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Education:

- **University Diploma in Biology (Human and Animal physiology), Iv. Javakhishili Tbilisi State University**
- **Ph.D, in Human and Animal physiology, Iv. Beritashvili Institute of Physiology.**

Teaching Courses:

- **Human and Animal Physiology**
- **Pathophysiology**
- **Electrophysiology**
- **Introduction to Physiology**
- **Physiology (Nervous system)**
- **Physiology (Visceral systems)**

Research Interests:

- **Investigation of learning/memory processes in different animal models of neurodegenerative disorders (epilepsy, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease)**
- **Investigation of Electrophysiological properties of Hippocampal Neuronal Circuits in rat brain.**

Participation in grant projects:

- **GNSF grant (FR/617/7-270/13 Influence of flavonoids from Georgian endemic grape species "Saperavi" on brain dysfunction induced by kainic acid-status epilepticus in rats", 2014-2017.**
- **GNSF grant (№ GNSF 1-6/89) Georgian grapes flavonoids: biochemical specificity and physiological effects, 2010-2013 years.**
- **ISTC grant (G - 1318). "Influence of orexinergic system on epileptic activity of the brain", 2006-2010 years.**
- **GNSF grant (N225); "The role of allosteric modulation of metabotropic glutamate receptors (mGluR) in treatment of schizophrenia", 2008-2010 years.**
- **International researcher program SENCER, 2004-2006 years.**
- **ISTC grant (G-780) "Nootropic drugs and epilepsy", 2002-2005 years.**

Selected Publications:

1. Doreulee, N., Qurasbediani, M., Chikovani, M., Bukia, R., **Chkhartishvili, B.**, at al. Influence of flavonoids from Georgian Endemic Grape Species Saperavi on learning/memory characteristics and the number of BrdU – positive cells of the Gyrus Dentatus in the Kainic Acid -Induced Rat Model of Epilepsy”, Journal of Neurological Disorders, 2016, 4, 6, 52.
2. Doreulee, N., **Chkhartishvili**, B., at al. “Early postnatal feeding of rats with Flavonoids from Georgian Endemic Grape Species Saperavi reduce frequency and duration of epileptic activity in the CA1 field of hippocampus”, Journal of Neurological Disorders 2016, 4,6,40.
3. Doreulee, N. Kurasbediani, M., Beroashvili, Z., **Chkhartishvili, B.**, at al. The influence of “Saperavi” extract on kainic acid-induced brain dysfunction. III international Symposium “Neuroplasticity: Nervous substrate for health and disease. New approaches for research. pp: 13 Printed by “Globus” Ltd., 2014
3. Doreulee, N., Qurasbediani,M., Alania, M., **Chkhartishvili, B.**, at al., “Oral administration of flavonoids from Georgian endemic grape species Saperavi ameliorates memory deficit associated with kainic acid-induced status epilepticus in laboratory white rats”. Neuroscience 2013, 137.
4. Doreulee, N. Alania, M. Kuchukashvili, Z. **Chkhartishvili, B.**, et al. “Influence of flavonoids from Georgian endemic grape species Saperavi on hippocampal-related plasticity. Neurscoence 2012.
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9. Doreulee, N., Lepsveridze,E., Alania,M., **Chkhartishvili,B.** Inhibition of epileptiform effect of bicuculline by levetiracetam and piracetam in mouse hippocampal slices: the role of adrenergic system. Georg J. Neurosci, 2005; 1(4):25-32
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12. Ormotsadze, N., Sikharulidze, N., **Chkhartishvili, B.**, Khaburdzania, L., Davitashvili, D. Effects of lesion in basal cholinergic nuclei on recognition memory in the rat. Proc Georg. Acad. Sci, Biol Ser A 2005; 31(1): 95-100
13. Intskirveli, R., Mgaloblishvili, N., Kobaidze, I., **Chkhartishvili, B.**, Chikovani, M., Glonti, L., Alania, M. Effects of Piracetam on Hippocampal and Neocortical Seizures. Georgian J Neorosci., 2004; 1-3; 61 – 63.
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15. Muhler, R., Kevanishvili, Z., Peth, J., von Specht, H., **Chkhartishvili, B.** Specificity of Auditory Brainstem and Middle-latency responses to Low Frequency Acoustic Stimuli. J Georg Med., 1997, 1(1):10-26.
16. Ioseliani, T., Intskirveli, R., Mgaloblishvili, N., **Chkhartishvili, B.** The Effects of Amphetamine on Hippocampal and Neocortical Seizure Activity. Proc. Georg. Acad. Sci., Biol. Ser., 1997, 23(1-6): 37-40.