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Dr. Munazza Kiran obtained her Doctoral degree in 2020 from Department of Botany, University of the Punjab, Quaid-e-Azam Campus, Lahore, Pakistan. Her Ph.D dissertation entitled, "Taxonomic Diversity and Molecular Phylogenetics of Genus *Amanita* Pers. and *Russula* Pers. from some selected areas of Pakistan" was supervised by Prof. Dr. Abdul Nasir Khalid. She has visited Harvard University, USA and Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovak Republic as a visiting research scholar funded by HEC, Pakistan & NSP, Slovak Republic. She has worked under the supervision of Asa Gray Prof. Dr. Donald H. Pfister & Dr. Slavomir Adamcik at foreign research laboratories. She accessed national and international herbaria i.e., Lahore Herbarium (LAH), Harvard University Herbaria (HUH) and Slovensko Academia Vied Herbarium (SAV). She worked as HEC/NRPU Research Project Assistant, worth 12.1 million PKR, for three years (2016-19). She has described >10 novel fungal species until now and has published 20 research papers in well-reputed foreign journals with Impact factor 80, h-index 8 and more than 350 citations. She is an active participant of various national and international conferences as oral/ key note speaker. She joined University of Education, Lahore in 2021 and is currently working at Department of Botany, Bank Road Campus as an Assistant Professor. She is acting as an external examiner for theses and viva voce examination of various universities at Pakistan. Her areas of interest/specialization are taxonomic diversity & molecular phylogenetics of gilled fungi particularly genus *Amanita* and *Russula*. She has also dealt with micro-fungal isolations, lab culturing, molecular identifications, plant microbe interactions & myco-nanotechnology. She has foreign research collaborations with broader aspects of Fungi.

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