.
- Skilled in Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) for material characterization and quality control.
- Experienced with Zeta-Sizer for particle size analysis and stability assessment.
- Knowledgeable in Bio-Layer Interferometry (BLI) using the Blitz system for real-time biomolecular interaction analysis.
- Proficient in UV-Vis spectrophotometry for quantitative analysis of samples.
- Experienced in freeze-drying processes for sample preservation and stability.
- I am skilled in probe sonication and plasma cleaning techniques to prepare samples for analysis.

#### Data Interpretation and Analysis:

- Expertise in interpreting data from Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) for material characterization
- X-ray diffraction (XRD) for crystallographic analysis of materials.
- Skilled in Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy for structural analysis of compounds.
- Experienced in Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA), High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) (including RP-HPLC and SEC-HPLC), and LC-MS for comprehensive material analysis.
- Proficient in interpreting results of antimicrobial assays, MTT cell viability assays, cell migration assays, and wound healing assays to evaluate biological interactions and efficacy.

# Referees

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