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Present position	Senior Research Scientist, Stanford University 06/2018 - present
Education	
07/2001 - 04/2004	B.Sc. (Biotechnology), Andhra University, India
07/2004 - 04/2006	M.Sc. (Animal Biotechnology), University of Hyderabad, India
10/2006 - 12/2010	Ph.D., University of Ulm, Germany Advisor: Thomas Seufferelin, M.D.
Research Experience	
01/2011 - 02/2013	Post-doc, Stanford University, United States Advisor: Suzanne Pfeffer, Ph.D.
03/2013 - 12/2015	Post-doc, Stanford University, United States Advisor: Rajat Rohatgi, M.D., Ph.D.
01/2016 - 05/2018	Research Scientist, Stanford University, United States
Honors and Awards	
06/2005 - 04/2006	Shantha Biotech Merit Scholarship
10/2006 - 12/2009	Graduate College 1041 - Molecular Diabetology and Endocrinology in Medicine - Ph.D. Fellowship
07/2014 - 06/2016	American Heart Association - Postdoctoral Fellowship
Research interest	Mechanisms of WNT/β-catenin pathway dysregulation and therapeutic targeting in colorectal cancer
Professional Affliations	
2008-2009	Member, American Society for Cell Biology
2010-2011	Member, American Association for Cancer Research
2013-2014	Member, American Heart Association
2015-present	Editorial Board, *Journal of Molecular Biology Research* and *Cancer and Clinical Oncology*
2015-present	Peer Reviewer, *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology*, *Advances in Biochemistry*, and *Cancer Research Journal*

Conferences and Talks

2007	Annual Meeting of the Graduate College 1041 - Molecular Diabetology and Endocrinology in Medicine, Germany (Talk)
2008	Annual Meeting of the International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine, Germany (Talk)
2008	Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology, U.S.A. (Poster)
2009	Annual Meeting of the International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine, Germany (Talk)
2009	Annual Meeting of the German Society for Digestive and Metabolic Diseases, Germnay (Poster)
2010	Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, U.S.A. (Poster)
2010	Annual Meeting of the German Society for Digestive and Metabolic Diseases, Germany (Poster)
2014	Keystone Symposia - Cilia, Development and Disease, U.S.A. (Poster)
2018	Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, U.S.A. (Attendee)
2023	Wnt Signaling - Gordon Research Conference, U.S.A. (Attendee)
2025	Wnt Signaling - Gordon Research Conference, U.S.A. (Talk and Poster)

Publications

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11. **Pusapati GV**[#], Rohatgi R[#]. Location, location, and location: compartmentalization of Hedgehog signaling at primary cilia. *EMBO J* 2014 33: 1852-1854 ([#]corresponding author)

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