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Dr Ashok Iyaswamy graduated with a B.Sc. degree from Madurai Kamaraj University in 2005, an M.Sc. degree from University of Madras in 2007, and a Ph.D. degree in Physiology and Neuroscience from Institute of Basic Medical Science at University of Madras in 2015. He then undertook postdoctoral training (2014–2020) and served as a Research Assistant Professor (2020–2025) at the School of Chinese Medicine of Hong Kong Baptist University.

With 17 years of research experience on therapeutic and pharmaceutical applications for neurodegenerative disease treatment, he has published 65 articles in SCI journals, received 2,941 citations on Google Scholar with an i10-index of 55 and an h-index of 38, and holds 6 international patents.

His current research blends multidisciplinary fields of biomedical sciences, including neuroscience and pharmacology, with applications across various biomedical areas. His key research interests include:

- Molecular mechanisms and pathophysiology of Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases;
- Brain drug delivery systems and biomaterials for neurodegenerative disease diagnosis; and
- Therapeutic potential of herbal medicine in neurodegeneration.

Dr Iyaswamy has received 11 scientific awards, including the HKBU Innovation Award (2025) and Outstanding Research Output Award (2023/24), as well as the Long Service Award for a decade of commitment to HKBU. Driven by a passion for research and continuous learning, he actively teaches undergraduate courses and supervises postgraduate students, fostering the next generation of scientists.

Ashok Iyaswamy 博士於 2005 年修畢馬杜賴卡瑪拉吉大學理學士學位，2007 年完成馬德拉斯大學理學碩士學位，2015 年獲馬德拉斯大學基礎醫學科學研究所頒授生理學與神經科學博士學位。他於 2014 至 2020 年在香港浸會大學中醫藥學院進行博士後研究，並於 2020 至 2025 年擔任研究助理教授。

他在神經退行性疾病的治療和藥物應用研究方面擁有 17 年經驗，於 SCI 期刊上發表 65 篇文章，於 Google Scholar 上累積 2,941 次引用（i10 指數為 55，h 指數為 38），並持有 6 項國際專利。目前，他的研究結合神經科學、藥理學等多個生物醫學領域，主要研究方向包括：

- 阿茲海默症及其他神經退行性疾病的分子機制和病理生理學；
- 診斷神經退行性疾病的新型腦部藥物傳遞系統和生物材料；及
- 草藥治療神經退行性疾病的潛力。

Iyaswamy 博士曾獲 11 項科研獎項，包括 2025 年浸大創新獎、2023/24 年度傑出研究成果獎，以及表彰其在校十年服務的長期服務獎。他熱衷於研究及持續學習，積極教授本科課程及指導研究生，致力培養新一代科學家。

Selected Publications 精選出版物

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