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A. Profile:

- Over twenty years of experience working at the interface of chemistry and toxicology with specific interest in the role(s) played by reactive oxygen species (endogenous as well as air-borne) and xenobiotics and their electrophilic intermediates in the etiology of degenerative diseases.
- Major accomplishments include—
  Modeling of oxidative and free radical reactions of ozone with proteins and lipids at the air/lung interface;
  Postulation of nitrocarbonate as an intermediate in the down-regulation of nitric oxide ($^{\bullet}$NO);
  Free radical nitration and nitrosation in $^{\bullet}$NO-producing biological systems;
  'Ozone-specific' oxysterols in early events of atherosclerosis, neuronal amyloid formation and apoptosis; and
  Analytical methods for biological reactive intermediates (epoxides, alloxan, and α,β-unsaturated carbonyls).
- Published over 60 research articles in reputed, peer-reviewed journals and book series.
- Edited a book entitled, "**Free Radical and Antioxidant Protocols**" (Co-Editors: Subramanyam Murthy, Willam Pryor, and Narasimham Parinandi; ISBN: 978-1-58829-710-5; *Methods in Molecular Biology* series, vol. 610) for the Humana (now Springer) Press, Totowa, NJ.
- Served on the Editoral Board of peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* (IOS Press) and *Journal of Diabetes & Metabolism* (OMICS Press).
- Named University-wide Research Professor of the Year 2007 (received commendations from the U.S. Senate).
- Distinguished educator and mentor for undergraduate (BS) and graduate (MS and PhD) students majoring in biology, chemistry and toxicology.
- Nominatied for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) for "Bringing Biomedical Research Excellence to Under Represented Minorities and Women Students at Southern University" (award under consideration).
- A board-certified toxicologist (DABT) and a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences (ATS).

B. Academic Background:

Postdoctoral Fellow (Chemical Carcinogenesis) – 1989-90; The Eppley Institute for Research in Cance and Allied Diseases, University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Omaha, NE.

Postdoctoral Fellow/Sr. (Oxidative Chemistry and Biology) – Sept. 1990-July 96; The Biodynamics Institute, Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA.

PhD (Biochemistry) – 1988; National Institute of Nutrition (Indian Council of Medical Research)/ Osmania University, Hyderabad, India. Dissertation: **Redox Reactions of Nicotinamide Coenzymes in Aqueous Micellar Systems as Models for Enzymatic Hydride/Electron Transfer**

MS (Biochemistry) – 1977; Andhra University Waltair, AP, India.

BS (Chemistry) – 1975; The Hindu College, Machilipatnam, AP, India.

C. Positions and Employment:

1987-89	Lecturer in Biochemistry, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, India.
1996-00	Research Assistant Professor, Lousiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2000-01	Patent Examiner, US Patent & Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA.
2003-10	Graduate/Doctoral Research Faculty-Level 1, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2002-07	Associate Professor (Tenure-Track), Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2007-present	Professor of Environmental Toxicology (Tenured), Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2007-present	Adjunct Professor of Chemistry, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2008-present	Adjunct Professor of Pathobiological Sciences, School of Veterinary Medicine, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

2010-present Graduate/Doctoral Research Faculty-Level 2, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.
2013-present Director, Environmental Toxicology PhD Program, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA
2014-present Director, Health Research Center, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

D. Other Experience and Professional Memberships:

1980-1986 Member, Society of Biological Chemists-India (SBCI).
1982-1983 Member, Human Genetics Society of India (HGSI).
1996-present Member, American Chemical Society (ACS).
2002-present Member, American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS).
2005-present Member, American Soceity for Neurochemistry (ASN).
2004-present Member, American Diabetes Association (ADA).
2003-present Member, American Heart Association (AHA).
2004-present Member, Society for Free Radical Biology and Medicine (SFRBM)
2004-present Member, Society of Toxicology (SOT).

E. Awards and Honors:

2005 Chairperson, Biotransformation/Cytochrome P450, 44th Annual Meeting of SOT, New Orleans, LA.
2006 Outstanding Reseacher (Natural Sciences), College of Sciences, SUBR
2006 Chairperson, session on Gene Regulation, 45th Annual Meeting of SOT, San Diego, CA.
2006 Associate Editor, *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* (JAD).
2007 Faculty Researcher of the Year (Natural Sciences), College of Sciences, SUBR.
2007 Co-Editor-in-Chief, *SMART Findings: An Undergraduate STEM Research Journal*.
2007 Outstanding Research Investigator (University-wide), SUBR.
2009 Distinquihed Researcher, Louisian Biomedical Reseach (LBRN)/National Insitutes of Health (NIH).
2010 Editor, *Free Radical and Antioxidant Protocols. Second Edition* (ISBN: 978-1-58829-710-5) Methods in Molecular Biology, Vol. 610, Humana (now Springer) Press, Totowa, NY.
2010 Chairperson, Neurodegenerative Disease, 49th Annual Meeting of SOT, Salt Lake City, UT.
2010– Member, NSF Peer Review Panel on Drug Discovery and Development.
2010– Editor, *Journal of Diabetes & Metabolism* (JDM)
2010– Member, LBRN (NCRR IDeA) Peer Review Panel on Summer Graduate and Faculty Research Programs.
2011 Southern University Business and Industry Cluster (BIC) Quality Award.
2011 Editor, *Journal of Internal Medicine* (JIM)
2011 Telugu Association of North America (TANA) Excellence in Science Award
2012– Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Diabetes & Metabolism* (JDM)
2013 Inducted into SUBR Millionaire Club (PIs and co-PIs with funding ≥$1M in a given year)
2013 Nominated for 2014 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).
2013 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, SUBR.
2013- Member, Southern University Intellectual Property Committee (IPC)
2013- Elected Felow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences (ATS)
2014- Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology (DABT)

F. Research Experience and Training:

Academic and research training in the fields of oxidative and free radical reactions of ozone and nitrogen oxides, bioanalytical chemistry, bioorganic reaction mechanisms, multistep organic synthesis, nanomaterials, cell culture and signal transductions.

G. Teaching (since 2002):

Graduate (Environmental Toxicology)–

a. ENTX 723 Advanced Biochemistry (spring)
b. ENTX 725 Biochemical & Molecular Toxicology (fall)
c. ENTX 736 Special Topics (spring)
d. ENTX 737 Biochemical Methods (fall, spring, and summer)

e. ENTX 799 Research Practicum (fall, spring, summer)
f. ENTX 800 Dissertation Research (fall, spring, and summer)

Undergraduate (Chemistry and Biology)–
a. BIOL 436, 437, 598 and 600
b. CHEM 422, 423, 598, 602-604, and 606

H. Research Mentoring (since 2002):

Served as Major/Minor Advisor for Thirteen PhD Graduates

Major Advisor (6) —

Sainath Babu, Dissertation: *An Integrated Approach to Understand Molecular Targets and Cellular Oxidative Stress Responses to Bisphenol A, A Xenoestrogen and Semipersistent Organic Pollutant in Urban Environments*; Year of Graduation: Summer 2012; Current Status: Research Assistant Professor at Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

Leroy K. Davis, Dissertation: *Engineering Cellulosic Bioreactors by Heterogeneous Expression of Plant Derived Glycosyl Hydrolase Genes: Evolution of A. thaliana Glycosyl Hydrolases by Template Assisted DNA Shuffling and In Vitro Recombination*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2012.

Laura Laynes, Dissertation: *Oxidative Stress Status and Related Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase Signaling in Cardiomyocytes Exposed to 3β-Hydydroxy-5-oxo-5,6-secocholestan-6-al: Role of NADPH Oxidase System*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2011; Current Status: Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), Baton Rouge, LA.

Faruq Mohammad, Dissertation: *Luteinizing Hormone-Releasing Hormone Bound Core-Shell Magnetic Nanoparticles: Synthesis, Characterization and Studies of Hyperthermia-induced Cytotoxicity*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2011; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang, Selangor 43400, Malaysia.

Xueli Gao, Dissertation: *Cytotoxicity and Inflammatory Potential of Cholesterol Secoaldehyde: A Cell-Based Mechanistic Study of a Putative Ozone-Specific Oxysterol with Implications for Cardiovascular Disease*; Year of Graduation: Fall 2009; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at the West Virginia University Center for Neuroscience, Morgantown, WV.

Catrina Dupard-Julien, Dissertation: *Development of Analytical Methods for Determination of Electrophilic Intermediates in Biological Fluids*; Year of Graduation: Fall 2008; Current Status: Lab Coordinator at the Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, LA.

Minor Advisor (8)—

Lulit Affin, Dissertation: *Nanosilver Impregnated Activated Carbon/Polyurethane Foam Composite for Water Filtration*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2015 (successfully defended the dissertation research on November 17, 2014).

Philip Jones, Dissertation: *Photoinduced Toxicity of Engineered Nanomaterials*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2013; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Brian Bourgeois, Dissertation: *Characterization and Cytotoxicity of PM2.5 Collected in the Baton Rouge-Port Allen Corridor*; Year of Graduation: Fall 2011

Christopher Sparrow, Dissertation: *A Novel Group of Quaternary Ammonium Salts as Ionic Liquids and Deep Eutectic Solvents*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2011; Current Status: Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Texas College, Taylor, TX.

Shireesha Sankella, Dissertation: *Characterization of the Mechanism of Phytoestrogen Responsive Gene Expression at Chromatin Level*; Year of Graduation: Summer 2009; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX.

Sowmya Koppula, Dissertation: *Biochemical and Molecular Effects of Butadiene Diepoxide in Prostate Cancer Cells*; Year of Graduation: Summer 2009

Rajasree Solipuram, Dissertation: *Regulation of Steroid 5-α-Reductase Type II Gene Expression by Phytoestrogens in Prostate Cancer Cells*; Year of Graduation: Fall 2008; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC), Baton Rouge, LA.

Sridevi Yadaville, Dissertation: *Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms Mediating 1,3-Butadience Induced Cytotoxicity in Human Lymphoblasts*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2005; Current Status: Postdoctoral Fellow at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Served as Major/Minor Advisor for Three MS Graduates

Teresa T. Mutahi, Thesis: *Hypochlorous Acid-Mediated Oxidative Modifications of a Protein Nitrotyrosine Model, N-Acetyl-L-3-nitrotyrosine Ethyl Ester: Significance to Biomarker Discovery*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2012 (Major Advisor); Current Status: Doctoral Student, Science and Mathematics Education PhD program, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Brittany C. Martin, Thesis: *Biotransformation of Bisphenol A, an Environmental Xenoestrogen, by Cellular Oxidants*; Year of Graduation: Spring 2012 (Minor Advisor); Current Status: Doctoral Student, Science and Mathematics Education PhD program, Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Ardrene D. Ferguson; Thesis: *A Study of Peroxynitrite Oxidation of Methionine and Methionine-Containing Di- and Tripeptides*; Year of Graduation: Summer 2011 (Minor Advisor); Current Status: Environmental Scientist, LDEQ Water Permits Division, Baton Rouge, LA.

Currently Serving as Chair/Member/Major Professor for the Following MS/PhD Students

Name of the Student	Masters/Doctoral	Chair/ Member	Year of Graduation/ Institution
1. James Hines	Doctoral	Chair	Spring 2016/SUBR*
2. Curtstine Deere	Doctoral	Chair	Fall 2016/SUBR*
3. Ogad Agu	Doctoral	Major Prof	Fall 2016/SUBR**
4. Melisa Morgan	Doctoral	Major Prof	Fall 2019/SUBR**
5. Swathi Kasibhatla	Doctoral	Major Prof	Fall 2019/SUBR**

* Tentative

** Tentative but do not have a committee in place

Served on Thesis Adjudication Committees of Four PhD/DSc Graduates (International)

A. Ramesh, DSc (Medicine-Medical Specialties), Thesis: *Specification of Environmental Pollutants – New Analytical Methods*; Year of Graduation: 2009; The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. University, Chennai, India.

M. Yogananda, PhD (Zoology-Toxicology), Thesis: *Effect of Organochlorine Pesticide Lindane on Neuroendocrine Control of Reproduction in the Male Catfish Heteropneustes fossilis*; Year of Graduation: 2006; Madras University, Chennai, India.

V. Gayatri, PhD (Zoology-Toxicology), Thesis*: Studies on Certain Biochemical Parameters, Knockdown Resistances Gene and Antennal Response in Anopheles stephensi Liston (Diptera: Culicidae) Induced for Deltamethrin Resistance*; Year of Graduation: 2005; University of Madras, Chennai, India.

V.V. Sangeeta, PhD (Molecular Biology-Toxicology), Thesis: *Molecular Gene Expression Studies in Indian Patients with Sporadic Meningioma*; Year of Graduation: 2005; University of Madras, Chennai, India.

. **Postdoctoral Fellows—**

Mentored Five Postdoctoral Fellows in Areas of Chemical and Molecular Toxicology

Faruq Mohammad, PhD (Environmental Toxicology), August 2011 to December 2011; currently working as Postdoctoral Researcher at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang, Selangor 43400.

Achuthan C. Raghavamenon, PhD (Biochemistry), January 2007 to August 2011; currently working as Associate Professor of Biochemistry at the Amala Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Thrisssur, Kerala, India.

K. Sathishkumar, PhD (Veterinary Pharmacology), December 2004 to March 2007; currently working as Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX.

Thirugnanam Perumal, PhD (Organic Chemistry), January 2005 to April 2006; currently working as a Senior Scientist at the International Institute for Biotechnology and Toxicology (IIBAT), Padappai, Tamil Nadu, India.

Bhaskarachary Kandlakunta, PhD (Biochemistry), December 2002 to July 2004; currently working as Scientist C at the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Hyderabad, Telangana, India.

Awards and Recognitions to Graduate and Postdoctoral Students

Xueli Gao—
Louisiana Biomedical Research Network (LBRN) Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July 2008; $7,500
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July, 2007; $7,500
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July, 2006; $7,500

Sainath Babu—
Graduate Student Travel Award of the Society of Toxicology (SOT); March 11-15, 2012; $1,000
Louisiana Optical Network Initiatives (LONI) Institute Graduate Fellowship, Aug. 2011-July 2012; $25,000
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July, 2010; $8,000
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July, 2009; $8,000

Faruq Mohammad—
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July, 2010; $8,000

Leroy K. Davis—
Department of Energy (DOE)/Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Graduate Student Technology Award, May-December 2011, $5,000

Agasthya Kasibotla—
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July 2013; $7,500

Sachin Khiste—
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July 2013; $7,500
LBRN Graduate Summer Research Award, June-July 2014, $8,000 (award not accepted)

Bhaskarachary Kandlakunta—
Fellow, Society for Biotechnology, India, 2011
Vice President, Indian Dietetic Association (IDA), 2011 to December 2014; IDA is a member of International Confederation of Dietetic Associations (ICDA)

Mentoring Prior to the Year 2000 (in India)—

While working at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS; January 2007-March 1989) and subsequently at LSU (August 1996-September 2000), mentored numerous undergraduate (BS) and graduate (MS/PhD) students in biochemistry and environmental sciences, supervised part-time and full-time Lab Techs, and interacted with fellow postdoctoral researchers. Also, in collaboration with Dr. U.N. Das, had an opportunity to set up a state-of-the-art laboratory for research in biomedical sciences and recruited the first ten doctoral research students at NIMS. Understandably, this research facility and the students recruited played a pivotal role in the establishment of NIMS as a deemed university.

I. Refereed Publications:

1. F. Mohammad, A.C. Raghavamenon, M.O. Claville, C.S. Kumar, and **R.M. Uppu** (2014). Targeted hyperthermia-induced cancer cell death by gold-coated superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (SPIONs@Au) conjugated luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH). *Nanotechnol Rev*. March 2014. doi: 10.1515/ntrev-2013-0041.

2. S. Babu, S. Uppu, M.O. Claville, and **R.M. Uppu** (2013). Prooxidant actions of bisphenol A (BPA) phenoxyl radicals: implications to BPA-related oxidative sress and toxicity. *Toxicol. Mech. Methods* **23***,* 273-80; doi: 10.3109/15376516.2012.753969.

3. S. Uppu, A.D. Logan, **R. M. Uppu**, and M.O. Claville (2014). Nitrite determination by modified ferrous oxidation-xylenol orange (FOX) assay. *Anal. Biochem*. (Revision being submitted).

4. B.V. Babu, V.K. Chaturvedi, and **R.M. Uppu** (2012). Herbs in the management of hyperglycemia in diabetes. Importance of screening methods in the identification of phyto anti-hyperglycemic principles. *J. Diabetes Metab* **3**: e110; doi:10.4172/2155-6156.1000e110.

5. S. Babu, V. Nadeem, A.V. Kasibotla, H.J. Dwayne, M.A. Stubblefield, and **R.M. Uppu** (2012). Molecular docking of bisphenol A and its nitrated and chlorinated metabolites onto human estrogen-related receptor-gamma. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun*. **426**, 215-220; doi: 10.1016/j.bbrc.2012.08.065.

6. T.T. Mutahi, B.J. Edagwa, F.R. Fronczek, and **R.M. Uppu** (2012). N-Acetyl-5-chloro-3-nitro-L-tyrosine ethyl ester. *Acta Cryst. E*. **68**, o2810–o2811, Suppl. 1-8; doi:10.1107/S1600536812036380

7. D.B. Casey, E.A. Pankey, A.M. Badejo, Jr., F.R. Bueno, Jr., M. Bhartiya, S.N. Murthy, **R.M. Uppu**, B.D. Nossaman, and P.Kadowitz (2012). Peroxynitrite has potent pulmonary vasodilator activity in the rat. *Can J. Physiol. Pharmacol*. **90**, 485-500.

8. S. Babu, N.A. Vellore, A.C. Raghavamenon, D. Jerro, S. Yang, and **R.M. Uppu** (2011). Molecular docking of bisphenol A and its nitrated and chlorinated metabolites onto estrogen-related receptor-gamma. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **51**, S141-S141.

9. **R.M. Uppu** and N.L. Parinandi (2011). Insulin sensitization and resistance interreationships revised with a quantitative molecular model approach. *J. Diabet. Metab.* **2**, 6; doi:10.4172/2155-6156.1000106e

10. S. Babu, C. Pathak, S. Uppu, C,. Jones, F.R. Fronczek, and **R.M. Uppu** (2011). 3,3'-Dinitrobisphenol A. *Acta Crystallogr. E*. **67**, 2556-2557; Suppl. 1-21.

11. L. Laynes, A.C. Raghavamenon, O. D'Auvergne, V. Achuthan, and **R.M. Uppu** (2011). MAPK signaling in H9c2 cardiomyoblasts exposed to cholesterol secoaldehyde – Role of hydrogen peroxide. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun*. **404**, 90-95.

12. S. Babu, C. Pathak, S. Uppu, C. Jones, F.R. Fronczek, and **R.M. Uppu** (2010). Crystal structure of 3,3 '-dinitrobisphenol. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **51**, S150-S151.

13. A.C. Raghavamenon, A.F. Muyiwa, L.K. Davis, and **R.M. Uppu** (2011). Dihydroartemisinin induces caspase-8-dependent apoptosis in murine GT1-7 hypothalamic neurons. *Toxicol. Mech. Methods.* **21**, 367-373; doi: 10.3109/15376516.2011.552534.

14. F. Mohammad, G. Balaji, A. Weber, **R.M. Uppu**, and C.S. Kumar (2010). Influence of gold nanoshell on hyperthermia of super paramagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (SPIONs). *J. Phys. Chem. C* **114**, 19194–19201.

15. K. Sathishkumar, X. Gao, A.C. Raghavamenon, S.N. Murthy, P.J. Kadowitz, and **R.M. Uppu** (2010). Determination of glutathione, mitochondrial transmembrane potential, and cytotoxicity in H9c2 cardiomyoblasts exposed to reactive oxygen and nitrogen species. *Methods Mol. Biol.* **610**, 51-61.

16. K. Sathishkumar, A.C. Raghavamenon, K. Ganeshkumar, R. Telaprolu, N.L. Parinandi, and **R.M. Uppu** (2010). Simultaneous analysis of multiple redox-sensitive and apoptotic gene expression in hypothalamic neurons exposed to cholesterol ozonation products. *Methods Mol. Biol*. **610**, 263-284.

17. F. Mohammad, S. Babu, A.C. Raghavamenon, C.S. Kumar, K.G. Kousoulas, and **R.M. Uppu** (2010). Hyperthermia-mediated cell death in murine GT1-7 hypothalamic neurons and human LnCap prostate carcinoma cells exposed to nanoparticles of SPIONs@Au-cysteamine-LHRH. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **49**, S72-S72.

18. E.S. O'Connor Butler, J.N. Mazerik, J.P. Cruff, S.I. Sherwani, B.K. Weis, C.B. Marsh, A.C. Raghavamenon, **R.M. Uppu**, H.O. Schmid, and N.L. Parinandi (2010). Lipoxygenase-catalyzed phospholipid peroxidation: Preparation, purification, and characterization of phosphatidylinositol peroxides. *Methods Mol. Biol*. **610**, 387-401.

19. M.A. Kline, E.S. O'Connor Butler, A. Hinzey, S. Sliman, S.R. Kotta, C.B. Marsh, **R.M. Uppu**, and N.L. Parinandi (2010). A simple method for effective and safe removal of membrane cholesterol from lipid rafts in vascular endothelial cells: Implications in oxidant-mediated lipid signaling. *Methods Mol. Biol*. **610**, 201-211.

20. V. Panguruli, S.Z. Yang, E. Khosravi, S. Babu, L. Laynes, A.C. Raghavamenon, and **R.M. Uppu** (2010). Docking of apocynin, 5-nitroapocynin, and diapocynin with 1K4U subsection of human neutrophil NADPH oxidase System. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **49**, S203-S203.

21. X . Gao, A.C. Raghavamenon**,** O. D'Auvergne, and **R.M. Uppu** (2009). Cholesterol secoaldehyde induces apoptosis in J774 macrophages via mitochondrial pathway but not involving reactive oxygen species as mediators. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun*. **389**, 382-387.

22. S. Babu, A.C. Raghavamenon, F.R. Fronczek, and **R.M. Uppu** (2009). 4-Hydroxy-3-methoxy-5-nitroaceto-phenone (5-nitroapocynin). *Acta Cryst. E* **65**, 2292-2293, Supl. 1-10.

23. A.C. Raghavamenon, C.J. Dupard, B. Kandlakunta, and **R.M. Uppu** (2009). Determination of alloxan by fluorometric, reversed-phase HPLC. *Toxicol. Mech. Methods*. **19**, 498-502.

24. **R.M. Uppu**, C. Jones, F.R. Fronczek (2009) Crystal structure of 5-nitroapocynin. *Free Radic. Biol. Med*. **47**, S156-S156.

25. A.C. Raghavamenon, C.L. Dupard-Julien, B. Kandlakunta, and **R.M. Uppu** (2009). Subpicomole determination of alloxan in biological fluids by fluorometric high-performance liquid chromatography. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **47**, S87-S87

26. A.C. Raghavamenon, R. Gernapudi, S. Babu, O. Auvergne, S.N. Murthy, P.J. Kadowitz, and **R.M.Uppu** (2009). Intracellular oxidative stress and cytotoxicity in rat primary cortical neurons exposed to cholesterol secoaldenyde. *Biochem.Biophys. Res.Commun*. **386**, 170-174.

27. K. Sathishkumar, X. Gao, A.C. Ragavamenon, N.L. Parinandi, W.A. Pryor, and **R.M. Uppu** (2009). Cholesterol secoaldehyde induces apoptosis in cardiomyocytes through reactive oxygen species involving mitochondrial and death receptor pathways. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **47,** 548-558.

28. L.K. Davis, A.F. Muyiwa, X. Gao, A.C. Raghavamenon, and **R.M. Uppu** (2008). Apoptosis in murine hypothalamus neurons exposed to dihydroartemisinin: Possible role of the extrinsic pathway. *J. Neurochem.* **104**, 22-22

29. K. Sathishkumar, S.N. Murthy, and **R.M. Uppu** (2007). Cytotoxic effects of oxysterols produced during ozonolysis of cholesterol in murine GT1-7 hypothalamic neurons. *Free Radic. Res*. **41**, 82-88.

30. K. Sathishkumar, X. Xi, R.J. Martin, and **R.M. Uppu** (2007). Cholesterol secoaldehyde induces amylodogenesis and apoptosis in murine GT1-7 hypothalamic neuronal cells. *J. Alzheimer's. Dis*. **11**, 261-274.

31. **R.M. Uppu**, B.D. Nossaman, A.J. Greco, A. Fokin, S.N. Murthy, V. Fonseka, and P.J. Kadowitz (2007). Cardiovascular effects of peroxynitrite. *Clin. Exp. Pharmacol*. *Physiol.* **34**, 933-937.

32. C.-J. Dupard, B. Kandlakunta, and **R.M. Uppu** (2007). A reversed phase HPLC method for the determination of epoxides of 1,3-butadiene and other petrochemical alkenes. *Anal. Bioanal. Chem*. **387**, 1027-1032.

33. K. Sathishkumar, V. Rangan, X. Gao, and **R.M. Uppu** (2007). Methyl vinyl ketone induces apoptosis in murine GT1-7 hypothalamic neurons through glutathione depletion and the generation of reactive oxygen species. *Free Radic. Res*. **41**, 469-477.

34. **R.M. Uppu** (2006). Synthesis of peroxynitrite using isoamyl nitrite and hydrogen peroxide in a homogeneous solvent system. *Anal. Biochem*. **354**, 165-168.

35. K. Sathishkumar, X. Gao, and **R.M. Uppu** (2006). Cholesterol secoaldehyde, a cholesterol oxidation product, induces intracellular amyloid aggregation and apoptosis: Implications for Alzheimer's disease. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **41** (Suppl 1), S168-S168.

36. R. Cong, E. Tamyanko, P.S. Russo, N. Edwin, and **R.M. Uppu** (2006). Dynamics of poly(styrenesulfonate) in sodium salt in aqueous solution. *Macromolecules* **39**, 731-739.

37. K. Sathishkumar, M. Haque, T.E. Perumal, J. Francis, and **R.M. Uppu** (2005). A major ozonation product of cholesterol, 3β-hydroxy-5-oxo-5,6-secocholestan-6-al, induces apoptosis in H9c2cardiomyoblasts. *FEBS Lett*. **579**, 6444-6450.

38. **R.M. Uppu**, K. Sathishkumar, and T. Perumal (2005). Reactions of peroxynitrite and peroxynitrite/CO_2 with clozapine: evidence for the formation of electrophilic intermediates. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **39** (Suppl 1), S15-S15.

39. T. Perumal, K. Sathishkumar, and **R.M. Uppu** (2005). A reversed phase HPLC method for determination of methyl vinyl ketone and other α,β-unsaturated carbonyl componds in biological samples. *Free Radic. Biol. Med.* **39** (Suppl 1), S113-S113.

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K. Research Projects and Support (partial list; since 2003):

Active

1. **"The New Energy Workforce: Sustainable Materials, Energy and Technology"** NSF ACE Implementation Grant (HRD- 043316); 09/2010 to 08/2015; $2,607,100; Subblefield – PI; co-PIs: Mensah, Crosby, and Ning; Lead Researcher-Mentor — **Uppu**
   This project involves training of undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of bioenergy-biofuels and sustainability.
2. **"Urban Tree Interception of UV (A/B) Radiation and Its Genetic Consequences"** USDA-NIFA-CBGP Grant (2014-38821-22415); 09/01/2014 to 08/31/2017; $479,672; Qi – PI; co-PIs: **Uppu**, Gray, Bai, Chin, Ferchaud, and Deike.
   This grant allows us to continue our effort to investigate UV tolerance mechanism of urban trees and their benefits in helping reducing UV radiation exposure in human environment.

Pending

1. **"SU BUILD: Louisiana Medical Education and Development Initiative (LA MED)"** NIH BUILD Initiate (U54); Research Core, contact PI/PD – **Uppu**; 09/2014-08/2019; $4,102,168.
   This **Research Core** proposal assists SUBR and its partnering insitutions (SUAREC, SUNO, SUSLA, ULM, LSU, UNT, GPU, and Inscen Inc) with the mission of NIH to increasae the diversity of workforce in biomedical sciences. The said core of LA MED has 9 research proposals falling under 3 different thrust areas, *viz*., *Comparative Medicine*, *Environmental Health*, and *Medicinal Plants/Alternative Medicine*. The projects are designed to provide research and learning opportunities to high school and undergraduate college students.
2. **"Oxidized Cholesterol in Amyloid Aggregation and Neuronal Apoptosis"** NIH 1 SC3 GM112564-01**,** 12/20014-11/2009; $420,000; **Uppu**- PI (scored).
   This proposal examines the cytotoxic effects and amyloid aggregation in neuronal cells exposed to aldehydic and nonaldehydic oxidation products of cholesterol. The broader impact is to find a molecular basis for increased oxidative stress status and metabolite-induced protein misfolding in Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases.
3. **"HBCU-RISE: Enhancement of Research and Infrastructure in Environmental Science and Technology at Southern University"** NSF HBCU-RISE program, LOI submitted/accepted (ID: L02437541); Deadline for submission of the final application: August 13, 2014; Funding limit:$1,000,000; **Uppu** -PI.

Completed in the past 5 years

1. **"Cytotoxicity of Insect Repellents"**; NSF SBIR Phase II (IIP-0956877; Woods−PI) subcontracted through Inscent Inc, Irvine, CA; 11/2009 to 12/2011; $100,912; **Uppu–PI** at SUBR.
   This project examined the potential neuronal and dermal toxicity of 30 new generation insect repellents. These compounds were identified originally by Inscent Inc from over 30,000 small molecules through use of a platform technology that employed binding to the AmelOBP2 protein having a fluorescence-based reporter system, *Attenu* The *Attenu* assay was developed in-house at the Inscent Inc to interrogate insect chemosensory proteins with complex chemical mixtures *in vitro.* .
2. **"Protection of Large Molecule Drugs I and II"** 08/2008-10/2010; $154,999; **Uppu–PI** at SUBR; NSF SBIR Phase II (OII-0620587; Jaffe–PI) subcontracted through Material Methods LLC, Riverside, CA.
   This research was aimed at enhancing the performance of large molecule drugs, in particular protein therapeutics, by way of attaching them to certain, proprietary poly (2-3) glucans that are water-soluble in nature.
3. **"Cardiomyocyte and Vascular Endothelial Cell Signaling by Cholesterol Ozonation Products"**, 08/2005 to 04/2010; $477,509; **Uppu–PI** at SUBR; NIH BRIN Program of NCRR (P20 RR16456; Silverman–PI) subcontracted through LBRN (LSU).

This project examined the cytotoxic effects of cholesterol ozonation products on cardiomyocytes and vascular endothelial cells. The broader impact was to find a molecular basis for increased incidence of myocardial disease associated with air pollution.

4. **"Enhancement of Doctoral Research Capacity in Environmental Toxicology at SUBR"**, 10/2004 to 09/2008; $770,179 (total); **Uppu–co-PI**; sub-project: Molecular Basis of Degenerative Diseases Via Oxidative Stress; NSF-HRD-0450375 Owens and Miller (PIs).

   The goal of this subproject was to promote graduate research and training in the area of chemical toxicology with particular reference to the role played by reactive oxygen and nitrogen species in the aetiopathology of degenerative diseases such as aging, cancer, and heart disease.

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