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SHORT BIO:

Dr Ijaz has received his M.Sc. in Optoelectronic and Communication Engineering from Northumbria University at Newcastle upon Tyne, UK in 2009. He has also been awarded Northumbria University studentship to pursue his Ph.D. He was awarded his PhD degree in 2013 at the same Northumbria University, UK for his research work in Free-Space Optical (FSO) Communications. He also worked as Research Fellow in Visible Light Communication/LiFi at University of Edinburgh, UK between 2013-15.

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