

Curriculum vitae

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- 2008-2013 Ph.D. in Horticulture** and Plant Biochemistry from University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Universität für Bodenkultur), Vienna, Austria
Thesis title: Bioelectronic Vincent as an alternative quality control technique for horticultural products
- 2004-2006 M.Sc. (Hons.) Horticulture** from Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan
Thesis title: Growth and yield of onion (*Allium cepa* L.) in response to different transplanting times
- 1999-2003 B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture (Major: Horticulture)** Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

1. Professor (Tenured), (22/08/2024 – present)
Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Bahauddin Zakariya University (B.Z.U.), Multan, Pakistan.
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Specific areas of research: Postharvest quality assessment, Stress physiology, Olericulture.

Supervision: Supervised 06 Ph.D., 30 M.Phil. Theses and 30 B.Sc. (Hons.) research students. Following are the 'Thesis titles' of the supervised research students.

Ph.D. Thesis Titles:

Sr. No.	Scholar Name	Thesis Titles	Status
1.	Dr. Rashid Jawad	Mitigation of heavy metals uptake in tomato and chilies through chemical amendments.	Completed
2.	Dr. Muhammad Shahzad Saleem	Application of post-harvest edible coatings to extend storage life and maintain quality of persimmon (<i>Diospyros kaki</i>) fruits	Completed
3.	Dr. Arshad Abbas	Breeding for improving yield and fruit quality traits in <i>Praecitrullus fistulosus</i> (Tinda)	Completed
4.	Dr. Shaista Gull	Postharvest coating with edible gums maintains fruit quality of guava during storage	Completed
5.	Mr. Syed M. Zia-ul-Hassan	Shelf life extension and quality management of guava fruits with postharvest application of edible coatings	Thesis submitted
6.	Mrs. Samreen Sabir	Storage life extension and quality preservation of persimmon (<i>Diospyros kaki</i>) fruit with hydrocolloid-based edible coatings application	Thesis Submitted

M.Phil. Thesis Titles

1. Exogenous application of osmoprotectants improves physiological and yield responses of drought-stressed tomato.
2. Comparison of fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum* L.) cultivars for their tolerance against salt stress.
3. Foliar application of gibberellic acid, ascorbic acid and salicylic acid modulates the growth and yield of aubergine (*Solanum melongena* L.).
4. Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria (PGPR) reduces the rates of phosphorus application in pea cultivation.
5. Effect of plant growth promoting rhizobacteria on chilli to reduce nitrogen application rates under polytunnel conditions.
6. Chemical pre-treatments of harvested chili pepper (*Capsicum frutescens* L.) to decrease drying time & preserve nutritional quality.
7. Chemical pre-treatment and drying methods affecting the characteristics of harvested chili (*Capsicum frutescens* L.) fruits.
8. Surface coating of tomato fruit with plant extracts plus sodium metabisulphite to enhance its shelf life.
9. Osmotic dehydration and drying techniques affecting the drying kinetics of red chili pepper.
10. Use of edible coating to enhance shelf life of strawberry fruits.
11. Use of botanicals to reduce post-harvest losses due to storage pests in dry fruits.
12. Effect of pre-storage sodium alginate coating on postharvest life and quality of strawberries (*Fragaria ananassa* Duch.).
13. Elevated night temperature during growth affects the postharvest quality of strawberry (*Fragaria ananassa* Duch.) Fruits

14. Application of hydrocolloid gum to extend shelf life and maintain quality of tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.) fruits.
15. Quantification of mangiferin in different plant parts of Pakistani mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) cultivars.
16. Application of hydrocolloid gum-based biocomposite coating delays ripening of tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill.) fruits by regulating antioxidative and softening enzymes.
17. Response of gladiolus growth to sewage affected soil amended with biochar.
18. Use of nanoemulsion as an edible coating to maintain quality of fruits during storage.
19. A comparative study of postharvest quality changes in persimmon fruits packaged under ambient atmosphere and vacuum conditions.
20. Heavy metal-induced phytotoxicity attenuation in hydroponically grown stock (*Matthiola incana*) plants.
21. Use of *Acacia* seed oil-based nanoemulsion on guava fruits for storage life extension.
22. Application of moringa gum to extend postharvest life of tomato fruits.
23. Ripening delays in harvested banana coated with xanthan gum.
24. Delay of ripening in harvested banana fruits with exogenous oligochitosan coating.
25. Biocomposite edible coating based on gum Arabic and carboxymethyl cellulose delays senescence in stored guava fruits.
26. Effect of biocidal agents on the vase life of cut-flowers.
27. Application of hydrocolloid gum as edible coating to improve storage life of tomatoes.
28. Growth of bitter melon seedlings as affected by seed priming with iron oxide nanoparticles.
29. Application of edible coating and vacuum packaging to extend the postharvest life of broccoli florets.
30. Effect of Eucalyptus essential oil-based nanoemulsion on vase life of gladiolus cut flowers

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:

(Total Impact factor: WoS IF 297.578) ($W=67, X=11$)

Research Papers:

1. **Shaghef Ejaz**, Abdul Manan Abbas, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Azam, Mehdi Maqbool, Muhammad Saqib, Muhammad Abid (2026) *Acacia* (*Acacia nilotica*) seed oil-based nanoemulsion delays softening of mango fruit by modulating oxidative stress and suppressing cell wall degradation. *Journal of Stored Products Research*, 117: 103021. (2.800, W)
2. Tariq Aziz Khan, Muhammad Azam, Beenish Chaudhary, Muhammad Ali Umer, Muhammad Atiq Ashraf, Basharat Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, et al. (2026) Effects of Carboxymethyl Cellulose Coating on Physicochemical Attributes, Postharvest Quality and Softening Enzymes of Ber Fruits. *LWT* 255: 119769. (7.100, W)
3. Sajid Ali, Syed Muhammad Kashan Haider, Safina Naz, Hafiz Umer Javed, Aamir Nawaz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, and Muhammad Shahzad Saleem. (2026) Exogenous dopamine alleviates chilling injury of sapodilla (Manilkara zapota) fruit by modulating reactive oxygen species and ascorbate-glutathione cycle activities. *Postharvest Biology and Technology*, 241: 114512. (7.300, W)
4. Rashid Jawad, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Aamir Nawaz, Hafiz Mohkum Hammad, Sajid Ali, Farhat Abbas, Artemi Cerdà (2026) Bioremediation of heavy metal contamination through CaSO_4 application under sewage water irrigation enhances plant physiology and antioxidant defense in tomato. *Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition*, 26, 7200–7211. (3.100, W)

5. Muhammad Ali, Muhammad Akbar Anjum and **Shaghef Ejaz** (2026) Physiological and biochemical evaluation of capsicum frutescens genotypes under water deficit conditions. *Pakistan Journal of Agricultural Sciences*, 63(1), 87-104. (0.600, W)
6. Shaista Gull, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Azam, Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Saqib, Honghong Deng, Shengcheng Lin, Khalid F. Almutairi, Walid F.A. Mosa, Muhammad Moaaz Ali (2026) Carrageenan coatings enhance guava shelf life by modulating oxidative stress, antioxidant defenses, and cell wall integrity. *LWT*, 118992. (6.600, W)
7. Samreen Sabir, **Shaghef Ejaz**, and Sajid Ali (2026) Albizia [Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth.] tree gum coating delays softening of persimmons by maintaining antioxidant system and delaying cell wall polysaccharides disassembly. *Postharvest Biology and Technology* 231: 113891. (7.300, W)
8. Sajid Ali, Safina Naz, Hafiz Umer Javed, Samina Khalid, Rana Naveed Ur Rehman, **Shaghef Ejaz** and Sakeena Tul-Ain Haider. (2025). Improvement of Chilling Tolerance and Postharvest Quality in Mango Fruit by Pre-Storage Dopamine Application. *Plant Physiology and Biochemistry*, 110764. (5.700, W)
9. Maqbool, Mehdi, Bassam F. Alowaiesh, Najeeb Mohyud Din, Noosheen Zahid, Haris Khurshid, Shahid Iqbal Awan, Alicia Serrano, Umer Ayyaz Aslam Sheikh, Muhammad Shafique Khalid, **Shaghef Ejaz** (2025). Managing codling moth (*Cydia pomonella* L.) associated with premature fruit drop and quality of apples using different insecticides. *Advances in Agriculture*, 2025(1), 9614923. (1.800, X)
10. Arshad Abbas, **Shaghef Ejaz** and Waqas Malik (2025) Inheritance of physiological and biochemical attributes using numerical and graphical approaches of line × tester in *Praecitrullus fistulosus*. *Journal of Applied Genetics*. (1.900, W)
11. Tansel Kaygısız, Fatih Sen, Muttalip Gundogdu, **Shaghef Ejaz**, and Erdal Aglar (2025). Effect of postharvest melatonin and salicylic acid applications on quality characteristics and primary and secondary metabolite physiology of tomato fruits. *BMC Plant Biology*, 25(1), 1090. (4.800, W)
12. Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Ziyang Zhang, Xi Liang, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Ayesha Maryam, Muhammad Ibrahim, Sezai Ercisli, and Faxing Chen (2025) Pullulan coating enhances postharvest quality retention and extends shelf life of Chinese plums by regulating enzymatic activity and gene expression related to ROS scavenging and cell wall metabolism. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*: 143020. (7.700, W)
13. Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Waqas, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Riaz Ahmad, Ayman A. Ghfar, Saikh M. Wabaidur, and Sami Abou Fayssal. (2025) Amendment of Tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* L.) Grown in Calcareous Soil with Spent Mushroom Substrate-derived Biochar: Improvement of Morphological, Biochemical, Qualitative Attributes, and Antioxidant Activities. *Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition*, 1-17. (3.400, W)
14. Shaista Gull, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Sajjad Hussain, Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Azam, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, and Mehdi Maqbool. (2024) A novel edible coating based on Albizia [Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth.] gum delays softening and maintains quality of harvested guava fruit during storage. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*: 277, 134096. (7.700, W)
15. Farrakh Naveed, Aamir Nawaz, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, and Muhammad Shahzad Saleem (2024) Almond gum based hydrocolloid coating delays surface reddening and suppresses softening of harvested jujube (*Ziziphus mauritiana* L.) fruit. *Progress in Organic Coatings* 194: 108554. (6.600, W)
16. Shaista Gull, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Azam, Honghong Deng, Ahmed Fathy Yousef, Abdulwahed Fahad Alrefaei, and Mikhliid H. Almutairi.

- (2024) Xanthan gum-based edible coating effectively preserve postharvest quality of 'Gola' guava fruits by regulating physiological and biochemical processes. *BMC Plant Biology* 24(1):450. (5.300, W)
17. Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Shafiq, Safina Naz, Sajid Ali, Riaz Ahmad, and **Shaghef Ejaz** (2024) Enhancing Drought Tolerance in Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* L.) through Melatonin Application: Physiological and Biochemical Insights into Growth, Photosynthesis, and Antioxidant Defense Mechanisms. *Biocatalysis and Agricultural Biotechnology* 103256. (4.000, W)
 18. Shaista Gull, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Majeeda Rasheed, Ahmed Fathy Yousef, Piotr Stepień and Faxing Chen (2024) Comprehensive genomic exploration of class III peroxidase genes in guava unravels physiology, evolution, and postharvest storage responses. *Scientific Reports*, 14:1446. (4.600, W)
 19. Farrakh Naveed, Aamir Nawaz, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz** (2024) Xanthan gum coating delays ripening and softening of jujube fruit by reducing oxidative stress and suppressing cell wall polysaccharides disassembly. *Postharvest Biology and Technology*, 209: 112689. (7.000, W)
 20. Sajid Ali, Aamir Nawaz, Bushra Hussain, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Hasan Sardar (2024) Carboxymethyl cellulose coating maintains quality of harvested aonla fruit by regulating oxidative stress and ascorbate-glutathione cycle. *Postharvest Biology and Technology*, 207: 112621. (7.000, W)
 21. Ghulam Khaliq, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Gholamreza Abdi, Yahya Faqir, Jiahua Ma, Mohammed Wasim Siddiqui, Asgar Ali (2023) γ -Aminobutyric acid is involved in overlapping pathways against chilling injury by modulating glutamate decarboxylase and defense responses in papaya fruit. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 14: 1233477. (5.600, W)
 22. Sajid Ali, Sana Ishtiaq, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Wasim Haider, Anis Ali Shah, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Sumera Javad (2023) Layer by layer application of chitosan and carboxymethyl cellulose coatings delays ripening of mango fruit by suppressing cell wall polysaccharides disassembly. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 256: 128429. (8.200, W)
 23. Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Arif Ramzan, Safina Naz, Sajid Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Riaz Ahmad, and Muhammad Ahsan Altaf. (2023). Exogenous Application of Melatonin Improves the Growth and Productivity of Two Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* L.) Cultivars Under Salt Stress. *Journal of Plant Growth Regulation*, 1-15. (4.800, W)
 24. Sajid Ali, Ahmad Sattar Khan, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Anis Ali Shah, and Muhammad Wasim Haider (2023). The combined application of Arabic gum coating and γ -aminobutyric acid mitigates chilling injury and maintains eating quality of 'Kinnow' mandarin fruits. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 236, 123966. (8.025, W)
 25. Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Muzammil Bashir, Safina Naz, Aamir Nawaz, Riaz Ahmad, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Sadeq K. Alhag, Laila A. Al-Shuraym (2023) Melatonin mitigates adverse effects of salinity in stevia through physiological and biochemical adjustments. *Scientia Horticulturae*, 322: 112390. (4.300, W)
 26. Sajid Ali, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, Maratab Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Azam, and Kashif Razzaq (2023). Exogenous melatonin mitigates chilling injury in zucchini fruit by enhancing antioxidant system activity, promoting endogenous proline and GABA accumulation, and preserving cell wall stability. *Postharvest Biology and Technology*, 204, 112445. (7.000, W)
 27. Sajjad Hussain, Hamza Sohail, Iqra Noor, Shakeel Ahmad, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Arif Ali, Sakeen Tul-Ain Haider, Muhammad Sohail, Hayat Jaffer, Sezai Ercisli, Raphael Morillon and Muhammad Fasih Khalid (2023) Physiological and biochemical determinants of drought

- tolerance in tetraploid vs diploid sour orange citrus rootstock. *The Journal of Horticultural Science and Biotechnology*, 98:6, 772-785. (1.918, X)
28. Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Walid F. A. Mosa, Sajid Ali, Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Sami Ullah, Hayssam M. Ali, Anna Lisek, and Muhammad Akbar Anjum (2023) Biocomposite coatings delay senescence in stored Diospyros kaki fruits by regulating antioxidant defence mechanism and delaying cell wall degradation. *Horticulturae*, 9(3): 351. (2.923, W)
 29. Sajid Ali, Ahmad Sattar Khan, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, and Sami Ullah (2023) Glutathione application delays surface browning of fresh-cut lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.) root slices during low temperature storage. *Postharvest Biology and Technology* 200: 112311. (6.751, W)
 30. Rashid Jawad, Aamir Nawaz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Shahzad Saleem and Hafiz Mohkum Hammad (2023) Zeolite amendment reduces lead accumulation and improves growth and yield in tomato plants irrigated with sewage water. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 1-13 (5.190, W)
 31. Alia Tajdar, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Shah Zaib, Anum Ishfaq, Syed Muhammad Zaka, Hafiz Muhammad Safeer, and Khalid Abbas (2023) Effect of different plant extracts on olfactory response of *Bactrocera zonata* Saunder and postharvest quality of banana (*Musa acuminata* Colla). *Pakistan Journal of Zoology*, 55(2): 735-742. (0.687, X)
 32. Amna Amir Khan, Ummad-ud-Din Umar, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Hafiz Riaz, Muazzama Batool, Ting Chen, Faheem Ahmad, and Qamar Saeed (2023) Insect-facilitated propagation of mycotoxic fungi in grain storages: association of *Sitotroga cerealella* Olivier with *Aspergillus flavus* link. *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology*. 20: 231–238 (2.860, W)
 33. Hasan Sardar, Mujahid Irshad, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Sajjad Hussain, Sajid Ali, Riaz Ahmad, **Shaghef Ejaz** (2022). Foliar application of micronutrients improves the growth, yield, mineral contents, and nutritional quality of broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* L.). *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*, 46(6): 791-801. (2.669, X)
 34. Dengliang Wang, Mazhar Saeed Randhawa, Muhammad Azam, Hongru Liu, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Riadh Ilahy, Rashad Qadri, Muhammad Imran Khan, Muhammad Ali Umer, Muhammad Arslan Khan, Ke Wang (2022). Exogenous melatonin treatment reduces postharvest senescence and maintains the quality of papaya fruit during cold storage. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 13: 1039373 (6.627, W)
 35. Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Sajid Ali, Sajjad Hussain, Sezai Ercisli, Gulce Ilhan, Romina Alina Marc, Sona Skrovankova, and Jiri Mlcek (2022) Improvement of postharvest quality and bioactive compounds content of persimmon fruits after hydrocolloid-based edible coating application. *Horticulturae* 8: 1045. (2.923, W)
 36. Sajid Ali, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Mehdi Maqbool, Manzer H. Siddiqui, Hazem M. Kalaji, Jacek Wróbel, Arkadiusz Telesiński, and Alicja Auriga. (2022). Hydrogen sulfide mitigates chilling injury of postharvest banana fruits by regulating γ -aminobutyric acid shunt pathway and ascorbate–glutathione cycle. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 13, 941246. (6.627, W)
 37. Sajjad Hussain, Hafiza Muzzamil Asif, Shakeel Ahmad, Muhammad Arif Ali, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Tahira Abbas, Sakeena Tul-Ain Haider, Sezai Ercisli, Talaat Ahmed, Muhammad Sohail, Muhammad Fasih Khalid (2022) Seed priming alleviates salt stress in two fenugreek (*Trigonella*

- foenum-graecum* L.) Cultivars. Emirates Journal of Food and Agriculture 34(8): 650-657. (1.031, X)
38. Safina Naz, Ahmer Bilal, Bushra Saddiq, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Sakeena Tul Ain Haider, Hasan Sardar, Bushra Nasir, Ishtiaq Ahmad, Rahul Kumar Tiwari, Milan Kumar Lal, Awais Shakoor, Mohammed Naseer Alyemeni, Naveed Mushtaq, and Muhammad Ahsan Altaf. 2022. Foliar application of salicylic acid improved growth, yield, quality and photosynthesis of pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) by improving antioxidant defense mechanism under saline conditions. Sustainability, 14: 14180. (3.889, W)
 39. Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Raheel Anwar, Rana Naveed Ur Rehman, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Ahmed Fathy Yousef, Sezai Ercisli, Xiaobo Hu, You Ming Hou, and Faxing Chen. (2022) Sugar and Acid Profile of Loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica* Lindl.), Enzymes Assay and Expression Profiling of Their Metabolism-Related Genes as Influenced by Exogenously Applied Boron. Frontiers in Plant Science, 13: 1039360. (6.627, W)
 40. Sajid Ali, Naima Zahid, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sami Ullah, and Bushra Siddiq. (2022) Tragacanth gum coating suppresses the disassembly of cell wall polysaccharides and delays softening of harvested mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) fruit. International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, 222: 521-532. (8.025, W)
 41. Sajid Ali, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Ahmad Sattar Khan, Aamir Nawaz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Ghulam Khaliq, Shahid Iqbal, Sami Ullah, Rana Naveed Ur Rehman, Muhammad Moaaz Ali, Muhammad Shahzad Saleem (2022) Carboxymethyl cellulose coating delays ripening of harvested mango fruits by regulating softening enzymes activities. Food Chemistry 380: 131804. (7.514, W)
 42. Noosheen Zahid, Mehdi Maqbool, Majid Mahmood Tahir, Sandra Horvitz, Abdul Hamid, Muhammad Shafique Khalid, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Rashid Jawad, Shahid Iqbal Awan, Abdur Rehman, Asgar Ali (2022) Influence of organic and inorganic fertilizer regimes on growth patterns and antioxidants capacity of strawberry (*Fragaria* × *Ananassa* Duch.) cv. Chandler. Journal of Food Quality, 2022: 8618854. (2.450, W)
 43. Muhammad Fasih Khalid, Raphael Morillon, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Junaid Rao, Shakeel Ahmad, and Sajjad Hussain (2022) Volkamer lemon tetraploid rootstock transmits the salt tolerance when grafted with diploid Kinnow mandarin by strong antioxidant defense mechanism and efficient osmotic adjustment. Journal of Plant Growth Regulation. 41: 1125-1137. (2.672, W)
 44. Mubashir Islam, Sajid Ali, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Anis Ali Shah, and Kashif Razzaq (2022) Postharvest 24-epibrassinolide treatment alleviates pomegranate fruit chilling injury by regulating proline metabolism and antioxidant activities. Postharvest Biology and Technology, 188: 111906. (5.537, W)
 45. Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Sajid Ali, Sajjad Hussain, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, Mehdi Maqbool, and Abdul Manan Abbas (2022) Aloe vera gel coating delays softening and maintains quality of stored persimmon (*Diospyros kaki* Thunb.) fruits. Journal of Food Science and Technology-Mysore, 59, 3296–3306. (2.701, W)
 46. Muhammad Saleem Shakir, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajjad Hussain, Sajid Ali, Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Azam, Sami Ullah, Ghulam Khaliq, Khaliq, G., Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, Aamir Nawaz, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Ihsan Canan (2022) Synergistic effect of gum Arabic and carboxymethyl cellulose as biocomposite coating delays senescence in stored tomatoes by

- regulating antioxidants and cell wall degradation. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 201: 641-652. ([6.953, W](#))
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 48. Hasan Sardar, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Sajjad Hussain, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Rashid Shaheen, Muhammad Ahsan, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Khawaja Shafique Ahmad, Safina Naz, Muhammad Shafique (2022) Deciphering the role of moringa leaf powder as a supplement in the cotton waste substrate for the growth and nutrition of king oyster mushroom. *Scientia Horticulturae*. 293: 110694. ([3.463, W](#))
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 50. Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Safina Naz, Sajid Ali, Sajjad Hussain, Muhammad Azam, Hasan Sardar, Ghulam Khaliq, Ihsan Canan, and **Shaghef Ejaz** (2021) Incorporation of ascorbic acid in chitosan-based edible coating improves postharvest quality and storability of strawberry fruits. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 189: 160-169. ([6.953, W](#))
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 52. Sajid Ali, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Aamir Nawaz, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Muhammad Shahzad Saleem, Sakeena Tul-Ain Haider, and Mahmood Ul Hasan (2021) Effect of gum arabic coating on antioxidative enzyme activities and quality of apricot (*Prunus armeniaca* L.) fruit during ambient storage. *Journal of Food Biochemistry*, 45: e13656. ([1.662, X](#))
 53. Hasan Sardar, Ammar Nisar, Muhammad Akbar Anjum, Safina Naz, **Shaghef Ejaz**, Sajid Ali, Muhammad Sameem Javed, and Riaz Ahmad. (2021) Foliar spray of moringa leaf extract improves growth and concentration of pigment, minerals and stevioside in stevia (*Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni). *Industrial Crops and Products*, 166: 113485. ([5.645, W](#))
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RESEARCH GRANTS:

Projects Title	Principal/ Co-Principal Investigation	Amount	Awarding Agency
Application of Edible Coatings to Extend the Postharvest Life of Broccoli Florets	Principal Investigator	PKR 250,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University Pakistan
Incidence of Vivipary in Varieties of Mango under Different Ecologies	Team Member	3.7350 (PKR millions)	Agricultural Research Council
Storage life extension and quality preservation of persimmon (<i>Diospyros kaki</i> Thunb.) fruits with hydrocolloids based edible coatings application	Principal Investigator	PKR 250,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
Postharvest storage life extension of selected export potential fruits and vegetables	Co-Principal Investigator	3.2025 (PKR millions)	Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
Development of low-cost living green walls technology for air cleaning, food security and aesthetic gratification in urban areas of Pakistan	Co-Principal Investigator	7.400 (PKR millions)	Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
Extending the shelf life of fruits of strawberry cultivars grown in Multan with alginate-based coatings	Principal Investigator	PKR 200,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University
Plant growth promoting rhizobacteria reduces the application rates of nitrogen fertilizers in chilli cultivation	Principal Investigator	PKR 200,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University
Quantification of mangiferin from Pakistani mango (<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.) cultivars	Principal Investigator	PKR 135,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University
Chemical pretreatment and drying methods affecting the characteristics of harvested chilli (<i>Capsicum frutescence</i>)	Principal Investigator	PKR 149,000	Bahauddin Zakariya University

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2. International Symposium on Prospects of Horticultural Industry in Pakistan (28-30 Mar 2007) organized by Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan. (Participated)
3. World Mango Conference (24-25 Jun 2014) organized by University College of Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan.
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 - ii. Abstract: Effect of manganese and its methods of application on fruit yield and quality of Samar Bahisht Chaunsa).
4. International Conference on Citriculture (11-13 Feb 2015) organized by Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U., Multan, and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
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 - ii. Abstract: Analyzing the biophoton responses of spinach to organic and inorganic growing systems.
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 - ii. Modified atmosphere packaging delays enzymatic browning and maintains quality of harvested litchi fruits during low temperature storage.
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 - iv. Waterlogging induced changes in oxidative stress and antioxidant enzymes activities in grafted and non-grafted citrus rootstocks
10. "1st International Conference on Agricultural and Biological Sciences" (27-30 March 2019) organized by Department of Soil Science, University of Haripur, Haripur.

Oral talk: Chemical pretreatment of harvested chili (*Capsicum frutescens* L.) fruits to reduce drying time and maintain nutritional quality during drying

11. "2nd International Salinity Conference" (28-30 April 2019) organized by Department of Soil Science, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.
Poster: Comparison of fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum* L.) cultivars for their tolerance against irrigation-induced salt stress.
12. "International Horticulture Conference" (26-28 Feb 2020) organized by Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of Punjab and Pakistan Society for Horticultural Science.
 - i. Poster: Aloe vera gel coating reduce oxidative stress, prevents softening and maintains postharvest quality of persimmons
 - ii. Poster: Alleviation of salt stress in *Trigonella foenum-graecum* L. through different seed priming techniques
13. "International Horticulture e-Conference" (22-23 Feb 2021) organized by Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and Pakistan Society for Horticultural Science.
 - i. Poster: Use of nano-emulsion as an edible coating to maintain the quality of mango fruit under storage conditions
 - ii. Poster: Effect of almond gum coating on storage life extension and quality conservation of guava fruits
 - iii. Poster: Application of hydrocolloid gum as an edible coating for maintaining the persimmon fruit quality aspects under storage conditions
14. International Conference on Recent Trends in Environmental Sustainability (21-23 Feb 2022) organized by Department of Environmental Sciences, COMSATS University Islamabad, Vehari Campus, Pakistan.
 - i. Oral talk: Edible coating based on nano-emulsion maintains quality and storability of harvested mango fruits.
 - ii. Oral talk: Mitigation of Pb uptake in chilies by zeolite amendment in sewerage water grown plants.
15. International Horticulture Conference (17-19 May 2022) organized by Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.
 - i. Oral talk: Application of hydrocolloids as biocomposite coating delays ripening and senescence by activating antioxidant enzymes and deactivating cell wall degrading enzymes in coated tomato fruits.
16. International Conference on Date Palm and Pomegranate (22-23 August 2022) organized by Department of Horticulture, MNS- University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan. (*Participated*)
17. International Horticulture Conference (23-25 Feb 2023) organized by Department of Horticulture, MNS- University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan. (Oral talk & Poster presentation)
18. 8th International Horticulture Conference and Expo (26-28 Feb 2024) Organized by Department of Horticultural Sciences, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan and Pakistan Society for Horticultural Science.
 - i. Oral talk: Nano-Emulsion Coating Maintains the Quality of Harvested Guavas Under Ambient Storage
19. International Conference on Innovation in Food and Nutrition Security organized by Department of Human Nutrition, B.Z.U., Doaba Foundation & Farmers Development Organization.
 - ii. Oral talk: Strategies to reduce postharvest losses in fresh fruits and vegetables for small-scale farming.

20. 8th International Horticulture Conference Sustainable Livelihoods: Climate-Smart Agriculture for Food Security (03-04 Jul 2024) organized by Faculty of Agriculture, University of Poonch, Rawalakot, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan.

Professional Training Courses, Seminars and Workshops:

1. International “Seminar on Climate Smart Agriculture for Pakistan”, (30 Nov to 02 Dec 2022) organized by Administration and Management Institute of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People’s Republic of China.
2. Research Capacity Building Program (01-04 Aug 2022) organized by Higher Education Commission in collaboration with the British Council and Coventry University, UK.
3. International Webinar on “Crop Growth Modelling: A Tool to Assess Resilience In Agriculture Production Systems: Current Status and Future Prospects” (07 Oct 2021) organized by Department of Agronomy, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan
4. International Webinar on “Greenhouse Horticulture: Current Status and Future Prospects” (29-Jun 2021) organized by Department of Horticulture, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan
5. Online Training Session on ‘Performance Management’ (18 Feb 2021) organized by The National Productivity Organization, Ministry of Industries and Production Government of Pakistan.
6. Online Training Session on ‘Product Development for Entrepreneurs & Potential Exporters’ (31 Dec 2020) organized by The National Productivity Organization, Ministry of Industries and Production Government of Pakistan in collaboration with Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
7. Seminar organized by Department of Horticulture, AIBU University, Turkey.
Presentation: Temperate and Sub-Tropical Fruit Production in Pakistan
8. ‘International Workshop on Phytotechnologies for Environmental Cleanup’ (8-9 May 2018) organized by Institute of Environmental Sciences & Engineering, NUST, Islamabad.
9. ‘Writing Successful Research Proposal’ (23 Aug 2017) organized by Institute of Food Science & Nutrition, B.Z.U.
10. Webinar on ‘Ways for Researchers to Store, Share, Discover, and Use Data’ (20 Jul 2017) organized by Elsevier Publishing Campus.
11. ‘Tools and Methods in Research Writing’ (18 Apr 2017) organized by Department of Soil Science, B.Z.U. and ScienceVier, Canada.
12. ‘Discovering Yourself and Others’ (6 May 2016) organized by Quality Enhancement Cell, B.Z.U. and Department of Agronomy, B.Z.U.
13. ‘Nonchemical Pest Management in Agriculture’ (07-09 Dec 2015) organized by Asian Productivity Organization and National Productivity Organization.
14. ‘Mango Diseases and Management’ (14 May 2015) organized by Department of Plant Pathology, B.Z.U.
15. Basic Training Program for HBPRC (USAID), Pakistan
16. ‘Intensive Summer Leadership Training’ (02-13 Jun 2014) organized by Ministry of Education & Training, Islamabad, Pakistan.
17. ‘Irrigation Management Training Workshop’ (09 Apr 2014) organized by Agricultural Sector Linkages Program, Australia.
18. Workshop on ‘Modern Corn Technologies’ (20 Aug 2013) organized by Monsanto Pakistan and Institute of Pure and Applied Biology, B.Z.U. Multan.
19. ‘Environmental Horticulture ENVIROHORT: Erasmus Intensive Programme Summer School’ (23 Jun-05 Jul 2008) organized by Department of Horticulture, Selcuk University Konya, Turkey.

20. Training Course on 'Tunnel Technology' (19-24 Feb 2007) organized by University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan.
21. Statistical Data Analysis using SAS, Austria.
22. German Language Course (Anfänger I), Austria.

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops/Events Organized

Nationals

1. Seminar on Blackberry: Prospects for Production in South Punjab (30 May 2024) Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U. Multan.
2. 15th Convocation as Member of Campus Beautification Committee (09 Aug 2019) B.Z.U., Multan.
3. 'Dunya Kisan Dost Mela' as Member of Culture Show Committee (01 Mar 2019) B.Z.U., Multan.
4. 'Annual Dinner' for Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, as Member of Organizing Committee (08 Feb 2019) B.Z.U., Multan.
5. 'Mango Show' as Member of Organizing Committee (10-12 Jul 2018) B.Z.U., Multan.
6. 14th Convocation as Member of Campus Beautification Committee (12 Oct 2017) B.Z.U., Multan.
7. One day "Floral Workshop" (12 Apr 2017) at Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U., Multan.
8. 13th Convocation as Member of Campus Beautification Committee (25 Nov 2016) B.Z.U., Multan.

International

1. 'International Seminar on Artificial Intelligence Innovations in Agriculture on (02 Aug 2023)' at Department of Horticulture, B.Z. University, Multan
(as Chief Organizer)
2. 'International Horticulture Conference' (26-28 Feb 2019) *organized by* Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U., Multan, Pakistan Society for Horticultural Science and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.
(as member of Exhibition Committee)
3. '2nd Sino-Pak International Conference on Innovations in Cotton Breeding and Biotechnology *organized by* Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, B.Z.U., Multan and MNS University of Agriculture Multan.
(as member of Printing and Press Committee)
4. Two days "International Workshop and Exhibition on Mango" (13-14 Jul 2017) at Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U. Multan.
(as member of Organizing Committee)

5. 'International Conference on Citriculture' (11-13 Feb 2015) *organized by* Department of Horticulture, B.Z.U., Multan, and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan
(as Secretary Conference)

Advisory Service

1. Associate Editor for Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems
2. Guest Editor for Special Issue on Research Topic "Sustainable Postharvest Management Practices for Fresh Produce" in Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems
3. Member Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council, HEC

Awards, Distinctions and Honors

1. Achieved Third Position in the School for Secondary School Certificate
2. Obtained Quaid-i-Azam Scout Badge as a Boy Scout
3. Award of scholarship by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for Ph.D. studies in Austria
4. Ph.D. completed with distinction
5. Invited by Abant İzzet Baysal University, Turkey under Mevlana Faculty Exchange Program.

Membership of societies

1. Pakistan Society of Horticultural Sciences