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Dr. Maqsood Wani to Be Chief of CSR's Cell Biology Integrated Review Group

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has named Dr. Maqsood Wani to be the new Chief of its [Cell Biology Integrated Review Group](#) (IRG). Dr. Wani has been a Scientific Review Officer, coordinating NIH grant application reviews for the Cardiovascular Differentiation and Development study section in CSR's Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences IRG.



"Maqsood brings to this key position exceptional breadth and depth in understanding of molecular, cellular and developmental biology," said CSR Acting Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "He also brings a deep appreciation and understanding of peer review." Dr. Nakamura noted that Dr. Wani has served as a CSR Referral Officer, assigning NIH applications to various IRGs.

"His new IRG also will benefit from the valuable skills he developed mentoring and leading scientific review officers at CSR," Dr. Nakamura added.

The Cell Biology IRG comprises nine study sections, which review applications related to the study of fundamental cell and developmental biology, as well as basic mechanisms in aging and ocular systems.

Dr. Wani earned his Ph.D. at the Ohio State University, where he studied the role of oncogenes and tumor suppressors in the acquisition and loss of amplified genes. He did postdoctoral work at the University of Cincinnati, studying the role of transcription factors in the development of heart, lung and blood using embryonic stem cells and gene knockout technology.

Before joining CSR, Dr. Wani was assistant professor in the departments of pediatrics and molecular genetics at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, where he was engaged in stem cell research in cardiac regeneration, as well as in medical and graduate teaching.

The results of his research were published in *Nature*, *Development*, *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, *Transgenic Research*, *Blood*, *Cancer Research* and *Circulation*.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH Institutes and Centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site— <http://www.csr.nih.gov> —or phone 301-435-1111.

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