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### Introducing Dr. Afsheen Raza: A Leader in Cancer Research

I am starting a new series of posts to introduce our researchers and the research areas we are covering. The first post is about Dr. [Afsheen Raza](#), a leader in cancer research.

Dr. Afsheen Raza is an Associate Professor of Molecular Biology in the College of Health Sciences (CoHS) at Abu Dhabi University. She earned her PhD from [Aga Khan University](#) in Pakistan, with specialized training in Cancer Biology from [Harvard Medical School](#) in the USA. She has extensive experience in cutting-edge molecular cancer research and clinical trials at the National Centre for Cancer Care and Research in Qatar.

Dr. Afsheen is an exceptional scientist and academician who has made significant contributions to advancing biological science research at ADU within a short span of two years. She has been instrumental in enhancing the biomedical research framework and securing the Abu Dhabi Department of Health's approval to conduct human subject research at ADU. Furthermore, she has obtained several grants to advance cancer research, including the prestigious [Research and Innovation Centre | Department of Health - Abu Dhabi](#) and the Ma'an Grant, which is the first clinical research grant awarded to ADU in collaboration with Burjeel Medical City.

Dr. Afsheen has actively mobilized national and international networks to support the formation of global interdisciplinary research teams for collaborative projects with industry partners such as the National Reference Laboratory, [M42](#), SEHA, [Burjeel Hospital](#), and Tawam Hospital. This effort has significantly enhanced the research profile of biological sciences and clinical research at ADU.

Currently, Dr. Afsheen serves as a Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator for several grants focusing on diagnosis, prognosis, and predictive biomarkers in breast, lung, and colorectal cancers. She is also involved in mentoring and supervising CoHS students and alumni on their research projects. Her students have presented and received several awards for their innovative ideas and project outcomes at national and international conferences. Some have published their research in peer-reviewed journals and co-authored book chapters.

With a prolific research output of over 50 peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals and an H-index of 19, Dr. Afsheen is internationally recognized for her contributions to cancer research, serving as an editor and reviewer for prestigious journals and publishing houses.

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