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Ph.D.	Agricultural Entomology	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore	2004	9.53 out of 10.00
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- Single PCR, Single ligation and Single transformation method to generate intron containing hairpin RNA for RNA interference in plants

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Selected Publications

1. **R. Asokan***, K. B. Rebijith, Sakthi K. Singh, A. S. Sidhu, S. Siddharthan, Praveen K. Karanth, R. Ellango and V. V. Ramamurthy. **2011**. Molecular identification and phylogeny of *Bacterocera* species (Diptera: Tephritidae). *Florida Entomologist*, **94**:1026-1035.
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7. **R. Asokan***, H. M. Mahadevaswamy and D. K. Arora. **2012**. Screening, Diversity and Partial Sequence Comparison of Vegetative Insecticidal Protein (*vip3A*) Genes in the Local Isolates of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Berliner. *Current Microbiology*, **64**: 365-370.
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- and R. Ellango. **2012**. Common siRNAs for various target genes of the fruit borer, *Helicoverpa armigera* Hubner (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae). *Current Science*, **102**: 1692-1699.
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