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Shahina Daar is a recently retired Professor in the Department of Haematology at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman. She has directed the Thalassaemia Unit at the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital for 26 years; this is the largest centre of its kind in Oman and serves as a referral centre for the entire country.

Prof. Daar's research interests are focused on the haemoglobinopathies, in particular the thalassaemias, and she is a founding member of the Middle East Thalassaemia Investigators and Thought Leaders Group. She has more than 70 peer-reviewed publications in journals including *Blood*, *The International Journal of Hematology*, the *European Journal of Haematology*, the *International Journal of Laboratory Hematology*, *Blood Cells, Molecules and Diseases*, and the *Sultan Qaboos University Medical Journal*. These publications are chiefly in the fields of both genetic and clinical research in β -thalassaemia and in the laboratory diagnosis of unusual haemoglobin variants. Prof. Daar has also contributed to a chapter in "*Diagnostic Hemoglobinopathies: Laboratory Methods and Case Studies*" and is an associate editor for the *Sultan Qaboos University Medical Journal* and a peer reviewer for a number of international journals. She continues her active involvement in research.