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Primary fields of research

Throughout my academic career, I have been focusing on the regulation of vascular tone in health and disease (diabetes type I and II, stroke, hypertension, congestive Heart Failure and age-related changes). Coronary arteries are densely innervated by sensory nerve endings containing calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP). CGRP is a potent naturally occurring 37 amino acid vasodilatory neuropeptide which is released from the perivascular sensory nerve endings in the wall of flow regulating intramural coronary arteries during hypoxia and by low pH levels in the myocardium, thus suggesting a vasodilatory role under ischemic conditions. Receptor subtypes for CGRP, the intracellular signalling pathways and the mechanism behind CGRP-induced desensitization and neuronal reuptake are still under investigation in both resistance and conductance arteries of different species including human. So far, these studies clearly demonstrate a larger CGRP receptor density in resistance arteries (internal lumen diameter $\leq 200 \mu\text{m}$) compared to larger conductance arteries (internal lumen diameter larger than $200 \mu\text{m}$), indicating that receptor distribution, calcium handling, ion channels and second messengers may be finely adjusted within the circulatory system, probably reflecting the physiological demands on the vascular segments. CGRP receptor consists of three components, calcitonin receptor-like receptor (CLR), a specific chaperone called receptor activity modifying protein 1 (RAMP1) and receptor component protein (RCP). A novel family of chaperone proteins, called RAMPs (RAMP1, RAMP2 and RAMP3) were identified as proteins escorting CLR to the plasma membrane to generate either CGRP (when associated with RAMP1) or adrenomedullin receptors (when associated with RAMP2 or RAMP3). CLR belongs to class B of the G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) family and is linked to Gs protein. It was recently reported that the small non-peptide CGRP receptor antagonists (olcegepant and telcegepant) act by blocking access of CGRP to the peptide-binding cleft at the interface of CLR and RAMP1. Our recent studies on isolated human subcutaneous arteries clearly show that key components of the CGRP receptor (CLR and RAMP1) are located on both smooth muscle and endothelial cells. Despite the presence of functional endothelium in these human vessels (verified by functional studies using carbachol, substance P and bradykinin), the contribution of the endothelium to CGRP-induced vasodilation seems to be insignificant. Perhaps, the CGRP receptors located on the endothelium have different biological effects than being directly involved in the vasomotor control or the density of CGRP receptors are significantly higher on smooth muscle cells compared with the endothelium. Recent studies have shown that CGRP acts as a pro-angiogenic growth factor by increasing the secretion of vascular endothelial growth factor and expression of focal adhesion kinase, thereby contributing to remodelling. In addition, our most recent results on this topic show a synergism or possible interplay between smooth muscle Kv7.4/7.5 channels and CGRP receptor signaling in isolated human subcutaneous arteries so that CGRP-induced vasodilatation becomes more potent and prolonged. These studies will shed light on the complex structure of CGRP receptor as well as its complex signalling pathway, thereby helping us understand its physiology as well as its role under different circulatory complications such as stroke, ischemia, hypertension and migraine.

Education

Master of Science in Pharmacy (Cand. Pharm.), Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, September 1987 - February 1993.

Academic degree

Ph.D., Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, 21. December 2000: "Characterization of Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) receptor subtype and function in rat coronary arteries". PhD-study has resulted in 6 Peer-reviewed publications in well reputed journals.

PhD-education was exclusively financed by external grants (self-financing):

June 1996, research grant covering lab running expenses (50.000 D.kr.) received from Danish Heart Association (96-1-3-64-22386).

October 1996, research grant covering lab running expenses (25.000 D.kr.) received from Novo Nordisk foundation.

June 1997, research grant covering 6 months salary received from Danish Heart Association (97-1-1-15-22503).

October 1998, research grant covering lab running expenses (30.000 D.kr.) received from Novo Nordisk foundation.

December 1998, research grant covering 18 months salary received from Danish Heart Association (98-2-2-19-22636).

December 1999, research grant covering lab running expenses (75.000 D.kr.) received from Danish Heart Association (99-2-2-34-22741).

Current employment

Associate Professor, Department of Drug Design and Pharmacology, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 1. April 2004 - present.

Previous employments

1. February 2001 - 31. March 2004: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, The Danish University of Pharmaceutical Sciences.
4. July 2000 - 31. January 2001: Amanuensis, Dept. of Pharmacology, Royal Danish School of Pharmacy.
1. April 1997 - 29. February 1998: Student advisor for foreign students, Royal Danish School of Pharmacy.
1. July 1995 - 30. December 1995: Clinical data management and monitoring, Medical Department, IPSEN Scandinavia A/S.
15. August 1994 - 30. June 1995: Department of Regulatory Affairs, IPSEN Scandinavia A/S.
11. April 1994 - 11. August 1994: Pharmacist responsible for aseptic and sterile manufacturing of drugs, Bispebjerg Hospital Pharmacy.

Teaching experience

Over 20 years of teaching experience in the field of Pharmacology covering wide range of areas: Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Endocrinology, Receptor Pharmacology and Intracellular Signalling Pathways, and Pharmacokinetics and -Dynamics.

Supervision of students: Supervised approx. 60 Master students and 10 PhD-students.

Administrative responsibilities at the Departmental and Faculty level

Member of didactic committee at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Chairman of the teaching committee at the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Copenhagen: from January 2008 - March 2012.

August 2012 - present : Member of the committee for Research and Innovation (FIU) at the Dept. of Drug Design and Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen.

January 2017 - present: Course director for "Organ pharmacology", Bachelor course for Pharmacy students at the 4th semester.

Scientific productivity

Full bibliography (including contribution to book chapters) contains **75** academic publications of which **67** are Peer-reviewed scientific articles (H-index: 18; total citations: 1001).

Review of book chapters (basic- and specialized pharmacology) in Mogens Vyberg book of "Patologi og Farmakologi 3rd edition" ISBN: 978-8762809536.

Academic awards and nominations

Recipient of the award for the best teacher of the year in both **2005** and **2008** at Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PharmaSchool), University of Copenhagen.

In November 2012, after the merger between PharmaSchool and the Faculty of Health Science, I was nominated among 10 top candidates for receiving the annual HARALD teaching award at the University of Copenhagen.

Scientific focus areas

- 1- Neurovascular Pharmacology (cardiovascular and cerebrovascular)
- 2- Hypertension, Obesity and Diabetes.
- 3- Cardiac Pain and Migraine
- 4- Receptor pharmacology: G-protein coupled receptor pharmacology, desensitization and signalling pathway
- 5- Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics (PK-PD studies)

Organizer of scientific meetings

1- Coorganizer (together with associate prof. Bjarne Fjalland) of IUPHAR Teaching Section in Copenhagen, Denmark: Pre-Conference Satellite Meeting to WorldPharma2010, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Copenhagen, 17.-18. July 2010.

2- Coorganizer (together with prof. Lars Edvinsson and associate prof. Inger Jansen Olesen) of The 4th International Symposium on Calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP 2001), The Royal Danish School of Pharmacy, September 28-30, 2001. Meeting report has been published in Trends in Pharmacological Sciences, 2002, 23(2): 51-53.

Member of scientific societies

- 1- British Pharmacological Society (BPS).
- 2- Scandinavian Physiological Society (SPS).
- 3- The Danish Society of Toxicology and Pharmacology (DSTF).
- 4- Danish Cardiovascular Research Academy (DaCRA).

Expert referee work

1- British Journal of Pharmacology, 2- European Journal of Pharmacology, 3- Vascular Pharmacology, 5- PLOS ONE, 6- Basic and Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, 7- Trends in Cardiovascular Medicine, 8- Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 9- Neuroscience Letters, 10- Nanotoxicology.

International relations

- 1- Professor Susan Brain BSc PhD, King's College London, UK.
- 2- Professor David R. Poyner, School of Life and Health Sciences, Aston University, UK.
- 3- Professor Moein Moghimi, School of Pharmacy, Newcastle University, UK.
- 4- Professor Robert D. Foreman, PhD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), College of Medicine, Department of Physiology, Oklahoma City, USA.
- 5- Professor Patrick Sexton, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Monash University, Australia.
- 6- Professor Lars Edvinsson, Internal Medicine, Experimental Vascular Research, Lund University, Lund, Sweden.

Peer reviewed publications

2019:

67. Jensen, D.M., Løhr, M., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Lykkesfeldt, J., Wils, R.S., Loft, S., Møller, P. (2019). Telomere length and genotoxicity in the lung of rats following intragastric exposure to food-grade titanium dioxide and vegetable carbon particles. *Mutagenesis*. pii:gez003. doi: 10.1093/mutage/gez003.

66. Johansson, S.E., Abdolalizadeh, B., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Edvinsson, L., Sams, A. (2019). Vascular pathology of large cerebral arteries in experimental subarachnoid hemorrhage: Vasoconstriction, functional CGRP depletion and maintained CGRP sensitivity. *Eur J Pharmacol*. 846: 109-118. doi:10.1016/j.ejphar.2019.01.007.

2018:

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64. Jensen, D.M., Skovsted, G.F., Lykkesfeldt, J., Dreier, R., Berg, J.O., Jeppesen, J.L., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Loft, S., Møller, P. (2018). Vasomotor dysfunction in human subcutaneous arteries exposed ex vivo to food-grade titanium dioxide. *Food Chem Toxicol*. 2018 Jul 7;120:321-327. doi: 10.1016/j.fct.2018.07.015.

63. **Sheykhzade, M.**, Abdolalizadeh, B., Koole, C., Pickering, D.S., Dreisig, K., Johansson, S.E., Abboud, B.K., Dreier, R., Berg, J.O., Jeppesen, J.L., Sexton, P.M., Edvinsson, L., Wootten, D., Sams, A. (2018). Vascular and molecular pharmacology of the metabolically stable CGRP analogue, SAX. *Eur. J. Pharmacol*. 829: 85-92.

62. Jensen, D.M., Christophersen, D.V., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Skovsted, G.F., Lykkesfeldt, J., Münter, R., Roursgaard, M., Loft, S., Møller, P. (2018). Vasomotor function in rat arteries after ex vivo and intragastric exposure to food-grade titanium dioxide and vegetable carbon particles. *Part Fibre Toxicol*. 15(1):12. doi:10.1186/s12989-018-0248-2.

2017:

61. Kristiansen, S.B., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Edvinsson, L., Haanes, K.A. (2017). Changes in vasodilation following myocardial ischemia/reperfusion in rats. *Nitric Oxide*. 70:68-75.

60. Haanes, K.A., Kristiansen, S.B., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Edvinsson, L. (2017). Endothelin receptor mediated Ca²⁺ signaling in coronary arteries after experimentally induced ischemia/reperfusion injury in rat. *J Mol Cell Cardiol*. 111:1-9.

59. Erdling, A., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Edvinsson, L. (2017). Differential inhibitory response to telcagepanton α CGRP induced vasorelaxation and intracellular Ca²⁺ levels in the perfused and non-perfused isolated rat middle cerebral artery. *J Headache Pain*. 18(1):61.

58. **Sheykhzade, M.**, Amandi, N., Pla, M.V., Abdolalizadeh, B., Sams, A., Warfvinge, K., Edvinsson, L., Pickering, D.S. (2017). Binding and functional pharmacological characteristics of gepant-type antagonists in rat brain and mesenteric

arteries. *Vascul Pharmacol.* 90:36-43.

57. Outzen, E.M., Zaki, M., Mehryar, R., Abdolalizadeh, B., Sajid, W., Boonen, H.C., Sams, A., **Sheykhzade, M.** (2017). LPS, but not Angiotensin II, Induces Direct Pro-Inflammatory Effects in Cultured Mouse Arteries and Human Endothelial and Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells. *Basic Clin Pharmacol Toxicol.* 120(4):335-347.

56. Sekeroglu, A., Jacobsen, J.M., Jansen-Olesen, I., Gupta, S., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Olesen, J., Bhatt, D.K. (2017). Effect of PGD2 on middle meningeal artery and mRNA expression profile of L-PGD2 synthase and DP receptors in trigeminovascular system and other pain processing structures in rat brain. *Pharmacol Rep.* 69(1):50-56.

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54. Blædel, M., Sams, A., Boonen, H.C., **Sheykhzade, M.** (2016). Increased Contractile Response to Noradrenaline Induced By Factors Associated with the Metabolic Syndrome in Cultured Small Mesenteric Arteries. *Pharmacology.* 97(1-2):48-56.

53. Spray, S., Rasmussen, M.N., Skovsted, G.F., Warfvinge, K., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Edvinsson, L. (2016). Reduced Mechanical Stretch Induces Enhanced Endothelin B Receptor-mediated Contractility via Activation of Focal Adhesion Kinase and Extra Cellular-regulated Kinase 1/2 in Cerebral Arteries from Rat. *Basic Clin Pharmacol Toxicol.* 119(1): 68-77.

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51. Kirchhoff, J.E., Diness, J.G., Abildgaard, L., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Grunnet, M., Jespersen, T. (2016). Antiarrhythmic effect of the Ca(2+)-activated K (SK) channel inhibitor ICA combined with either amiodarone or dofetilide in an isolated heart model of atrial fibrillation. *Pflugers Arch.* 468(11-12):1853-1863.

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49. Blædel, M., Sams, A., Boonen, H.C., **Sheykhzade, M.** (2015). Increased Contractile Response to Noradrenaline Induced By Factors Associated with the Metabolic Syndrome in Cultured Small Mesenteric Arteries. *Pharmacology.* 97(1-2):48-56.

48. Diness, J.G., Kirchhoff, J.E., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Jespersen, T., Grunnet, M. (2015). Anti-arrhythmic effect of either negative modulation or blockade of small conductance Ca²⁺ activated K⁺ channels on ventricular fibrillation in guinea pig Langendorff perfused heart. *J Cardiovasc Pharmacol.* 66(3):294-299.

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46. Løhr, M., Folkmann, J.K., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Jensen, L.J., Kermanizadeh, A., Loft, S., Møller, P. (2015). Hepatic oxidative stress, genotoxicity and vascular dysfunction in lean or obese Zucker rats. *PLoS One.* 10(3):e0118773.

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44. Kirchhoff, J.E., Goldin Diness, J., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Grunnet, M., Jespersen, T. (2015). Synergistic anti-arrhythmic effect of combining inhibition of Ca(2+)activated K(+) (SK) channels and voltage gated Na(+) channels in an isolated heart model of atrial fibrillation. *Heart Rhythm.* 12(2): 409-418.

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39. Hasbak, P., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Schifter, S., Edvinsson, L. (2014). Potentiated adrenomedullin induced vasorelaxation during hypoxia in organ cultured porcine coronary arteries. *J Cardiovasc Pharmacol.*, 63(1):58-67.

38. Vesterdal, L.K., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Roursgaard, M., Jantzen, K., Folkmann, J.K., Loft, S., Møller, P. (2012). Pulmonary exposure to particles from diesel exhaust, urban dust or single-walled carbon nanotubes and oxidatively damaged DNA and vascular function in apoE^{-/-} mice. *Nanotoxicology*, 8:61-71.

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Downstream of Occlusion. *J Vasc Res.*, 50(5):396-409.

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35. Ghorbani, M.L., Nyborg, N.C., Fjalland, B., **Sheykhzade, M.** (2013). Calcium Activity of Upper Thoracic Dorsal Root Ganglion Neurons in Zucker Diabetic Fatty Rats. *International Journal of Endocrinology*, 2013:532850.

34. Svalø, J., Bille, M., Parameswaran Theepakaran, N., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Nordling, J., Bouchelouche, P. (2013). Bladder contractility is modulated by K(v)7 channels in pig detrusor. *Eur. J. Pharmacol.*, 715(1-3):312-20.

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33. Munro, G., Storm, A., Hansen, M.K., Dyhr, H., Marcher, L., Erichsen, H.K., **Sheykhzade, M.** (2012). The combined predictive capacity of rat models of algogen-induced and neuropathic hypersensitivity to clinically used analgesics varies with nociceptive endpoint and consideration of locomotor function. *Pharmacol Biochem Behav.*, 101(3):465-478.

32. Ghoreishi, S.M., Rajaian, H., **Sheykhzade, M.**, Alikhani, M., Rahmani, H.R., Hajipour, A.R., Khorvash, M., Khodaei, H.R. (2012). Pharmacokinetics of pioglitazone, a thiazolidinedione derivative, in male Naeini (Iranian fat-tailed) sheep. *Journal of Applied Animal Research*, 40(3): 208-214.

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2011:

26. **Sheykhzade, M.**, Gupta, S., Sørensen, T., Sørensen, O.A., Koch, H., Boonen, H.C., Back, O., Fjalland, B. (2011). Characterization of capsaicin induced responses in mice vas deferens: Evidence of CGRP uptake. *Eur. J. Pharmacol.*, 667: 375-382.

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