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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Artificial Intelligence, Generative AI, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Medical Imaging, Genomics, Imaging Genetics, Neurological Disease, Cancer

EDUCATION

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Ph.D. Candidate in Biomedical Informatics, Advisor: Dr. Degui Zhi

Houston, USA

January, 2020–Current

University of Dhaka

M.S. in of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, 3.82 out of 4.0

Dhaka, Bangladesh

2007–2008 (Passing Year: 2009)

University of Dhaka

B.S. in Pharmacy, 3.82 out of 4.0

Dhaka, Bangladesh

2004–2007 (Passing Year: 2008)

EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Graduate Research Assistant at Dr. Zhi's Lab

Houston, USA

January 2020 - Present

Manarat International University

Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy, OnStudy Leave

Dhaka, Bangladesh

13 June, 2015 - 01 January, 2020

Incepta Pharmaceuticals Pharmaceuticals Limited

Senior Officer, Research and Development Department

Dhaka, Bangladesh

20 July, 2010 - 30 May, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] K. Patel, Z. Xie, H. Yuan, I. S. M. S. Islam, Y. Xie, W. He, W. Zhang, A. Gottlieb, H. Chen, L. Giancardo, *et al.*, “Unsupervised deep representation learning enables phenotype discovery for genetic association studies of brain imaging”, *Communications Biology*, vol. 7, no. 1, p. 414, 2024.
- [2] M. A. Hossain, **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful**, T. A. Asa, M. S. Hussain, M. R. Rahman, A. Moustafa, and M. A. Moni, “Identification of genetic links of thyroid cancer to the neurodegenerative and”, in *Proceedings of International Joint Conference on Computational Intelligence: IJCCI 2019*, Springer Nature, 2020, p. 263.
- [3] **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful**, Z. Xie, and D. Zhi, “Cancer classification from gene expression using graph attention network and”, in *International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine: ICIBM 2022*, 2020.

- [4] M. A. Hossain, T. A. Asa, **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful**, M. S. Hussain, and M. A. Moni, “Identification of genetic association of thyroid cancer with parkinsons disease, osteoporosis, chronic heart failure, chronic kidney disease, type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes”, in *2019 5th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE)*, IEEE, 2019, pp. 832–837.
- [5] M. A. Hossain, **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful**, J. M. Quinn, F. Huq, and M. A. Moni, “Machine learning and bioinformatics models to identify gene expression patterns of ovarian cancer associated with disease progression and mortality”, *Journal of biomedical informatics*, vol. 100, p. 103 313, 2019.
- [6] S. Abdullah, M. M. Hasan, and **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful**, “Yolo-based three-stage network for bangla license plate recognition in dhaka metropolitan city”, in *2018 International Conference on Bangla Speech and Language Processing (ICBSLP)*, IEEE, 2018, pp. 1–6.
- [7] **Islam, Sheikh Muhammad Saiful** and M. M. Hasan, “Deepgonet: Multi-label prediction of go annotation for protein from sequence using cascaded convolutional and recurrent network”, in *2018 21st International Conference of Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT)*, IEEE, 2018, pp. 1–6.

SKILLS

- **Technical Skills:** Pharmaceutical Product Formulation, Stability Study, Analytical Method Development of Pharmaceutical Product, High Performance Chromatography, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy
- **Bio Statistics:** SPSS
- **Bioinformatics:** Single Cell Sequencing, RNA Sequencing, NGS, Genome Wide Association Study, BLAST, FASTA and Phylogenetic tree
- **Computer Skills:** Microsoft Office (Excellent in MS Word, PowerPoint and Excel)
- **Programming Language:** Python, R
- **Machine Learning Framework:** Scikit-Learn, Sci-py
- **Deep Learning Framework:** Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow

PROJECTS

Project Title: Develop a self-supervised deep learning framework to learn voxel representations of the brain from T1-weighted MRI, enabling the identification of genetic variations associated with specific brain regions.

Year: 2021- Current

Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.

Position: Graduate Research Assistant

Technology Used: Python programming language, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework, MONAI, FSL

Short Description: Development of voxel representation learning through self-supervised learning in order to perform regional GWAS as well as voxel based downstream tasks.

Project Title: Develop an unsupervised deep learning model that can identify genetic variations associated with the white matter, gray matter, cerebrospinal fluid from T1-weighted MRI, emphasizing the exploration of the evolving genomic patterns specific to these brain tissues.

Year: 2021- Current

Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.

Position: Graduate Research Assistant

Technology Used: Python programming language, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework, MONAI, FSL

Short Description: Unsupervised image phenotype derived from regions of magnetic resonance imaging using state-of-the-art deep learning methods to perform GWAS and investigate the dynamics of genomic pattern learning during training

Project Title: Develop an unsupervised deep learning model that can identify genetic variations associated with the brain from T1-weighted MRI with a focus on investigating the dynamics of genomic pattern discovery throughout the learning process.

Year: 2021- Current

Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.

Position: Graduate Research Assistant

Technology Used: Python programming language, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework, MONAI, FSL

Short Description: Unsupervised image phenotype derived from magnetic resonance imaging using state-of-the-art deep learning methods to perform GWAS and investigate the dynamics of genomic pattern learning during training

Project Title: **Neurological Disease Bio marker Identification Through Deep Learning**
 Year: 2022- 2023
 Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.
 Position: Graduate Research Assistant
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework, MONAI)
 Short Description: Unsupervised endophenotype identification from magnetic resonance imaging using state-of-the-art deep learning methods

Project Title: **Neurological Disease Associated Genomics Variant Discovery**
 Year: 2023
 Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics. USA, Texas
 Position: Graduate Research Assistant
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Generative AI, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework, MONAI)
 Short Description: Neurological disease associated Single Nucleotide variants identification through contrastive learning framework from magnetic resonance imaging and genomic profile

Project Title: **Pan Cancer Prediction from Gene Expression Signature**
 Year: 2020-2021
 Institution: D. Bradley McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.
 Position: Graduate Research Assistant
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Pytorch Deep Learning Framework)
 Short Description: Predicting 33 types of cancers from gene expression profile using deep learning.

Project Title: **DEEPPGONET: Multi-label Prediction of GO Annotation for Protein**
 Year: 2018-2020
 Institution: Manarat International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Position: Faculty at Department of Pharmacy
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Keras Deep Learning Framework)
 Short Description: Protein Sequence embedding was developed to classify proteins in GO annotations.

Project Title: **Diabetic Retinopathy Detection**
 Year: 2018
 Institution: Manarat International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Position: Faculty at Department of Pharmacy
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Keras Deep Learning Framework)
 Short Description: Prediction of Diabetic retinopathy from retinal image using Deep Learning

Project Title: **Discovering Gene Expression Pattern Associated with Ovarian Cancer**
 Year: 2018
 Institution: Manarat International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Position: Faculty at Department of Pharmacy
 Technology Used: Python programming language, Scikit-learn, R programming language)
 Short Description: Elucidating Clinical and genomic factors associated with survival in Ovarian cancer

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| • James Turley Endowed Scholarship for Global Health Award | 2023 |
| • Doris Ross Scholarship | 2021 |
| • SBMI Dean's Excellence Scholarship | 2019 |

REFERENCE

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