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Professor Parvez Haris currently holds the Chair of Biomedical Science at De Montfort University (Leicester, United Kingdom) and served as the Head of Research for the School of Allied Health Sciences for many years. He is engaged in research at the interface of chemistry, life, health and environmental sciences. After graduating with first-class BSc honours degree, Parvez was awarded a scholarship by the UK Science & Engineering Research Council in 1985 to study for a PhD in Biochemistry at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine (University College London Medical School). After completion of his PhD, Parvez carried out research for seven years as a post-doctoral research fellow (partly funded by the Wellcome Trust), at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. At the end of his post-doctoral fellowship, he joined De Montfort University as a lecturer in 1996. He carries out basic and applied research that is highly interdisciplinary in nature. His research includes the analysis of elements and molecules in living systems and the environment with particular emphasis on addressing global health challenges. Parvez has published hundreds of scientific articles and has co-edited five books and he is one of the top 100,000 of the most highly cited scientists in the world, based on a study of seven million scientists from around the world. His group was the first to demonstrate a correlation between high intake of rice and arsenic exposure which he and his collaborators subsequently proved through a study on over 18,000 Bangladeshis in a paper he co-authored in *PLOS One*. The impact of his research is evident from the fact major national and international organisations, including the UN WHO/FAO, Public Health England, European Food Standards Agency, UK Food Standards Agency, have used his research findings. He is the Head of the Biomedical and Environmental Health Research Laboratory and manages a large group of laboratory-based researchers, early career scientists and PhD students. Parvez has received numerous awards for his contribution in research and teaching including an “OSCAR” award for excellence in research and innovation by his University and the UKBCCI award for Business Innovation. He has secured research funding from major organisations including the European Union, EPSRC, BBSRC, the British Council etc. He is part of a team of researchers from Europe and Africa that has been awarded 11 million Euros to address malnutrition in Africa.