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Professor Roland T CHIN



In the past six decades since its founding, HKBU has remained steadfast in upholding the whole person education ethos while exploring new research frontiers and pioneering academic programmes. This spirit to innovate has led to success and recognition for HKBU. In the area of higher education in Chinese medicine, the University was the first in the city to offer Bachelor of Chinese Medicine and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biomedical Science double-degree programme and Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) in Chinese Medicine programme.

Established in 1999, the School of Chinese Medicine (SCM) has attained remarkable achievements in Chinese medicine education, research, knowledge transfer and the provision of healthcare, and its research achievements have been particularly notable in recent years. Riding on the University's strategy of fostering interdisciplinary research, the experts and researchers of SCM have been conducting innovative research on the traditional discipline of Chinese medicine with the aim of discovering new knowledge and creating new technologies to benefit society.

I am pleased to say that these endeavours have led to very encouraging results. Based on the research attainments of SCM from 2010-11 through 2014-15 that are recorded in this brochure, I have every confidence that SCM will continue to scale new heights in research and bring lasting impact to society.

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Professor Roland T CHIN

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The first of its kind in offering Chinese medicine degree programmes in Hong Kong, the School of Chinese Medicine (SCM) of the Hong Kong Baptist University has grown by leaps and bounds. Since its establishment in 1999, the School has been providing quality education and engaging in cutting-edge research to benefit public health. It has become a strong school of Chinese medicine on all fronts and has been recognised as a leader in Chinese medicine research in Hong Kong.

SCM has achieved outstanding results at the Research Assessment Exercise 2014 conducted by the University Grants Committee. The majority of its research activities have attained a status of international standing or international excellence. It is gratifying to note that SCM has outperformed other local institutions in its world leading research activities.

In recent years, the School has been successful in winning a large number of major external research grants. The funding bodies include the National Natural Science Foundation of China; the Science, Technology and Innovation Commission of Shenzhen; the Croucher Foundation; the General Research Fund of the Research Grants Council; the Innovation and Technology Commission; the Health and Medical Research Fund; and the Hong Kong Scholars Programme. Moreover, the School has also established a prominent presence in the international research arena in the areas of biomedical sciences and Chinese medicine. We have been publishing an increasing number of papers in high impact journals, and the number of patent applications filed and patents granted are also on the rise.

The University fosters interdisciplinary research and promotes the internationalization of its research efforts. SCM has been paying tremendous efforts and successful in the integration of Chinese medicine into the public medical and healthcare framework in Hong Kong. I have full confidence that SCM will play a crucial role in the research on the theme of Health, and deliver research outputs with far-reaching impacts on public health.

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Chinese medicine has a long, celebrated history and is a unique field of life science which originated in China. Due to the great breadth and profundity of its theories and proven efficacy, Chinese medicine has become a new focus of attention for scientists all over the world. Committed to both inheritance and innovation in Chinese medicine, SCM makes full use of modern technologies to conduct innovative research on standardisation of Chinese medicine and integration of Chinese medicine and western medicine, and contributes to the internationalisation of Chinese medicine.

To consolidate our strengths for innovative research on Chinese medicine, SCM has in recent years devoted resources to establish seven research centres to focus on multi-disciplinary and integrative research on four major areas: (1) basic research on systems biology of Chinese medicine syndrome diagnosis; (2) translational medicine in bone and joint diseases; (3) authentication and testing of Chinese medicines; and (4) mechanism, clinical trial and discovery of Chinese medicine in treating cancer, inflammation diseases, functional and organic gastroenterology diseases as well as neurodegenerative diseases.

In order to turn research into outcomes and impacts which benefit society, the School has been proactive in seeking collaborations with enterprises and research institutes and set up in 2015 the “University-Enterprise Synergy Innovation Platform” for R&D and new drug discovery.

As a result of our hard work in research over the years, we have reaped encouraging results and we are proud to present them in this brochure so that universities and research institutes in Hong Kong and other places can better understand our research endeavours and strengths. We look forward to working with scientists and institutions engaged or interested in Chinese medicine research from all around the globe to make greater contribution to Chinese medicine research.

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A novel curcumin analog binds to and activates TFEB *in vitro* and *in vivo* independent of MTOR inhibition

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ABSTRACT

Autophagy dysfunction is a common feature in neurodegenerative disorders characterized by accumulation of toxic protein aggregates. Increasing evidence has demonstrated that activation of TFEB (transcription factor EB), a master regulator of autophagy and lysosomal biogenesis, can ameliorate neurotoxicity and rescue neurodegeneration in animal models. Currently known TFEB activators are mainly inhibitors of MTOR (mechanistic target of rapamycin [serine/threonine kinase]), which, as a master regulator of cell growth and metabolism, is involved in a wide range of biological functions. Thus, the identification of TFEB modulators acting without inhibiting the MTOR pathway would be preferred and probably less deleterious to cells. In this study, a synthesized curcumin derivative termed C1 is identified as a novel MTOR-independent activator of TFEB. Compound C1 specifically binds to TFEB at the N terminus and promotes TFEB nuclear translocation without inhibiting MTOR activity. By activating TFEB, C1 enhances autophagy and lysosome biogenesis *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Collectively, compound C1 is an orally effective activator of TFEB and is a potential therapeutic agent for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.

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Introduction

Macroautophagy (herein referred to as autophagy) is a highly conserved cellular process for the bulk degradation of long-lived proteins and organelles mediated by lysosomes. Defects in the autophagy-lysosome pathway (ALP) have been linked to a variety of human diseases^{1,2} including neurodegenerative disorders caused by toxic, aggregate-prone proteins.^{3,4} Recently, TFEB (transcription factor EB) was identified as a master regulator of autophagy and lysosomal biogenesis.^{5–7} Starvation, lysosomal stress or inhibition of the mechanistic target of rapamycin (serine/threonine kinase) complex 1 (MTORC1) activates TFEB by promoting its translocation to the nucleus,^{8–10} where it binds to the CLEAR (coordinated lysosomal expression and regulation) elements and activates genes involved in autophagy and lysosomal biogenesis.^{5,6} TFEB overexpression or small molecules capable of stimulating the expression and/or nuclear translocation of endogenous TFEB, has been shown to promote clearance of pathologic lysosomal substrates in lysosomal storage disorders (LSDs)^{11–13} and to be neuroprotective by promoting the clearance of toxic protein aggregates in cell and animal models of neurodegenerative disorders such as

Parkinson disease (PD),¹⁴ Alzheimer disease (AD)^{15–17} and Huntington disease (HD).¹⁸

Curcumin is a natural polyphenolic compound derived from the herbal medicine turmeric (*Curcuma longa* Linn.), which is nontoxic and possesses diverse pharmacologic effects.¹⁹ It is well documented that curcumin enhances autophagy via inhibiting the phosphoinositide 3-kinase-AKT-MTOR signaling pathway.^{20,21} However, the poor absorption and low bioavailability of curcumin curtails its clinical application.^{19,22} To improve the bioavailability and potency, a number of derivatives of curcumin have been chemically synthesized.^{23,24} Among these derivatives, monocarbonyl analogs of curcumin without the β -diketone moiety have exhibited enhanced stability, improved pharmacokinetic profiles and better *in vitro* and *in vivo* activities.^{25–28}

By screening a series of synthetic monocarbonyl analogs of curcumin, an analog termed C1 was identified as a potent TFEB activator. Unlike currently known TFEB activators, C1 activates TFEB by directly binding to TFEB and promotes its entry into the nucleus, without affecting TFEB phosphorylation or inhibiting the activities of MTOR and MAPK1/ERK2

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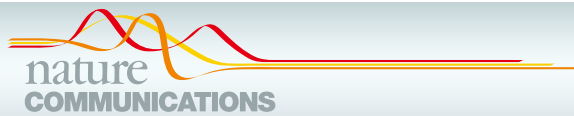
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Osteoclast-derived exosomal miR-214-3p inhibits osteoblastic bone formation

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Emerging evidence indicates that osteoclasts direct osteoblastic bone formation. MicroRNAs (miRNAs) have a crucial role in regulating osteoclast and osteoblast function. However, whether miRNAs mediate osteoclast-directed osteoblastic bone formation is mostly unknown. Here, we show that increased osteoclastic miR-214-3p associates with both elevated serum exosomal miR-214-3p and reduced bone formation in elderly women with fractures and in ovariectomized (OVX) mice. Osteoclast-specific miR-214-3p knock-in mice have elevated serum exosomal miR-214-3p and reduced bone formation that is rescued by osteoclast-targeted antagomir-214-3p treatment. We further demonstrate that osteoclast-derived exosomal miR-214-3p is transferred to osteoblasts to inhibit osteoblast activity *in vitro* and reduce bone formation *in vivo*. Moreover, osteoclast-targeted miR-214-3p inhibition promotes bone formation in ageing OVX mice. Collectively, our results suggest that osteoclast-derived exosomal miR-214-3p transfers to osteoblasts to inhibit bone formation. Inhibition of miR-214-3p in osteoclasts may be a strategy for treating skeletal disorders involving a reduction in bone formation.

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Aptamer-functionalized lipid nanoparticles targeting osteoblasts as a novel RNA interference–based bone anabolic strategy

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Currently, major concerns about the safety and efficacy of RNA interference (RNAi)-based bone anabolic strategies still exist because of the lack of direct osteoblast-specific delivery systems for osteogenic siRNAs. Here we screened the aptamer CH6 by cell-SELEX, specifically targeting both rat and human osteoblasts, and then we developed CH6 aptamer–functionalized lipid nanoparticles (LNPs) encapsulating osteogenic pleckstrin homology domain-containing family O member 1 (*Plekho1*) siRNA (CH6-LNPs-siRNA). Our results showed that CH6 facilitated *in vitro* osteoblast-selective uptake of *Plekho1* siRNA, mainly via macropinocytosis, and boosted *in vivo* osteoblast-specific *Plekho1* gene silencing, which promoted bone formation, improved bone microarchitecture, increased bone mass and enhanced mechanical properties in both osteopenic and healthy rodents. These results indicate that osteoblast-specific aptamer-functionalized LNPs could act as a new RNAi-based bone anabolic strategy, advancing the targeted delivery selectivity of osteogenic siRNAs from the tissue level to the cellular level.

Metabolic skeletal disorders associated with impaired bone formation (for example, osteoporosis) remain major clinical challenges. RNA

interference (RNAi)-based approaches aimed at promoting osteoblastic bone formation may hold therapeutic potential^{1,2}. However, a major bottleneck for translating RNAi-based approaches into clinical application is the lack of osteoblast-specific osteogenic siRNA delivery systems³.

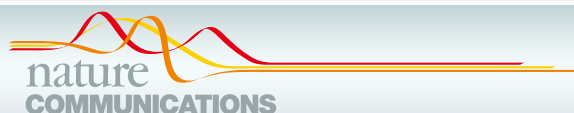
Plekho1 (also known as casein kinase-2 interacting protein-1 (CKIP-1)) has been identified as an intracellular negative regulator of bone formation that does not affect bone resorption⁴. Previously we developed a targeting system involving dioleoyl trimethylammonium propane (DOTAP)-based cationic liposomes attached to six repetitive sequences of aspartate, serine and serine ((AspSerSer)₆), which had good affinity for the physiochemical features of the bone-formation surface when compared to the bone-resorption surface. By using this system, osteogenic *Plekho1* siRNA was specifically delivered to the bone-formation surface to promote bone formation⁵. However, as the system was not specific to osteoblasts at the cellular level, other non-osteoblasts near the bone-formation surface, including endothelial cells and lymphocytes, may also be targeted, which arouses concerns about efficacy and potential toxic side effects^{5–7}. In addition, other potential concerns, including mononuclear phagocyte system (MPS)-induced dose reduction^{8,9}, inefficient nanoparticle extravasation

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NRBF2 regulates autophagy and prevents liver injury by modulating Atg14L-linked phosphatidylinositol-3 kinase III activity

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The Beclin 1-Vps34 complex, the core component of the class III phosphatidylinositol-3 kinase (PI3K-III), binds Atg14L or UVRAG to control different steps of autophagy. However, the mechanism underlying the control of PI3K-III activity remains elusive. Here we report the identification of NRBF2 as a component in the specific PI3K-III complex and a modulator of PI3K-III activity. Through its microtubule interaction and trafficking (MIT) domain, NRBF2 binds Atg14L directly and enhances Atg14L-linked Vps34 kinase activity and autophagy induction. NRBF2-deficient cells exhibit enhanced vulnerability to endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress that is reversed by re-introducing exogenous NRBF2. NRBF2-deficient mice develop focal liver necrosis and ductular reaction, accompanied by impaired Atg14L-linked Vps34 activity and autophagy, although the mice show no increased mortality. Our data reveal a key role for NRBF2 in the assembly of the specific Atg14L-Beclin 1-Vps34-Vps15 complex for autophagy induction. Thus, NRBF2 modulates autophagy via regulation of PI3K-III and prevents ER stress-mediated cytotoxicity and liver injury.

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HMGB1 is involved in autophagy inhibition caused by SNCA/ α -synuclein overexpression

A process modulated by the natural autophagy inducer corynoxine B

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Abbreviations: ALP, autophagy-lysosomal pathway; BECN1, Beclin 1, autophagy related; CMA, chaperone-mediated autophagy; Cory B, corynoxine B; CQ, chloroquine; Dox, doxycycline; EBSS, Earle's balanced salt solution; FBS, fetal bovine serum; HA, hemagglutinin; HMGB1, high mobility group box 1; LC3, microtubule-associated protein 1 light chain 3; PD, Parkinson disease; Rap, rapamycin; SNCA, synuclein, alpha (non A4 component of amyloid precursor); UPS, ubiquitin-proteasome system; WM, wortmannin; WT, wild type

SNCA/ α -synuclein and its rare mutations are considered as the culprit proteins in Parkinson disease (PD). Wild-type (WT) SNCA has been shown to impair macroautophagy in mammalian cells and in transgenic mice. In this study, we monitored the dynamic changes in autophagy process and confirmed that overexpression of both WT and SNCA^{A53T} inhibits autophagy in PC12 cells in a time-dependent manner. Furthermore, we showed that SNCA binds to both cytosolic and nuclear high mobility group box 1 (HMGB1), impairs the cytosolic translocation of HMGB1, blocks HMGB1-BECN1 binding, and strengthens BECN1-BCL2 binding. Deregulation of these molecular events by SNCA overexpression leads to autophagy inhibition. Overexpression of BECN1 restores autophagy and promotes the clearance of SNCA. siRNA knockdown of *Hmgb1* inhibits basal autophagy and abolishes the inhibitory effect of SNCA on autophagy while overexpression of HMGB1 restores autophagy. Corynoxine B, a natural autophagy inducer, restores the deficient cytosolic translocation of HMGB1 and autophagy in cells overexpressing SNCA, which may be attributed to its ability to block SNCA-HMGB1 interaction. Based on these findings, we propose that SNCA-induced impairment of autophagy occurs, in part, through HMGB1, which may provide a potential therapeutic target for PD.

Introduction

Parkinson disease is characterized by the formation of SNCA-containing inclusions termed Lewy bodies and the degeneration of dopaminergic neurons in the midbrain.¹ Protein degradation pathways remove damaged or abnormally modified proteins in neurons, and thus play central roles in maintaining proper neuronal function.¹ Current literature provides evidence that the ubiquitin-proteasome system (UPS) and autophagy-lysosomal pathway (ALP) are primary mechanisms for the degradation of wild-type SNCA and its mutant variants (A53T and A30P).¹⁻³ It is generally accepted that under normal conditions unmodified soluble SNCA is recognized by the UPS and chaperone-mediated autophagy (CMA) and subsequently degraded. However, for the more insoluble oligomeric and

aggregated SNCA, macroautophagy is the only mechanism for their clearance.^{4,5}

The initiation of macroautophagy (here referred to as autophagy) is regulated by multiple signaling pathways involving 2 macromolecular complexes: the MTOR -ULK1-ATG13-RBCC1-C12orf44/ATG101 complex (the latter gene product, C12orf44, is also known as RGD1359310 in the rat and 9430023L20Rik in mice), and the BECN1-PIK3C3 (ortholog of yeast Vps34) complex.⁶ BECN1 plays an essential role in autophagy initiation by interacting with various cofactors,⁷ one of which is high mobility group box 1.⁸ Autophagic stimuli trigger HMGB1 translocation from the nucleus into the cytosol, where it binds to BECN1 and results in dissociation of BECN1-BCL2, and subsequent induction of autophagy.⁸ Autophagy is very important for preventing the accumulation of

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miR-214 targets *ATF4* to inhibit bone formation

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Emerging evidence indicates that microRNAs (miRNAs) have important roles in regulating osteogenic differentiation and bone formation. Thus far, no study has established the pathophysiological role for miRNAs identified in human osteoporotic bone specimens. Here we found that elevated miR-214 levels correlated with a lower degree of bone formation in bone specimens from aged patients with fractures. We also found that osteoblast-specific manipulation of miR-214 levels by miR-214 antagomir treatment in miR-214 transgenic, ovariectomized, or hindlimb-unloaded mice revealed an inhibitory role of miR-214 in regulating bone formation. Further, *in vitro* osteoblast activity and matrix mineralization were promoted by antagomir-214 and decreased by agomir-214, and miR-214 directly targeted *ATF4* to inhibit osteoblast activity. These data suggest that miR-214 has a crucial role in suppressing bone formation and that miR-214 inhibition in osteoblasts may be a potential anabolic strategy for ameliorating osteoporosis.

Bone remodeling is delicately regulated by both the number and activity of osteoblasts and osteoclasts^{1–3}. Osteoblast lineage commitment, proliferation and differentiation are controlled by a well-defined genetic program^{4–7}. miRNAs are noncoding, ~22-nucleotide RNAs that are involved in the regulation of sophisticated gene expression to coordinate a broad spectrum of biological processes^{8–11}. Multiple miRNAs have been identified to regulate the complex process of osteogenic differentiation and osteoblastic bone formation^{12–22}. Cell-type-specific deletion of *Dicer*, which is required for miRNA biogenesis, in committed osteoprogenitors results in lethality at embryonic day 14.5. The mutant embryos have a deformed cartilaginous skeleton and a lack of bone formation. Targeted deletion of *Dicer* in mature osteoblasts leads initially to delayed perinatal bone formation, with a subsequent increase in postnatal bone acquisition^{23,24}. Several miRNAs are involved in the regulation of osteoblast-specific gene expression and bone morphogenic protein 2 (BMP-2)-induced osteogenesis *in vitro*^{17,18}. However, most of these miRNAs have only been identified *in vitro*, and their functional roles in the pathophysiological mechanisms responsible for reduced bone formation in skeletal disorders remain to be established before they can be targeted in the clinical setting.

In this study we screened for the expression of miRNAs in bone specimens from aged patients with fractures and identified that miR-214 was negatively correlated with bone formation. We show that miR-214 participates in the inhibition of osteoblast differentiation and osteoblastic bone formation in skeletal disorders.

We identified *ATF4*, a gene encoding one of the main transcription factors required for osteoblast function²⁵, as a direct target of miR-214. Our findings further demonstrate that therapeutic inhibition of miR-214 in osteoblasts may lead to derepression of *Atf4* expression, which coincides with the promotion of osteoblastic bone formation in both ovariectomized (OVX) and hindlimb-unloaded mice, and suggest a role for miR-214 in the pathophysiological process leading to reduced bone formation in skeletal disorders.

RESULTS

High miR-214 expression correlates with reduced bone formation

To search for the miRNAs preferentially expressed in human bone tissues that have been previously shown to be involved in osteogenic differentiation, bone development and bone formation^{17,18,26}, we assessed the expression of those miRNAs in femurs from nine adult individuals by real-time PCR. We identified 33 enriched miRNAs in our analysis (Supplementary Fig. 1a). To examine the expression pattern of these miRNAs in different ages, we collected bone specimens from 40 aged individuals with fractures in two clinical settings (Supplementary Table 1). In those samples, the expression of miR-23b, miR-30a, miR-130a, miR-140* and miR-214 varied with age (Fig. 1a,b): the expression of miR-214 was higher in the samples from the more aged individuals. The expression of miR-214, but not the other miRNAs examined in our analysis, was negatively correlated with the expression of the bone formation marker genes *BGLAP* (osteocalcin) and *ALP* (alkaline phosphatase) in aged women and men (Fig. 1c,d and Supplementary Fig. 1b).

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A delivery system targeting bone formation surfaces to facilitate RNAi-based anabolic therapy

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Metabolic skeletal disorders associated with impaired bone formation are a major clinical challenge. One approach to treat these defects is to silence bone-formation-inhibitory genes by small interference RNAs (siRNAs) in osteogenic-lineage cells that occupy the niche surrounding the bone-formation surfaces. We developed a targeting system involving dioleoyl trimethylammonium propane (DOTAP)-based cationic liposomes attached to six repetitive sequences of aspartate, serine, serine ((AspSerSer)₆) for delivering siRNAs specifically to bone-formation surfaces. Using this system, we encapsulated an osteogenic siRNA that targets casein kinase-2 interacting protein-1 (encoded by *Plekho1*, also known as *Plekho1*). *In vivo* systemic delivery of *Plekho1* siRNA in rats using our system resulted in the selective enrichment of the siRNAs in osteogenic cells and the subsequent depletion of *Plekho1*. A bioimaging analysis further showed that this approach markedly promoted bone formation, enhanced the bone micro-architecture and increased the bone mass in both healthy and osteoporotic rats. These results indicate (AspSerSer)₆-liposome as a promising targeted delivery system for RNA interference-based bone anabolic therapy.

Impaired bone formation occurs in several varieties of dysfunctional bone homeostasis. To date, intermittent injection of recombinant human parathyroid hormone (iPTH) is the only bone anabolic agent clinically approved for stimulating bone formation in severe osteoporosis^{1,2}. However, iPTH treatment is limited to a 2-y period because of increasing bone resorption over bone formation and a potential risk of developing osteosarcoma in patients receiving iPTH

treatment³⁻⁵. This limitation has provided an incentive to search for new, safe bone anabolic drugs that do not activate bone resorption.

RNA interference (RNAi), a natural cellular process that regulates gene expression through a highly precise mechanism of sequence-directed gene silencing, could theoretically be used to target any disease-associated pathogenic gene of interest⁶. Accordingly, RNAi-based therapies targeting those genes that have been identified to negatively regulate bone formation without modulating bone resorption could facilitate translational therapy for treating diseases marked by impaired bone formation⁷. However, there is a major concern that the large therapeutic doses of systemically administered siRNA that would be needed to stimulate sufficient bone formation may carry a high risk for adverse effects in nonskeletal tissues⁸. This concern leaves the field with a great challenge when considering the use of these treatments⁹. Thus, development of a specific delivery system for RNAi-based therapies that addresses this issue is highly desirable.

The niche surrounding the bone-formation surfaces is predominantly occupied by osteogenic-lineage cells at various stages of differentiation³. All of these cells could be potential targets of pro-osteogenic siRNAs. A practical strategy, then, is to develop a generalized siRNA delivery system that selectively targets bone-formation surfaces to facilitate the delivery of therapeutic siRNAs to the majority of the osteogenic-lineage cells. Such a delivery system would probably allow for a highly targeted dose of therapeutic siRNA to be delivered to the bone while avoiding possible negative side effects to nonskeletal tissues, thus increasing the efficacy and safety of RNAi-based bone anabolic therapy.

To date, two types of stable bone-targeting molecules, bisphosphonates and oligopeptides, have been used to target bone after they have been coupled to nonspecific bone therapeutic agents⁹.

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Isorhynchophylline, a natural alkaloid, promotes the degradation of α -synuclein in neuronal cells via inducing autophagy

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Abbreviations: 3-MA, 3-methylamphetamine; α -syn, alpha-synuclein; CQ, chloroquine; DA, dopaminergic; GFP, enhanced green fluorescent protein; IsoRhy, isorhynchophylline; (MAP)LC3, microtubule-associated protein 1 light chain 3; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; PD, Parkinson disease; Tf-LC3, tandem fluorescent LC3; BiFC, bimolecular fluorescence complementation

Accumulation of α -synuclein (α -syn) in the brain is a pathogenic feature and also a causative factor of Parkinson disease. Isorhynchophylline (IsoRhy) is a major tetracyclic oxindole alkaloid isolated from the Chinese herbal medicine *Uncaria rhynchophylla* (Miq.) Jacks (Gouteng in Chinese), which has been used for the treatment of neurological diseases in East Asia for centuries. Here we report a novel function of IsoRhy as a neuronal autophagy inducer. IsoRhy induced autophagy in different neuronal cell lines, including N2a, SH-SY5Y and PC12 cells, and also in primary cortical neurons. Furthermore, IsoRhy induced autophagy in the fat bodies of *Drosophila*. IsoRhy promoted clearance of wild-type, A53T and A30P α -syn monomers, α -syn oligomers and α -syn/synphilin-1 aggregates in neuronal cells via the autophagy-lysosome pathway. More importantly, IsoRhy was able to decrease the expression levels of wild-type and A53T α -syn protein in differentiated human dopaminergic neurons. Notably, IsoRhy-induced autophagy was independent of the mTOR pathway but dependent on the function of Beclin 1. Taken together, data from this study raise the possibility that oxindole alkaloid derivatives may serve as a means to stimulate autophagy in neuronal cells, thereby exerting preventive and therapeutic values against neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson disease by reducing pathogenic protein aggregates in neurons.

Introduction

Parkinson disease (PD) is the most common motor neurodegenerative disease. It is characterized by the accumulation of Lewy bodies in the substantial nigra dopaminergic neurons. α -syn is a major component of Lewy bodies, and its aggregation has been linked to the pathogenesis of PD. Overexpression of α -syn due to duplication or triplication of the α -syn gene locus leads to the familial form of PD.^{1–4} Point mutations (A53T, A30P) that increase the aggregation propensity of α -syn results in familial early onset PD.^{5–7} Overexpression of wild-type (WT) and mutant α -syn in transgenic mice as well as transgenic flies caused progressive locomotor defects with dopaminergic neuron loss and intracytoplasmic inclusions.^{8–12} These findings suggest that α -syn aggregation could be a therapeutic target for the treatment of PD and other synucleinopathies.

The major degradation systems for cytosolic proteins in the central nervous system are the ubiquitin-proteasome system and

the autophagy pathway.¹³ Macroautophagy, here referred to as autophagy, is a 'self-eating' cellular machinery used to degrade and recycle long-lived proteins and organelles to maintain cellular homeostasis.¹⁴ It has been well established that α -syn aggregates, as well as other aggregation-prone proteins including tau and mutant huntingtin, rely to a great extent on macroautophagy for clearance since they cannot go through the narrow core of proteasomes for degradation.¹⁵ Suppression of neurodegeneration by treatment with the chemical autophagy inducer rapamycin inspired researchers to identify compounds that promote autophagy in neurons.¹⁶ Recent screening for such molecules in yeast and mammalian cells has identified small molecules that activate autophagy.^{17,18} These compounds have been shown to induce autophagy and clearance of aggregation-prone proteins such as mutant huntingtin and α -syn in mammalian cells.

IsoRhy is a tetracyclic oxindole alkaloid isolated from the Chinese herbal medicine *Uncaria rhynchophylla* (Miq.) Jacks (Gouteng in Chinese), which is routinely used in traditional

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Shum Yiu Foon Shum Bik Chuen Memorial Centre for Cancer and Inflammation Research (CCIR)

Director:

Professor Lu Aiping

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In 2009, the School established CCIR to investigate the causes of and novel therapeutic strategies for cancer and inflammatory diseases by integrating Chinese medicine and modern scientific technology, with the aim of making breakthroughs in research and contributing to health and well-being.

The Centre's efforts are currently focused on the following three major areas:

I. Basic science research, focusing on:

- i. Molecular cancer biology and carcinogenesis of colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, melanoma and liver cancer;
- ii. Metastatic cancer biology of the aforementioned cancers; and
- iii. Chronic inflammatory diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis and inflammatory bowel diseases.

II. Translational science/medicine research, devoted to treating cancer and inflammatory diseases by means of:

- i. Chinese medicine;
- ii. Targeted therapies, including among others immunotherapy; and
- iii. Development of different drug delivery methods.

III. Clinical research, focusing on:

- i. The design of clinical trials to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy of Chinese pharmaceutical products;
- ii. The carrying out of epidemiological and clinical studies to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy of herbal medicines alone or in combination with chemotherapy and radiotherapy; and
- iii. The establishment of a tissue sample library for the common cancerous and inflammatory diseases in Hong Kong. •



Institute for Advancing Translational Medicine in Bone and Joint Diseases (TMBJ)

Director:

Professor Lu Aiping

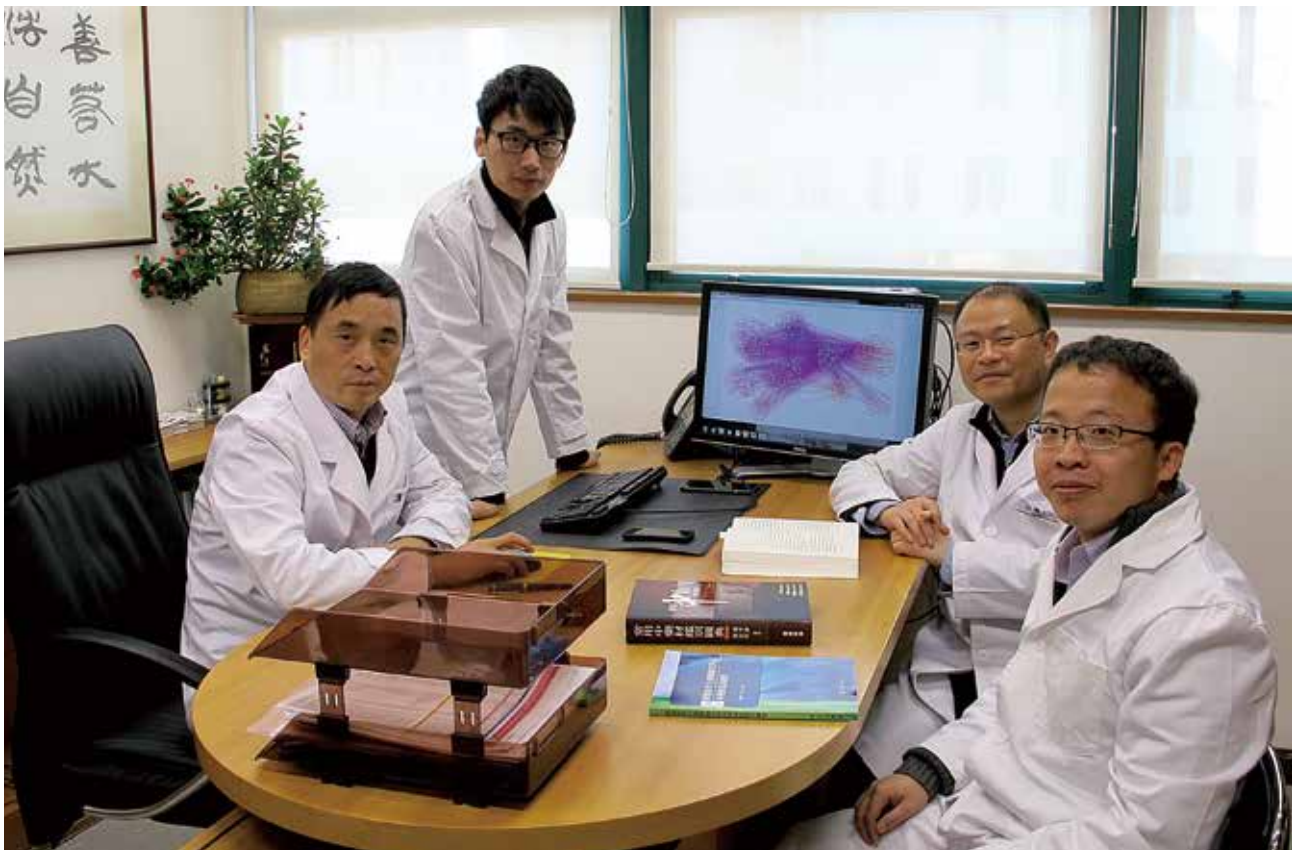
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TMBJ was established in September 2012 to create a collaboration platform for scientists of the School to work in synergy with those of the Faculty of Science to efficiently and effectively translate basic scientific findings into clinical applications that would benefit patients suffering from bone and joint diseases. With its rich academic resources comprising both expertise and infrastructure, TMBJ collaborates with the industry to conduct cutting-edge research leading to the development of innovative biological reagents, therapeutic agents, bio-imaging modalities and advanced biomaterials for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of bone and joint diseases for clinical trials and commercialisation.

TMBJ aims to bring scientific knowledge and research findings “from the bench to the bedside”, and improve the quality of life for patients suffering from bone and joint diseases all over the world. •



Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Clinical Study Centre (CMCS)

Director:

Professor Bian Zhaoxiang

Associate Director:

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Established in June 2014, CMCS is the only centre which focuses on Chinese medicine clinical trial in Hong Kong. The mission of CMCS is to create a dynamic centre that enables its academic faculty to develop, demonstrate and implement innovative models of clinical research in integrative and Chinese medicine in Hong Kong, mainland China and all over the world.

Currently, CMCS focuses on two main research directions:

- To provide multidisciplinary health professions a synergistic collaboration platform to perform high-quality Chinese Medicine Clinical trials across a wide range of therapeutic areas, and to integrate pharmacological, biological & clinical research;
- To develop 2-4 new drugs for gastrointestinal, orthopedics, metabolism, oncology and dementia based on efficacy-driven Chinese Medicine discovery platform.

The scope of our research centre includes:

- Clinical trial design and implementation
- Standardisation strategies for TCM
- New drug discovery and screening
- Clinical practice guidelines development



Mr. & Mrs. Ko Chi Ming Centre for Parkinson's Disease Research (CPDR)

Director:

Professor Li Min

Associate Director:

Professor Bian Zhaoxiang

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Established in October 2014, CPDR is a centre for translational and clinical research in Parkinson's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases which aims to develop new drugs for preventing and treating neurodegenerative diseases including Parkinson's disease using Chinese medicines.

CPDR adopts Chinese medicine perspectives and findings from long-standing clinical practice as the fundamental basis for pharmacological studies of neurodegenerative diseases, including Parkinson's disease and their etiology and pathogenesis. It endeavours to discover more effective and non-toxic or less toxic drugs through integrating the application of molecular/cell biology and pharmacology techniques to benefit patients suffering from Parkinson's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases. Through collaborations with top global and national/world-class institutes in China and the world, CPDR aims to become an excellent platform to integrate Western and Chinese medicine and transform basic research into clinical applications, and serve as an innovative research and development base for training professionals. ●



Consun Chinese Medicines Research Centre for Renal Diseases (CCRD)

Director:

Dr. Yu Zhiling

Established in February 2015, CCRD aims to boost research and development of Chinese medicines for the prevention and treatment of renal diseases, and ultimately benefit patients suffering from different kinds of renal and related diseases.

In addition to serving as a platform for innovative research on and development of preventative and therapeutic approaches for renal diseases, CCRD is committed to the nurturing of researchers and professionals, and dissemination and transfer of knowledge of new preventive and therapeutic approaches for renal diseases. •

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Research Centre for Standardisation of Chinese Medicines (CSCM)

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Established in March 2015, CSCM aims to develop innovative QC of and standardisation methods for Chinese medicines, promote the standardisation of Chinese medicines, formulate standards using developed methods through collaboration with governments, and provide services to industries using standardized methods.

The researchers of CSCM provide expertise in scientific elucidation of macroscopic identification of commonly used Chinese materia medica, focus on the standardisation of processed Chinese materia medica and processing methods, conduct comparative studies of chemistry and bioactivities of multi-sourced medicines, investigate into the active ingredients of Chinese medicines, and contribute to the studies of innovative methods for quality analysis of Chinese medicine decoction and polysaccharide-rich Chinese medicines. CSCM is committed to contributing to the standardisation and globalisation of Chinese medicines. •



Institute of Integrated Bioinformatics and Translational Science (IBTS)

Director:

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IBTS, established in 2015, is committed to the promotion of precision medicine and translational medicine to enhance health management for the people in Hong Kong, mainland China and all over the world.

It seeks to establish a collaborative platform to facilitate multidisciplinary research to achieve better healthcare. Through integrating the academic, clinical and industrial resources, IBTS aims to build a partnership network for collecting and managing clinical, biological and environmental big data, which enable the researchers to develop models, networks, and approaches for providing predictive, preventive and personalised healthcare services. •



SHENZHEN TSUMURA MEDICINE CO LTD

2015 Industrial Collaboration

HKBU received a donation of HK\$5 million in 2015 from SHENZHEN TSUMURA MEDICINE CO LTD for the establishment of the “HKBU-SHENZHEN TSUMURA MEDICINE CO LTD Pharmacognosy Laboratory” to formulate standards for grading the quality of Chinese materia medica and Chinese medicinal decoction pieces as well as standards for the shapes of Chinese medicinal decoction pieces with a view to spurring research on the standardisation of Chinese materia medica. •



Beijing Tide Pharmaceutical Company Limited

2015 Industrial Collaboration

SCM and the Beijing Tide Pharmaceutical Company Limited (Tide) signed two cooperation framework agreements in 2015, setting the groundwork for collaborations in drug discovery to treat chronic inflammatory diseases, autoimmune diseases, malignant tumours, and bone and joint diseases as well as the development of new drug delivery systems, and consolidation in using healthcare data related to chronic diseases, refractory diseases and malignant tumours to foster public health and wellness. •



Infinitus (China) Company Limited

2015 Industrial Collaboration

SCM obtained a sponsorship of HK\$3 million from Infinitus (China) Company Limited in 2015 for conducting a demonstration study on the modernisation of Chinese health care products with a view to promoting the modernisation, standardisation and internationalisation of Chinese health care products. •



University-Enterprise Synergy Innovation Platform

2015 Industrial Collaboration

In order to turn research into outcomes and impacts which benefit society, the School has entered into collaboration agreements with eight enterprises and research institutes and set up the "University-Enterprise Synergy Innovation Platform" in 2015 to optimise the use of talents and resources of SCM and the partner organisations to conduct innovative and integrated research in Chinese medicine and build a world-class, multi-disciplinary platform for R&D and new drug discovery. •



Zhangzhou Pien Tze Huang Pharmaceutical Company Limited

2015 Industrial Collaboration

HKBU signed an agreement with Zhangzhou Pien Tze Huang Pharmaceutical Company Limited in 2015 to establish “Zhangzhou Pien Tze Huang Pharmaceutical Company Limited—Hong Kong Baptist University Innovative Research Platform for Chinese Medicines”. By integrating their technologies and cooperation networks, the two parties aim at conducting innovative research on Chinese medicines and building a modern, multi-disciplinary centre for innovative research into Chinese medicines. •



Consun Pharmaceutical Group Limited

2015 Industrial Collaboration

SCM received a donation of HK\$5 million from the Consun Pharmaceutical Group Limited for the establishment of the "Consun Chinese Medicines Research Centre for Renal Diseases" to foster research and development of Chinese medicine for the prevention and treatment of renal diseases. An agreement signing-cum- cheque presentation ceremony was held in 2015. •



Yunnan University of Nationalities

2014 Academic Collaboration

In 2014, HKBU and Yunnan University of Nationalities entered into an agreement to establish the “Yunnan University of Nationalities and Hong Kong Baptist University Joint Laboratory of Traditional Natural Drug Development” with the aim of conducting joint projects in, among others, drug discovery, research on the development of traditional compound medicine, functional food and health products processed with plants and medicines of the Yunnan nationalities. •



Northwestern Polytechnical University

2014 Academic Collaboration

HKBU signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Northwestern Polytechnical University in 2014 and opened the “Hong Kong Baptist University and Northwestern Polytechnical University Joint Research Centre for Space Life Science in Musculoskeletal System”. A collaborative project entitled “The effects of microgravity on the function of the cells in bone tissue” was approved by the China Manned Space Engineering Office to be conducted on “Tianzhou-1”, China’s first cargo ship in space scheduled to be launched in 2016. •



Guizhou Yibai Pharmaceutical Company Limited

2014 Industrial Collaboration

HKBU and Guizhou Yibai Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. signed a cooperation agreement in 2014 to establish the “Hong Kong Baptist University—Guizhou Yibai Joint Research Platform for Translational Medicine and Drug Discovery”. Housed in and managed by SCM, the platform aims to develop new combinational target-specific drugs. •



Junlan Electronic (HK) Limited

2014 Industrial Collaboration

With a donation of HK\$2.7 million from the Junlan Electronic (HK) Limited to be realised in phases, SCM has established the “HKBU R&D Platform for Mobile Healthcare Management System”, which aims to develop mobile healthcare management systems to foster health and wellness. A cheque presentation ceremony was held in 2014 to express gratitude to the company for its strong support. •



Qingfeng Pharmaceutical Group

2014 Industrial Collaboration

The Qingfeng Pharmaceutical Group has made a donation of HK\$900,000 earmarked for innovative drug discovery in Chinese medicine. The Group has also commissioned SCM to conduct a five-year research project on “Aptamer modified Paclitaxel for tumor treatment”, and provides the School with a project fund of HK\$2.7 million. An agreement signing-cum-cheque presentation ceremony was held in 2014. •



PuraPharm International (HK) Limited

2014 Industrial Collaboration

SCM was supported by PuraPharm International (HK) Limited in 2014 to apply for the Innovation and Technology Fund for the research project of “Ren Shu Chang Le Granule” for treating Diarrhea-predominant Irritable Bowel Syndrome. Jointly conducted by SCM and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the project has obtained the approval from China Food and Drug Administration to conduct clinical trials. •



Eu Yan Sang (HK) Limited

2014 Industrial Collaboration

SCM received in 2014 a sponsorship of HK\$1 million from Eu Yan Sang (HK) Limited for conducting a research project entitled “Standardization on the Nomenclatures of Chinese Medicinal Materials and Decoction Pieces Sold in Hong Kong”. The project has also obtained a funding of HK416,000 from the Innovation and Technology Fund. •



Hunan University

2013 Academic Collaboration

The University entered into an agreement with Hunan University in 2013 to set up “Hong Kong Baptist University Branch of State Key Laboratory of Chemo/ Biosensing and Chemometrics (CBC State Key Lab) of Hunan University”, which is the Hong Kong branch of the CBC State Key Lab. The two institutions work together at the HKBU Branch to conduct research in molecular, biomedical and translational sciences, especially in the fields of systems biology and drug discovery in Chinese medicine. •



China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences

2013 Academic Collaboration

SCM entered into collaboration with the China Academy of Chinese Medicinal Sciences in setting up “China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences — Hong Kong Baptist University Centre for Translational Medical Research in Integrative Chinese and Western Medicine” in 2013. In addition to embarking on research on translational medicine, the research centre contributes to nurturing translational medicine talents. •



Jinan University

2013 Academic Collaboration

The University entered into collaboration with Jinan University in 2013 to establish the “Jinan University and Hong Kong Baptist University Joint Laboratory of Innovative Drug Development”. Professor Lu Aiping was appointed to lead its research work. Besides the Joint Laboratory, a Hong Kong branch laboratory was set up under TMBJ. •



Kunshan Technology Research Institute Small Nucleic Acid Biotechnology Research Institute

2013 Industrial Collaboration

SCM established the “Academician Chan Sun Chi Workroom for Advancing Translational Medicine in Bone and Joint Disease” in collaboration with Kunshan Technology Research Institute Small Nucleic Acid Biotechnology Research Institute in 2013. With an annual funding of RMB 1 million provided by the Institute, Professor Lu Aiping leads a research team in conducting research on RNAi-related technologies in the biomedical field as well as new drug discovery related to bone and joint diseases. •



Livzon Pharmaceutical Group Inc.

2012 Industrial Collaborations

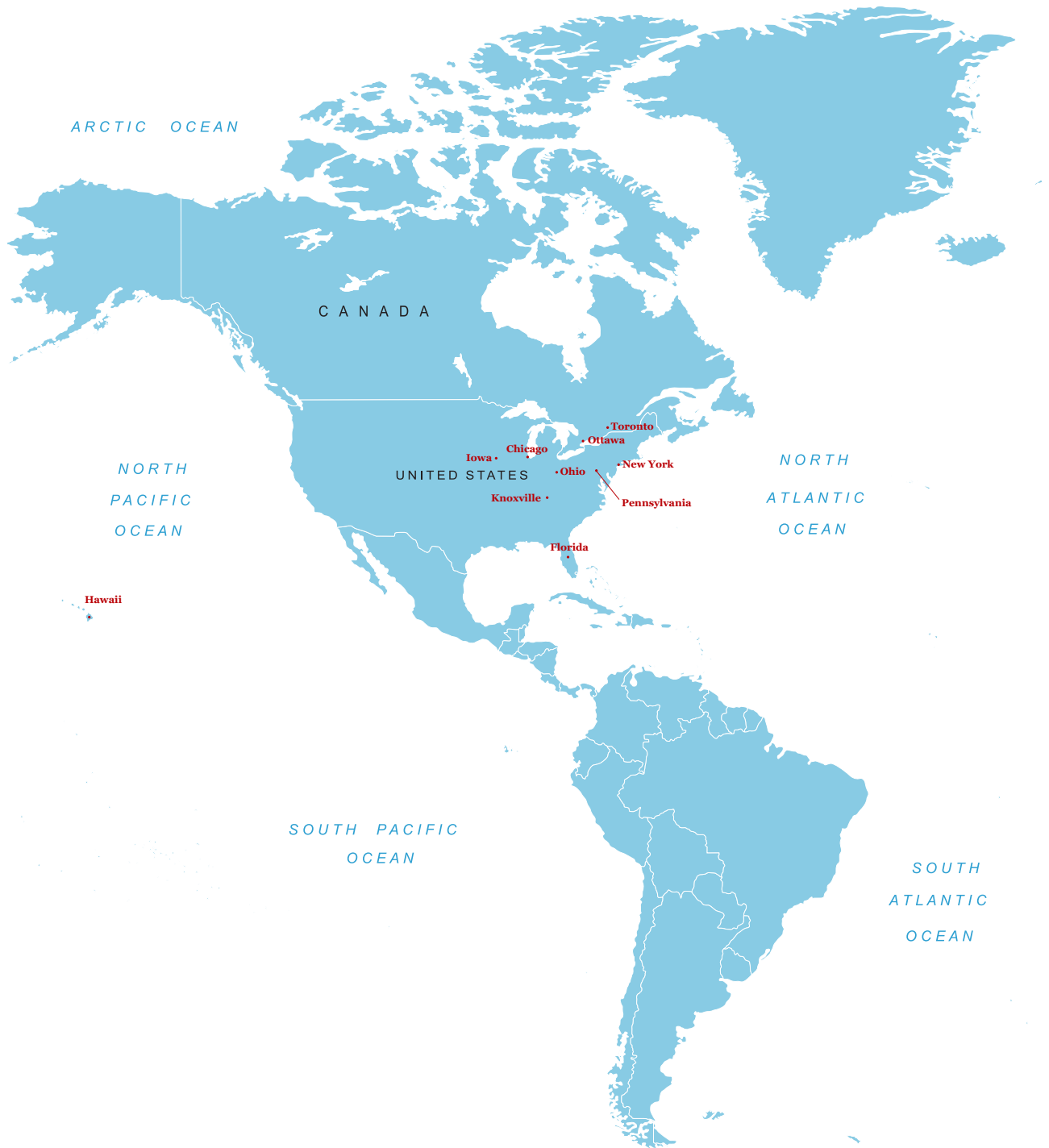
Since 2012, SCM has been collaborating with Livzon Pharmaceutical Group Inc. in establishing a Hong Kong branch of the National Engineering Research Centre for Modernisation of Traditional Chinese Medicine to conduct combinational drug research, drug development of TCM and research on resources of western herb. The Hong Kong branch conducts inter-disciplinary research and international cooperation in the field of chronic diseases such as cancer, inflammation, bone and joint diseases and neurodegenerative diseases to promote the modernisation of TCM. •



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Diego Luis MEDINA	Telethon Institute of Genetics and Medicine	Naples	Italy
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Sanjib SENAPATI	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Chennai	India
Yibin SHAN	DE Shaw Research	New York	USA
Hongcai SHANG	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine	Beijing	China
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Hongxi XU	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine	Shanghai	China
Yu XUE	Huazhong University of Science and Technology	Wuhan	China
Zhen-Yu YUE	Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	New York	USA
Lingqiang ZHANG	State Key Laboratory of Proteomics, Beijing Proteome Research Center, Beijing Institute of Radiation Medicine	Beijing	China
Weidong ZHANG	Modern Research Center for Traditional Chinese Medicine, Second Military Medical University of China	Shanghai	China
Bo ZHOU	State Key Laboratory of Applied Organic Chemistry, Lanzhou University	Lanzhou	China
Hong ZHOU	ANZAC Research Institute, University of Sydney	Sydney	Australia
Hua ZHOU	State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine, Macau University of Science and Technology	Macao	China
Lixin ZHU	University of New York at Buffalo	New York	USA

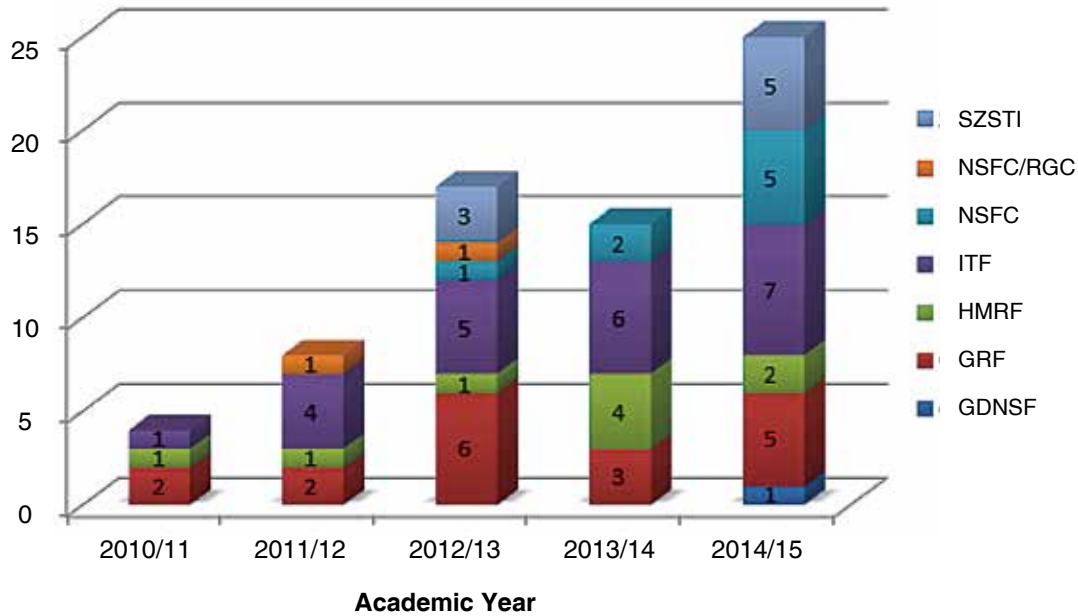
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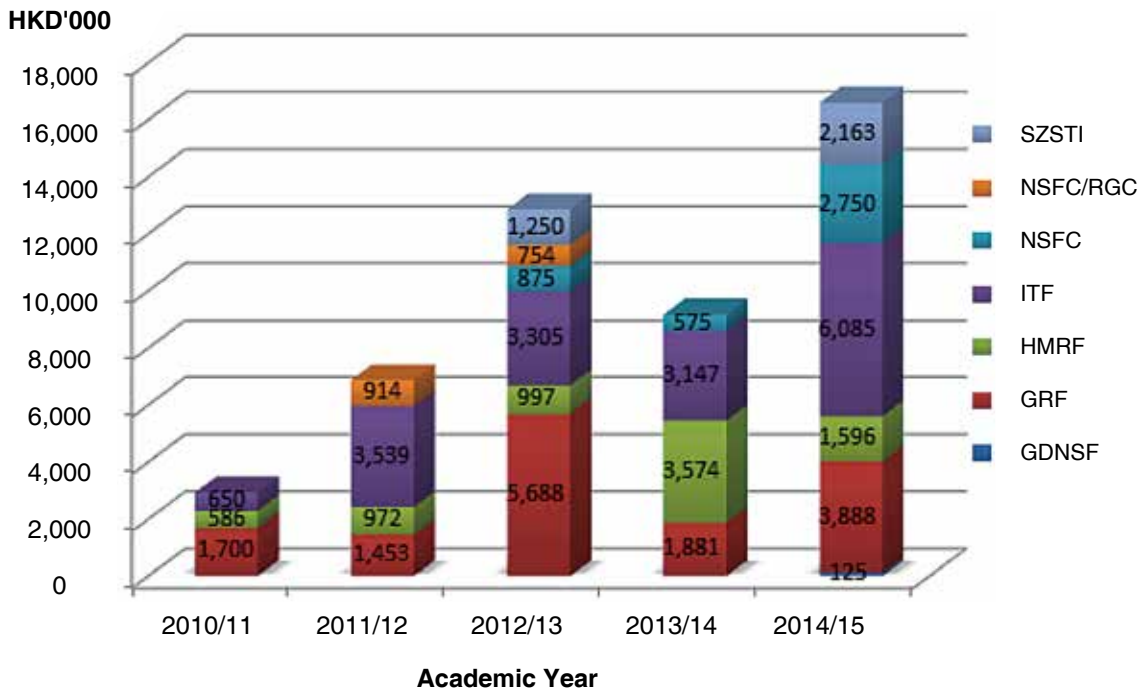
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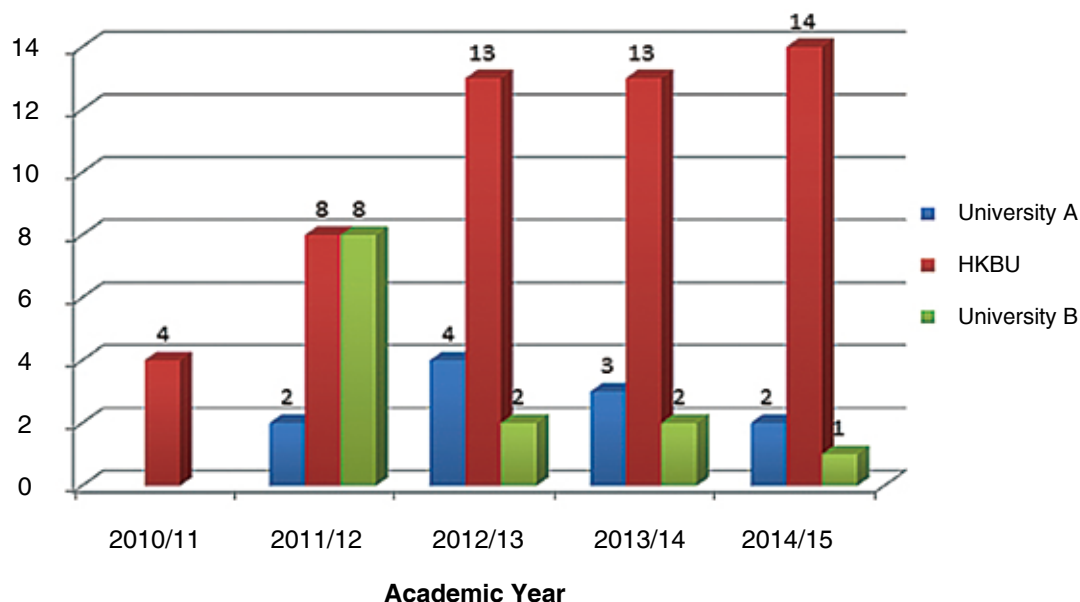
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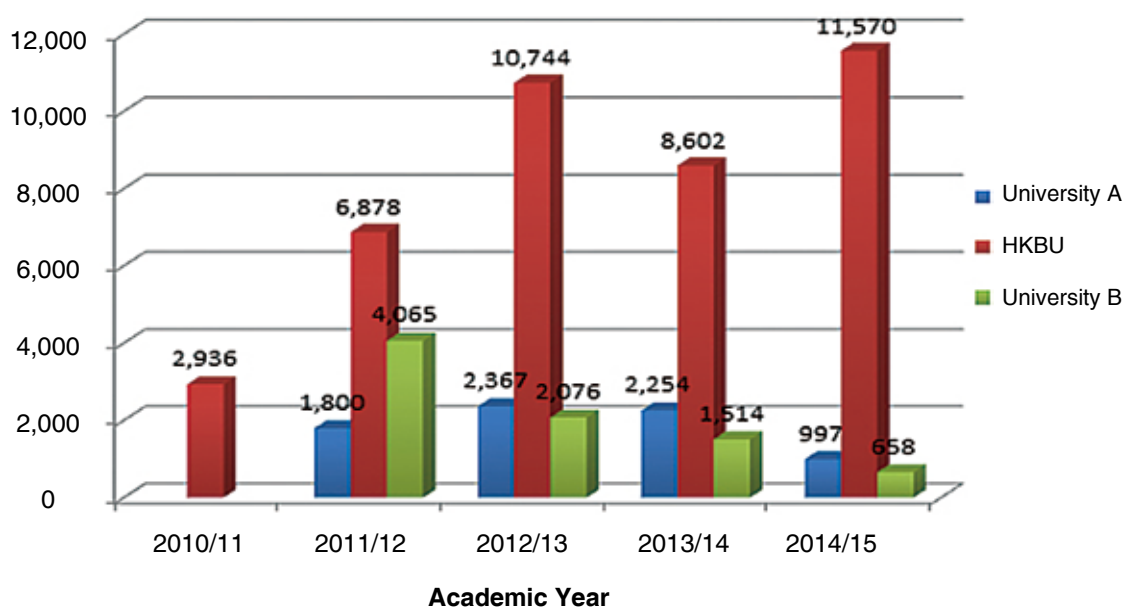
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SZSTI: Funding schemes under Science, Technology and Innovation Commission of Shenzhen; **NSFC/RGC:** National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) / RGC Joint Research Scheme; **NSFC:** Funding schemes under National Natural Science Foundation of China; **ITF:** Innovation and Technology Fund; **HMRF:** Health and Medical Research Fund; **GRF:** General Research Fund; **GDNSF:** Funding schemes under Guangdong Province Natural Science Foundation

Number of Local Major Competitive Research Grants Awarded to Schools of Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong



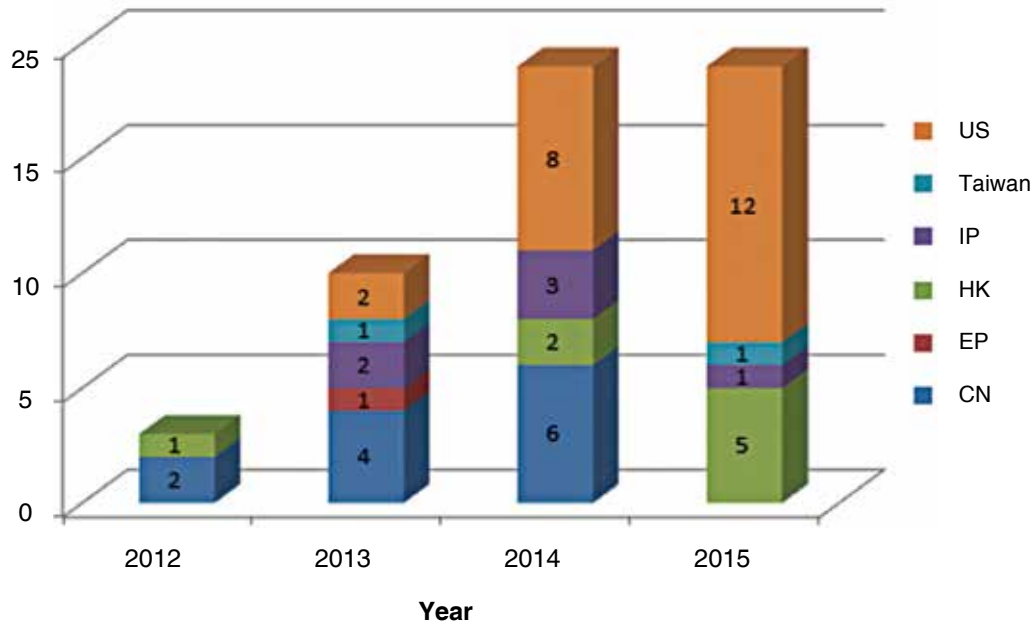
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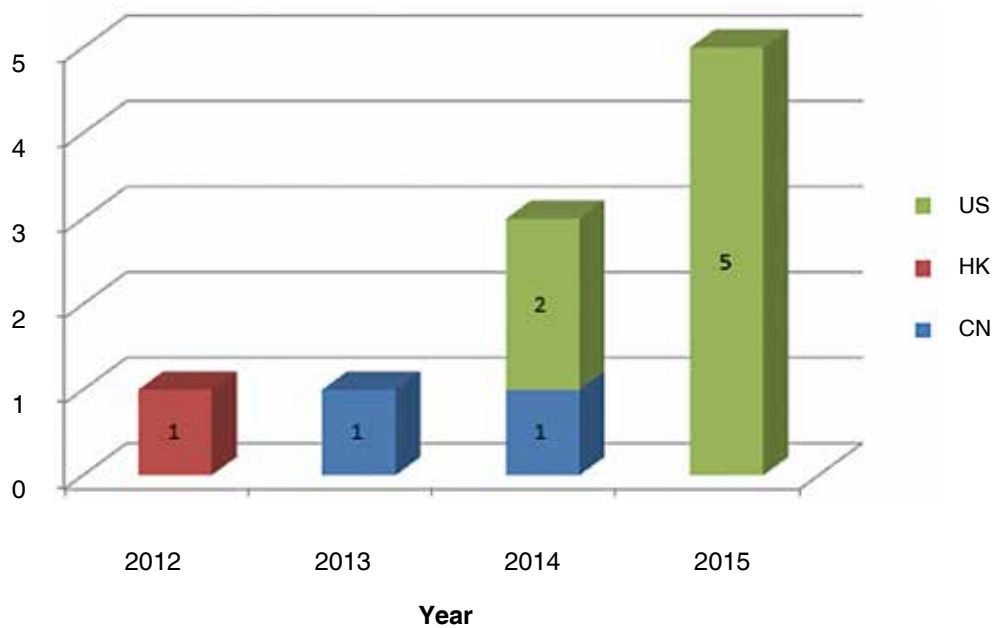
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1. Local Major Competitive Research Grants include: **GRF** (General Research Fund); **HMRF** (Health and Medical Research Fund); **ITF** (Innovation and Technology Fund) and **NSFC/RGC**: National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) / RGC Joint Research Scheme.
2. Information is acquired from the websites of corresponding funding agencies (with "Chinese Medicine" as the keyword in the search of funded projects).
3. The figures are not meant to be complete or exhaustive.

Number of Patents Filed



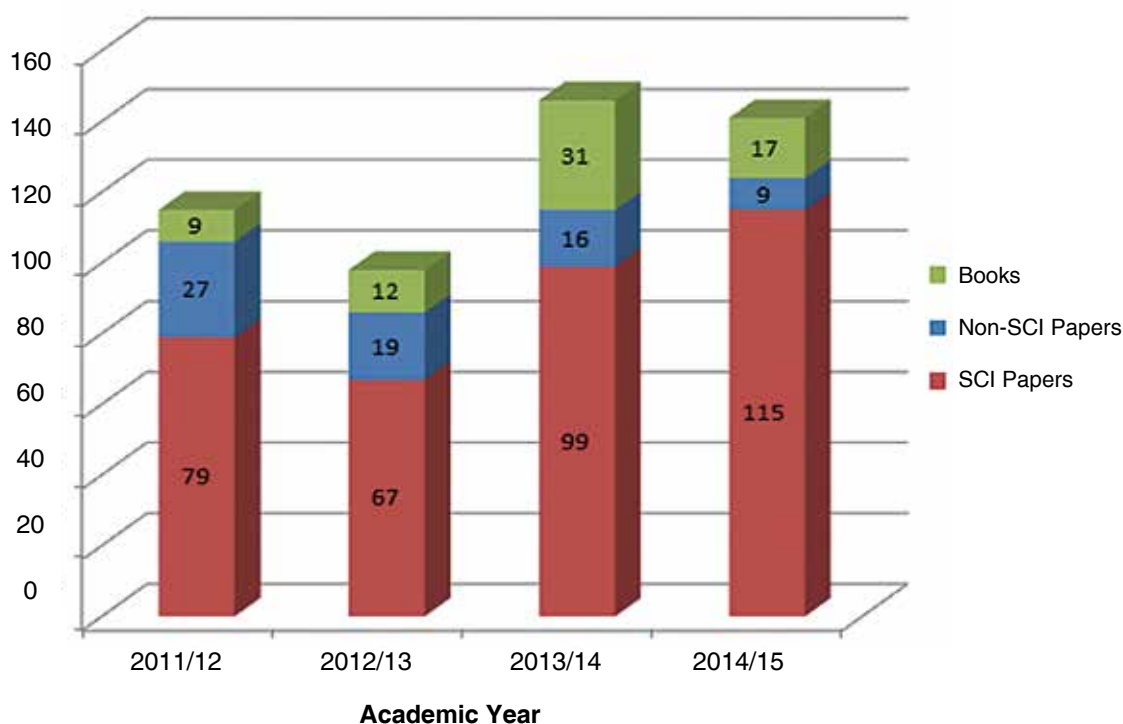
Number of Patents Granted



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Jurisdiction of Patents: **US** (United States of America); **Taiwan**; **IP** (International Procedures); **HK** (Hong Kong); **EP** (European) and **CN** (China)

Number of Papers and Books Published



SCI¹ Papers Published in Prestigious International Journals² (2011-2015) by Schools of Chinese Medicine in Hong Kong

	Number of SCI Papers	Number of Academic Staff	Normalized Ratio
HKBU	10	16	0.63
University A	0	5	0.00
University B	0	10	0.00

Bone & Joint Diseases Related (B&J) SCI¹ Papers Published in World's Top Academic Journals³ (2011-2015) by HKBU SCM – Benchmark to Western Medicine

	Number of SCI Papers	Number of B&J Academic Staff	Normalized Ratio
HKBU - School of Chinese Medicine	4	2	2.00
University A - Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology	0	8	0.00
University B - Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology	0	5	0.00

Notes

1. SCI refers to Science Citation Index.
2. Prestigious International Journals include: a. *Autophagy*, b. *Nature Communications*, c. *Nature Medicine* and d. *Sciences*.
3. World's Top Academic Journals include: a. *Nature Communications*, b. *Nature Medicine* and c. *Sciences*.
4. The figures are not meant to be complete or exhaustive.

Major Conferences

2015



Cross-strait Four-region Chinese Medicine (Hong Kong) Forum



Workshop on Academic Thinking and Clinical Experiences of National TCM Masters and Famous Veteran Doctors of TCM

2015



Academic Seminar on Chinese Medicine Clinical Practice Guidelines for Hong Kong

2014



2014 International Summit on Innovative Drug Discovery

2014



First Gao Fang Festival



Compendium of Materia Medica Cultural Project Launch Ceremony and Cross-strait Four-region Chinese Medicine Forum

2014



Second Cheung On Tak International Award for Outstanding Contribution to Chinese Medicine Award Presentation Ceremony-cum-Award Winner's Lecture

2013



2013 International Summit on Innovative Drug Discovery

2013



Forum on Chinese Medicine Clinical Teaching

2012



Compendium of *Materia Medica* Cultural Project Launch Ceremony and Cross-strait Four-region Chinese Medicine Forum

2012



4th Annual Meeting of Global University Network of Traditional Medicine



First Cheung On Tak International Award for Outstanding Contribution to Chinese Medicine Award Presentation Ceremony-cum-Award Winner's Lecture

2011



Forum on “Systems Biology in Cancer Research”

2010



9th Meeting of the Consortium for Globalization of Chinese Medicine

Guest Speakers

Name	Affiliation	Topic
2015		
AI Jun	Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine, China	The theory of mechanism of stagnated heat of warm disease to the treatment of various disease
CHAE Younbyoung	Acupuncture and Meridian Science Research Center Kyung Hee University, South Korea	Brain responses to acupuncture stimulation: from the perspective of cognitive neuroscience
CHANG Fangrong	Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan	Natural medicines and TCM quality
CHANG Yuanshiun	China Medical University, Taiwan	Status and future development of traditional Chinese Medicine in Taiwan
CHAO Enxiang*	China-Japan Friendship Hospital, China	Treatment of wind-cough
CHAO Enxiang*	China-Japan Friendship Hospital, China	My insight of ancient and modern TCM doctor training ways
CHE Chun-Tao	University of Illinois at Chicago, U.S.A.	A Tale of Two Herbs: Paeonia lactiflora and Ligustrum lucidum
CHEN Hongxia	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	TCM differential treatment for common dysfunction of stroke
CHEN Luonan	Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	Detecting "un-occurred" disease state by dynamical network biomarkers – Precision Medicine by Big-Data
CHEN Dazhi	American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. U.S.A.	Mechanism investigation and clinical application of acupuncture
CHEN Dacan	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	TCM treatment and research of atopic dermatitis
CHEN Zhifang	Taipei Chinese Medical Association, Taiwan	Clinical application of QingShang JuanTong decoction
CHI Yonggui Robin	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Carbene Catalyst-Enabled New Activation Modes and Rapid Access to Functional Molecules
CHU Chic-Chang	Cornell University, U.S.A.	Nature-Inspired Design of a New Family of Biodegradable Pseudo-Protein-Based Biomaterials: Their Biological Property and Biomedical Applications
GAO Sihua	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	The strategies of integrated traditional Chinese and Western medicine in preventing and treating type 2 diabetes mellitus
HE Zhendan	Shenzhen University Health Science Center, China	Study on the chemical constituents and pharmacological effects of Kudingcha (<i>Licis Latifoliae Folium</i>)
HOLMDAHL Rikard	Karolinska Institutet, Sweden	Autoimmunity to Cartilage Predicting and Regulating Rheumatoid Arthritis
HUANG Bin	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	Prescription as derived from his book <<Si Sheng Xin Yuan>>
HUANG Hui	State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Development of modern Chinese Medicine Model
HUANG Jianling	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Chinese medicine treatment for sterility
JIANG Zhihong	Macao University of Science and Technology, Macau	The acid sugar chain of Immunoglobulin in saliva as the biomarkers of leukemia and rheumatoid arthritis
KENNELLY Edward	City University of New York, U.S.A.	Adulterated Botanical Supplements in the United States Market
KO Seong-Gyu	Kyung Hee University, South Korea	Molecular targeted Cancer Therapy: Herbal Drug Development and Translational Study
LAM Ronald	Chinese Medicine Division of the Department of Health, HKSAR	The future development of Hong Kong Chinese Materia Medica Standards and Testing

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Name	Affiliation	Topic
LEE Inseon	University of Tübingen, Germany	Acupuncture and Functional dyspepsia
LIU Baoyan	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Challenge and opportunity of TCM syndrome differentiation and treatment in Age of Big Data
LIU Baoyan	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	The development present situation and future of the Chinese Medicine in mainland China
LIU Minru*	Tung Wah Hospital -- The University of Hong Kong Clinical Centre, HKSAR	Several major issues surrounding the development of Chinese Medicine
LONG Chunlin	Minzu University of China, China	Studies on Medicine-Food Plants Collected by Ethnic People in Yunnan Tropics
LU Yubo	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Features and countermeasures of the management of Chinese Medicine hospital
SCHRÖDER Sven	University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany	Neuroprotective Effects of Coptidis rhizome chinensis Franch.(Huang Lian)
SUN Guangrong*	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	Strategic cooperation and development of traditional Chinese Medicine
SUO Zucui	The Ohio State University, U.S.A.	Watching DNA polymerases incorporate drug molecules and bypass an oxidative lesion
VERPOORTE Robert	Leiden University, Netherlands	Synergy: easier to say than to prove
WANG Qi*	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	Three questions that TCM clinical research faced and their answers
WANG Qi*	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	Clinical application of the "bianti, bianbing, bianzheng" diagnosis model
WANG Yitao	The University of Macau, Macau	The thinking and exploration on the innovation driven development of traditional Chinese Medicine
WEN Jianmin	Wangjing Hospital of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	The treatment strategy of traditional Chinese Medicine on osteoarthritis
WONG Wing Tak Jack	Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, U.S.A.	Discovery of Novel Determinants of Endothelial Lineage: Insights from Chimeric Heterokaryons
WU Qifu	Southern Medical University, China	The clinical application and research progress of anti-rheumatic traditional Chinese Medicine
XU Hongxi	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	R&D outcomes and internationalization advance in TCM
XUAN Guowei	Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine, China	Treating skin diseases from the perspective of du
XUE Yu	Life Science and Technology Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China	Computational Analysis of the Phosphoproteomic Data
YANG Shilin	National Engineering Research Center for Manufacturing Technology of TCM Solid Preparation, China Jiangxi University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	The research and development of total pulchinosides (TPs) as a new anti-schistosoma drug
YE Min	Peking University, China	Chemical Analysis and Pharmacokinetics of Chinese Herbal Medicines
YU Zhimin	China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Toxicity of TCM and "to cure ills with poison"
YUAN Chun-Su	University of Chicago, U.S.A.	New Drug Development in the US and Tang Center for Herbal Medicine Research at University of Chicago
YUE Jianbo	City University of Hong Kong, HKSAR	Autophagy Regulation by Oxidative Stress, Ca ²⁺ and Small Chemicals
ZHANG Hongchun	China-Japan Friendship Hospital, China	Treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
ZHANG Shengsheng	Capital Medical University, China	Treatment of chronic gastritis

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Name	Affiliation	Topic
ZHANG Yun	Chinese Academy of Engineering, China Shandong University, China	Vulnerable Plaque: State of the Art
ZHONG Qing	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, U.S.A.	Biochemical Dissection and Reconstitution of Mammalian Autophagy
ZHU Hui Xin	Institute of Chinese Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	The study of anti-cancer and pharmacological mechanisms of ESC
2014		
BAUER Rudolf	Universitaet Graz, Austria	European monographs about herbal medicines
CAO Hui	National Engineering and Research Center on the Modernization of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	National Engineering and Research Center on the Moderization of Traditional Chinese Medicine (NERC- MTCM): Introduction and Proposal Submission
CHAN Kelvin	The University of Sydney and NICM, Australia University of Western Sydney, Australia	Global regulation and standardisation of Chinese medicines including some aspects in Australia
CHANG Yung- Hsien	China Medical University, Taiwan	Memorial <<Compendium of Materia Medica>> Li Shizhen, Chinese medicine culture construction project
CHEN Gong	Pennsylvania State University, U.S.A.	In vivo reprogramming for brain repair
CHEN Rixing	The Affiliated Hospital of the Jiangxi University of Chinese Medicine, China	Investigation for the effects of heat-sensitive moxibustion therapy on osteoarthritis in knee joints based on large- scale randomized controlled multi-center clinical trial
CHEN Dacan	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	TCM treatment of atopic dermatitis
CUI Meng	Institute of information on Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Advances in information on Traditional Chinese Medicine in key areas
DAI Hui	Peking University Health Science Center, China	The molecular mechanisms and biology significance of polysaccharide recognition by the immune system
DIAO Jiajie	Stanford University, U.S.A.	Investigation in membrane fusion during autophagy by single molecular
DING Wenxing	University of Kansas Medical Center, U.S.A.	The double-edged Sword of Autophagy and Nrf2 in Cancer
GAO Hengjun	Tongji University, China	Clinical Translational Research, Discipline Development and Bio-bank
GAO Shangde	China Medical University, Taiwan	Prevention and treatment of autoimmune diseases by Chinese Medicine
GODA Yukihiro	National Institute of Health Sciences, Japan	Introduction of qNMR to the Japanese Pharmacopoeia (JP) for specification of marker compounds used for standardization of herbal medicines
GRAHAM James	University of Illinois at Chicago, U.S.A.	The NAPRALERT® Database: (Still) Outstanding in the Field of Natural Products
GUO De-an	Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	Strategy to elaborate TCM quality monographs and global harmonization
HAN Ji-Sheng	Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Peking Univeristy Health Science Centre, China	Translational Medicine of Acupuncture Research
HUANG Yi-Tsau	National Research Institute of Chinese Medicine, Taiwan	Prevention and treatment of chronic liver disease using TCM
JIANG Zhihong	Macau University of Science and Technology, Macau	The use of HPLC-Q-TOF MS and LC-MS/MS on sphingolipid genomic analysis and its application in the study of cellular neurotoxicity
KO Seong-Gyu	Kyung Hee University, South Korea	Education System for Traditional Medicine of Kyung Hee University and Research for Tailored Traditional Medicine in Korea
KO Richard	Herbal Synergy, U.S.A.	Overview of U.S. approach to standardization of Traditional Chinese Medicines
LAO Lixing	The University of Hong Kong, HKSAR	Evidence-based medicine acupuncture

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Name	Affiliation	Topic
LI Jiansheng	Henan University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Clinical study of TCM for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
LI Zhenji	World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies, China State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Strategic thinking of Chinese medicine theory and project implementation under the 973 Programme
LI Qizhong	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Humanistic perspective and clinical applications of Gao Fang
LIN Zhixiu	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSAR	Acupuncture clinical training
LIU Tonghua	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	TCM prevention and treatment of diabetes
MEI Quanxi	Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine of Zhongshan, China	The historical uses and modern applications of Artemisiae Argyi Folium
MOHER David	University of Ottawa, Canada	Scientific writing and publishing: challenges and opportunities for academic institutions
MOHER David	University of Ottawa, Canada	Establishing a hospital based technology assessment unit
NG Bacon	Hospital Authority, HKSAR	Specialty development of healthcare personnel in Hong Kong
QIAN Zhongzhi	Chinese Pharmacopoeia Commission, China	Overview of National Drug Standards
RONG Lijun	University of Illinois at Chicago, U.S.A.	Identification of Entry Inhibitors of Influenza Viruses, Arenaviruses and Filoviruses
SHEN Hong	The First Affiliated Hospital of the Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, China	An overview on clinical application of Gao Fang
SHEN Han-Ming	National University of Singapore, Singapore	A Force for Survival: Involvement of Autophagy in Stress-Mediated Cell Death
SHEN Yuandong	Shanghai Shuguang Hospital of Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Standardization on Traditional Chinese Medicine in the field of ISO (International Organization for Standardization)
SUO Zucai	The Ohio State University, U.S.A.	Structural, Kinetic, and Dynamic Studies of DNA Polymerases
TSUTANI Kiichiro	The University of Tokyo, Japan	Evidence-based Activities on Kampo and Integrative Medicine in Japan: EKAT, KCONSORT and eJIM
UNSCHULD Paul U.	Charité-Medical University Berlin, Germany	The Translation of Historical Chinese Illness Terminology into Western Languages
WANG Mei	Leiden University, Netherlands	A systems pharmacology view on Dioscorea nipponica used in modern Chinese medicine: the first tHMP product registered in Europe and produced in China
WANG Fuchun	Changchun University of Chinese Medicine, China	Acupuncture techniques and their operation
WANG Yitao	University of Macau, Macau	Quality of Chinese Medicine and development of international products
Wu Che-yuen Justin	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HKSAR	Development of specialty training in western medicine
WU Pui Kei	Medical College of Wisconsin, U.S.A.	A mortalin/HSPA9-mediated switch in tumor-suppressive signaling of Raf/MEK/extracellular signal-regulated kinase
WU Shun-Hua	State Intellectual Property Office, China	Patent protection in the field of drugs
XIAO Hongbin	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Preparing reference substances for herb medicine by pilot-scale - High performance column chromatography techniques
XIAO Tiqiao	Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility, China Shanghai Institute of Applied Physics, China Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	X-ray imaging at Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility
XU Fengqin	Xi Yuan Hospital of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	1. Gao Fang treatment for senile cardiovascular disease 2. Gao Fang and health care

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Name	Affiliation	Topic
XU Jiake	The University of Western Australia, Australia	From Nobel Prize-winning discovery to the mechanism of vesicle transport in osteoclasts
YANG Zhimin	Guangdong Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	The theoretical study about spleen and stomach in the application of Gao Fang
YANG Ling	Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	New methodology of TCM pharmacokinetics - early ADME properties and their systemic integration
YU Shishan	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Study on bioactive compounds with novel structures from toxic plants in China
ZENG Jianguo	Hunan Agricultural University, China National Chinese Herbs (Hunan) Technology Center, China National Research Center of Engineering Technology for Utilization of Functional Ingredients from Botanicals, China	Lecture series on new TCM Medicines-Comprehensive utilization and development of medicinal resources macleaya cordata
ZHANG Shengsheng	Beijing Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of modified Liujunzi decoction in the treatment of functional dyspepsia and spleen Qi stagnation
ZHAO Liping	Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China	Can We Follow Koch's Postulates for Hunting Down Human Obesity Bugs in Gut Microbiota?
ZHEN Jin-Sheng	China Academy of Chinese Medicinal Sciences, China	《Compendium of Materia Medica》 study: the past, present and future
ZHU Lixin	State University of New York at Buffalo, U.S.A.	Gut microbiome as an emerging target of TCM for the management of liver diseases

2013

CHEN Kaixian	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Status and Role of Chinese Medicine in Contemporary Society
CHEN Kaixian	Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Development of translational medicine and the integration of Chinese and western medicine
CHURILOV Leonid P.	St. Petersburg State University, Russia	Typical pathological processes, pathological reactions, their correlation to syndromes, symptoms and diseases General etiology and general pathogenesis, doctrines of monocausalism, conditionalism and constitutionalism, their synthesis in modern Pathophysiology
FAN Tai Ping	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	Advances in Angiogenesis Research - a Chinese Medicine Perspective
FAN Baomin	Yunnan Minzu University, China	Study of catalyzed reactions of norbornene derivatives with terminal alkynes
GAO Ying	Dongzhimen Hospital of Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, China	Experience and guideline of TCM Diagnosis and treatment of cerebral infarction
GUO Dean	Chinese Academy of Sciences, China	Quality-oriented Research of Traditional Chinese Medicine
LI Jiren*	The First Affiliated Hospital of Wannan Medical College, China	Treating arthralgia and flaccidity syndromes
LIU Yanjiao	Guang'anmen Hospital, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Diagnosis, treatment and evaluation of insomnia
LU Guangxin*	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Health regimen and treating disease according to its origin (Video)
MA Long	Central South University, China	Genetic analyses of essential splicing factor genes in <i>C. elegans</i>
ROSARIO Joana	National Institute of Health, U.S.A.	From Scientist to Entrepreneur Drug Development-Science, Regulation and Financing
SHI Zhaohong	Hubei University of Chinese Medicine, China	From the Yang-Resolving Theory to the study of welsh onion on fatty liver prevention

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Name	Affiliation	Topic
TAN Weihong	State Key Laboratory of Chemo/Biosensing and Chemometrics of Hunan University, China University of Florida, U.S.A.	The cornerstone of molecular medicine: molecular tools
TANG Xudon	China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, China	Understanding the concept of standardization and the development of TCM treatment guidelines for chronic gastritis
WANG Changen	Fund Committee of National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), China	TCM basic research supported by the "National Natural Science Foundation of China"
XIONG Jibo	Hunan University of Chinese Medicine, China	The use of the classical TCM theory for treating complicated diseases
ZHU Liangchun*	Nantong Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China	Mastering the superiority and soul of TCM for the treatment of complicated diseases (Video)

Cellular & Molecular Biology Lab

The lab provides techniques, equipment and protocols to investigate musculoskeletal disorders at cellular and molecular levels.

The laboratory can realize recognizing, analyzing and manipulating cells as well as biomolecular with efficiency, sensitiveness and high throughput. So far, the lab has established the following techniques:

Cell Techniques

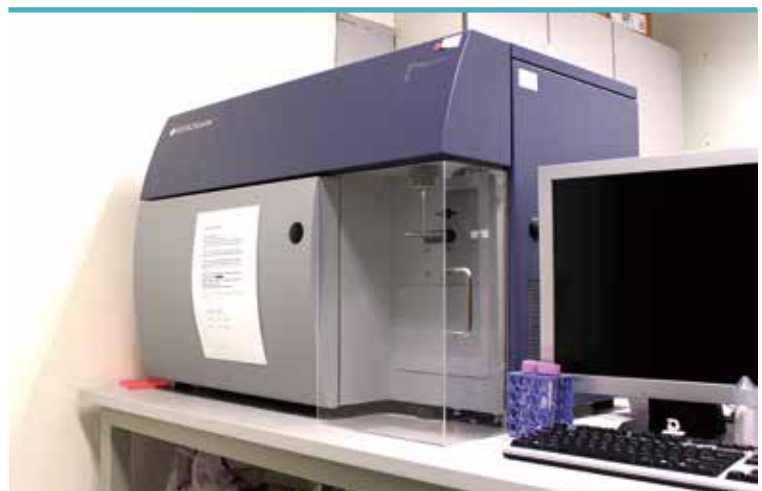
It includes cell separation, cell culture, cell fusion, cell activity analysis, cell immunophenotyping analysis, cell cycle analysis and so on.

Nucleic Acid Techniques

It includes DNA / RNA extraction, gene splicing, gene transduction, gene transfection, gene clone, gene expression, nucleic acid aptamer screening and so on.

Protein Macromolecular Techniques

It includes protein extraction, protein purification, protein separation, protein quantitative / qualitative analysis, protein-protein interaction analysis, nucleic acid aptamer-protein analysis interaction and so on. •



Histopathology & Bio-imaging Lab

The lab provides techniques, equipment and protocols for bio-imaging and non-destructive 3-D imaging evaluation as well as histopathological examination and histomorphometric analysis for musculoskeletal research and for developing innovative drugs in bone and joint diseases. So far, the lab has established the following techniques.

Biophotonic-based Fluorescence Imaging Techniques

Lumina XR Series III could sensitively image bioluminescent / fluorescent reporters and differentially evaluate their distribution in various organs within the same animal. It is employed to examine drug delivery by in vivo bio-imaging analysis.

Histopathological Examination & Histomorphometric Analysis & Gene Expression Analysis in specific cells

Non-decalcified histological processing for bone tissue and static / dynamic bone histomorphometric analysis could be performed in the lab. Techniques of wide special stains for bone and cartilage, such as the VonKossa, tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP), alkaline phosphatase, Gömörtrichrome, safranin O and toluidine blue stains are provided in the lab. Further, laser-captured micro-dissection in combination with Q-PCR analysis for gene expression in specific cells is also established in the lab. •



Synthesis & Pharmaceuticals & Chemical Analysis Lab

The lab focuses on improving human health by safely and effectively translating new drug into clinical trials using synthetic technology, targeted nano-pharmaceutical technology and quality analysis.

Drug Synthesis

Synthesizing conjugates of certain nucleic acid aptamers (possessing high specificity and affinity to specificity cell type) and natural products to develop smart drug molecules with both cell-selectivity and intracellular bioactivity for achieving efficacy and safety.

Drug Delivery

Linking certain nucleic acid aptamers (possessing high specificity and affinity to specificity cell type) with lipid- / polymer-based cargo system to develop targeted delivery system for translating the molecular understandings toward RNA interference-based therapeutics in bone and joint diseases.

Drug Analysis

Providing expert analysis in all facets of pharmaceutical analysis (including stability, related substances, impurities and active assays, etc.) to establish specification for active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and formulation according to the instructions provided by FDA or CFDA. •



Bioinformatics & Drug Design Lab

The lab provides an integrated bioinformatics analysis and drug design platform focusing on the following five aspects: constructing an comprehensive and large biomedical data warehouse; data mining techniques for extraction of useful results from large amounts of biological data; undertaking assay of omics, including proteomics and metabolomics; dealing with methods for storing, retrieving and analyzing biological data, such as nucleic acid and protein sequences, structures, functions, pathways and genetic interactions; computer-aided drug design (CADD) technology from the availability of bioinformatics applications.



Biomedical Database

Biomedical data warehouse is constructed by collecting and integrating databases of different biomedical domains. By now, these biomedical databases including SinoMed, PubMed, OMIM, GO, NCI pathway interaction database, MeSH, PubChem, TCMDB, PDB, ChEMBL, PharmaGKB, TTD, DrugBank, UniProt, UMLS and KEGG.

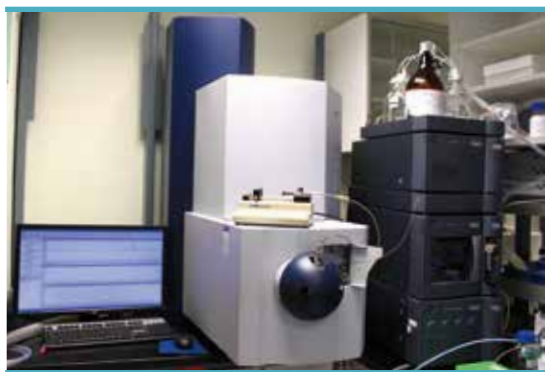
Data Mining

Based on the biomedical database, typical text mining tasks include text categorization, text clustering, concept / entity extraction, sentiment analysis and document summarization are performed to derive high-quality information from these texts.

Assay of Proteomics & Metabolomics

The lab provides a comprehensive analysis platform for protein and metabolite. Two widely used and powerful methods, including Gas chromatography (GC) and High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) are used for separation in the lab. Furthermore, Mass spectrometry (MS) is applied to identify and to quantify metabolites after separation by GC, HPLC. Also several statistical programs are available for analysis of MS data.

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Bioinformatics Analysis

By applying computationally intensive techniques, we develop new algorithms and statistics with which to assess relationships among members of large data sets, to increase the understanding of biological processes. Also commercial software, such as ingenuity pathway analysis (IPA) is often used for casual network analysis, comparison analysis, upstream regulator analysis, mechanistic networks and pathway analysis.

Computer-Aided Drug Design

With understanding the structure of small molecules, proteins and nucleic acids, we apply computer-aided drug design (CADD) technology to discover or design active compounds to cure the diseases. To further understand the mechanism of effects of drug / drug combination on biological network, we also develop structure-based technology to identify targets of compounds from drug / drug combination. •



Experimental Animal Centre

The centre is located at the ground floor of Jockey Club School of Chinese Medicine Building. It is committed to ensuring the humane care and use of all animals associated with its research and teaching programs. It currently equips 6 laboratory animal breeding rooms that offer independent air condition system with high efficiency air filter and full air exchange rate, and that are in compliance with the international standards and regulations for breeding environment and laboratory room of murine. It provides services and resources needed by investigators to accomplish the animal research of bone-related disease and assist in providing training in laboratory animal care and use to technical personnel, students and faculty. •



Faculty Staff Awards Obtained

Awarded Staff	Title of the Award / Honours	Awarding Body	Nature of Award / Honours
2014 - 2015			
LU Aiping	Award for Outstanding Contribution to Standardisation in China (First Chinese Medicine researcher to win the individual award)	The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the PRC and the Standardisation Administration of the PRC	National
LU Aiping	2014 Award for Promoting Standardisation	China Association for Standardisation (CAS)	National
ZHAO Zhongzhen	Award for his outstanding achievement and contribution to Chinese materia medica research	Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Industry Association	Local
ZHANG Ge	Chinese Medical Science and Technology Award (Second Class) - Investigation of regulatory mechanism of ubiquitin ligases and their application in the treatment of osteoporosis	Chinese Medical Association	National
KWAN Hiu Yee	Travel Award	Asia Oceania Association for the Study of Obesity	Regional
LI Defang	Young Investigator Award - Osteoclast-derived exosomal miR-214 inhibits osteoblastic bone formation	American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)	Regional
SONG Juxian	Best Poster Award - A synthesised curcumin derivative activates TFEB to promote autophagy and lysosome biogenesis, and protect neurons independent of mTOR inhibition	Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences	International
2013 - 2014			
ZHAO Zhongzhen	Medal of Honour	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Local
BIAN Zhaoxiang	Science and Technology Award (1st Class)	China Association for Traditional Chinese Medicine	Regional
BIAN Zhaoxiang	Research Award (2nd Class)	The 4 th Internal conference of integrated digestive disease, World Association of Chinese Medicine	International
LI Min	Best Poster Award - "NRBF2, a novel Beclin1-PI3K-III complex component, regulates autophagy and prevents ER stress-induced toxicity"	European Molecular Biological Organisation (EMBO) International Conference	International
ZHANG Ge	Beijing Science and Technology Award (First Prize) - "Investigation of molecular function, regulatory mechanism and disease correlation of ubiquitin ligases"	The People's Government of Beijing Municipality, China	National
ZHANG Ge	National Science and Technology Progress Award under the 2013 Higher Education Outstanding Scientific Research Output Awards (Science and Technology) (Second Class) - "Modernisation Research and Application of Anti-osteoporosis TCM Drugs"	Ministry of Education, China	National
LIANG Zhitao	Advanced individual of national science and technology project of Shenzhen Virtual University Park 2013	The Science, Technology and Innovation Commission of Shenzhen	Regional
TSANG Siu Wai	Research Award (2 nd Class)	World Association of Chinese Medicine	International

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2012 - 2013			
BIAN Zhaoxiang	Top Ten Research Papers - Efficacy of a Chinese herbal proprietary medicine (Hemp Seed Pill) for functional constipation	China Medicinal Plants Association	National
2011 - 2012			
ZHAO Zhongzhen	“Three one-hundred” Award - co-edited a book named “Illustrated Chinese Materia Medica”	General Administration of Press and Publication of China	Regional
CHEN Hubiao	“Three one-hundred” Award - co-edited a book named “Illustrated Chinese Materia Medica”	General Administration of Press and Publication of China	Regional
YANG Zhijun	Team Award for Innovation	Osteoporosis Committee of the China Gerontological Society	Regional
School of Chinese Medicine	2012 ALA Presidential Citations for Innovative International Library Projects Award - Chinese Medicine Digital Project	American Library Association (ALA)	International
ZHANG Ge	Chinese Medical Science and Technology Award (Second Class) - Investigation of regulatory mechanism of ubiquitin ligases and their application in the treatment of osteoporosis	Chinese Medical Association	National
LI Min	Municipal Science and Technology Project Award of Shenzhen Virtual University Park	Economy, Trade and Information Commission of Shenzhen Municipality	Regional
2010 - 2011			
ZHAO Zhongzhen	Outstanding Publications Award - co-edited a book series named Encyclopedia on Contemporary Medicinal Plants (simplified Chinese version)	National government of the People’s Republic of China	National

Research Postgraduate Student Awards Obtained

Awarded Student	Programme	Title of the Award / Honours	Title of Journal paper	Organisation	Place of Conference
2015					
CHEN Leilei	PhD	Best Poster Award	A synthesised curcumin derivative activates TFEB to promote autophagy and lysosome biogenesis, and protect neurons independent of mTOR inhibition	7 th International Symposium on Autophagy, Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Huangshan, China
GADAU Marcus	PhD	Dragon Culture TCM Scholarship	Study of acupuncture treatment for lateral elbow pain in an international collaborative setting	Dragon Culture Charity Fund Limited	Hong Kong
LIANG Chao	PhD	Webster Jee Young Investigator Award	Aptamer-Functionalised delivery system for osteogenic siRNAs to achieve osteoblast-specific RNA interference for bone anabolic therapy	International Chinese Musculoskeletal Research Society-Orthopaedic Research Society	Las Vegas, USA
LIANG Chao	PhD	Clinical and Translational Medicine Best Thesis Award	Discovery of Small Molecules to Promote BMP Signaling and Bone Formation	Scientific Committee of SAS-CTM and China International Medical Foundation	Hangzhou, China
LIANG Chao	PhD	ASBMR Young Investigator Award	To attend the ECTS PhD Training Course European Calcified Tissue Society (ECTS) PhD Training Course	American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)	Tuscany, Italy
LIANG Chao	PhD	Dragon Culture TCM Scholarship	Aptamer-functionalised lipid nanoparticles targeting osteoblasts as a novel RNA interference-based bone anabolic strategy	Dragon Culture Charity Fund Limited	Hong Kong
LIU Liangfeng	PhD	Best Poster Award	A synthesised curcumin derivative activates TFEB to promote autophagy and lysosome biogenesis, and protect neurons independent of mTOR inhibition	Institute of Biophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Huangshan, China
LIU Jin	PhD	Young Investigator Award	A delivery system specifically approaching bone resorption surfaces to facilitate therapeutic modulation of microRNAs in osteoclasts	The Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University	Changsha, China
LIU Jin	PhD	Young Investigator Travel Grant	Osteoclastic miR-214 targets PTEN to increase bone resorption	American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)	Seattle, Washington, USA
ZHAO Ling	PhD	Second prize for best conference paper	Metabolic Signatures of Human Functional Constipation	Specialty Committee of Gastroenterology of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies	Shanghai, China

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Awarded Student	Programme	Title of the Award / Honours	Title of Journal paper	Organisation	Place of Conference
2014					
DU Bin	PhD	Travel Grants	An insight into anti-inflammatory effects of fungal beta-glucans	13 th Meeting of the Consortium for Globalisation of Chinese Medicine	Beijing, China
LIANG Chao	PhD	2014 Young Investigator Travel Grant	Aptamer-Functionalised Lipid Nanoparticles (LNPs) Targeting Osteoblasts as a Novel RNA Interference-Based Bone Anabolic Strategy	American Society for Bone and Mineral Research	Texas, USA
LIANG Chao	PhD	Clinical and Translational Medicine Best Thesis Awards	Aptamer-Functionalised Lipid Nanoparticles (LNPs) Targeting Osteoblasts as a Novel RNA Interference-Based Bone Anabolic Strategy	Scientific Committee of SAS-CTM and China International Medical Foundation	Beijing, China
SU Tao	PhD	Best Student Research Paper Award	An ethanolic extract of Pinelliae Rhizoma inhibits proliferation and induces apoptosis through suppressing PI3K/AKT/mTOR signaling and ROS-mediated MAPKs activation in liver cancer cells	Advances in Cancer Medical Research	Singapore
XU Jun	PhD	Travel Grants	A novel and rapid HPGPC-based strategy for quality control of saccharide-dominant herbal materials: Dendrobium officinale, a case study	13 th Meeting of the Consortium for Globalisation of Chinese Medicine	Beijing, China
DANG Lei	Mphil	2014 Young Investigator Travel Grant	Mechanistic and Therapeutic insights into skeletal biology learned from the study of rare bone diseases	American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR)	Texas, USA
2013					
LIU Biao	PhD	Oral Presentation Award 3 rd Prize (Postgraduate Research Symposium on Regenerative Medicine)	Toward Targeted Therapy in Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: A Smart Triptolide-Nucleolin Aptamer Conjugate	2013 th Academic Exchanges Conference between Guangdong province	Guangzhou, China
LIU Jin	PhD	Oral Presentation Award 2 nd Prize (Postgraduate Research Symposium on Regenerative Medicine)	Does age-related increase in CKIP-1 within mesenchymal stem cells associate with age-related impairment in fracture repair ?	Postgraduate Research Symposium on Regenerative Medicine Ministry of Education (MOE) Key Laboratory for Regenerative Medicine, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Synergistic Innovation Center for Tissue Repair and Regeneration	Guangzhou, China

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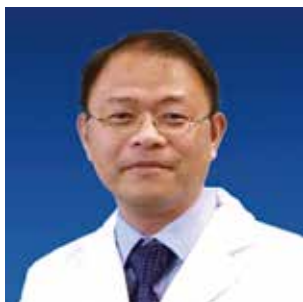
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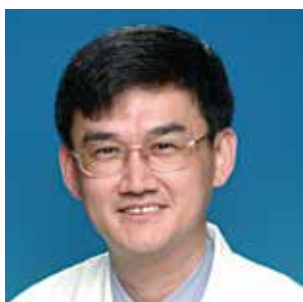
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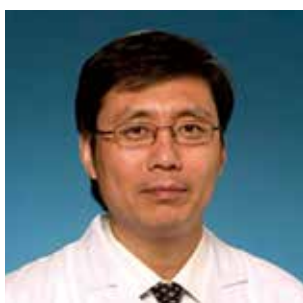
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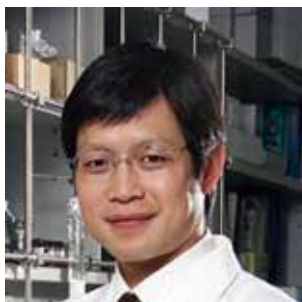
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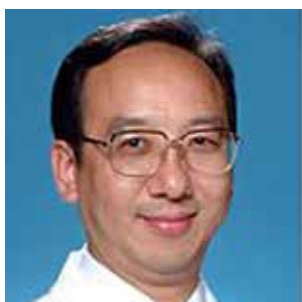
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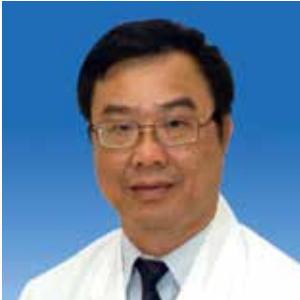
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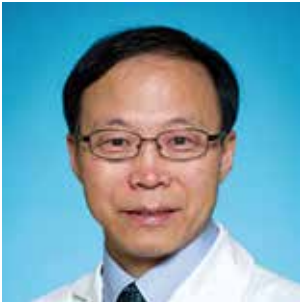
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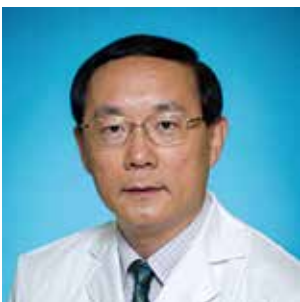
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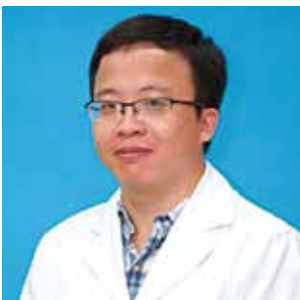
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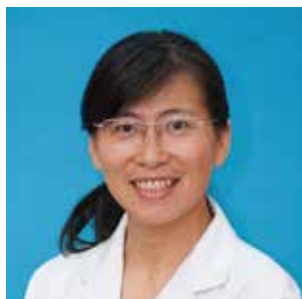
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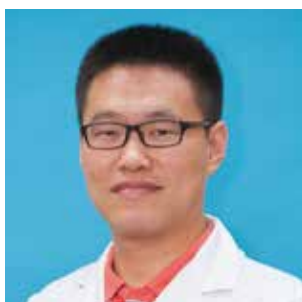
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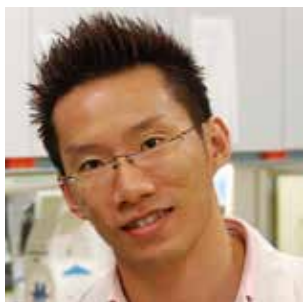
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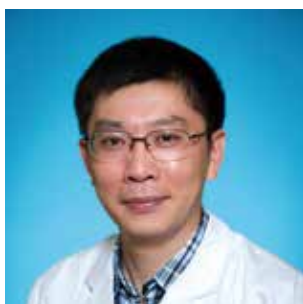
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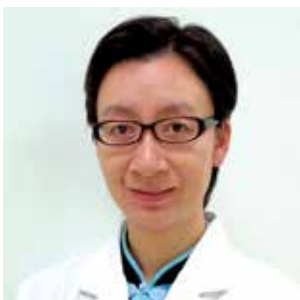
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List of Major External Research Grants Awarded

Grant	Principle Investigator	Project Title	Project Period (Months)	Approved Amount
AY 2014 - 2015				
GRF/ECS	LI Min	Understanding the molecular mechanisms of Corynoxine B in promoting autophagy and neuroprotection: Targeting HMGB1-Beclin 1 interaction (Ref no: 12100914)	36	HK\$564,833
	YANG Zhijun	Immunoliposome delivery triptolide to lung cancer enhanced by Carbonic Anhydrase IX Antibody (Ref no. 12102514)	24	HK\$900,000
	ZHANG Ge	Aptamer-functionalized osteoblast-targeting delivery system for osteogenic siRNAs to achieve cell-specific RNA interference for bone anabolic therapy (Ref no: 12102914)	36	HK\$1,035,000
	ZHANG Hongjie	Structural Modification and Biological Studies of the Antitumor Natural Products Miliusanes as Novel Cancer Therapeutic Agents (Ref no: 12103014)	36	HK\$914,985
	HAN Quanbin	Bio-/chem-equivalence of polysaccharies of <i>G. lucidum</i> and <i>G. sinense</i> evaluated with a novel systematic approach (Ref no.: 22100014)	36	HK\$473,589
HMRF	LI Min	Combined Use of Chinese Medicine Decoction (Tianma Gouteng Yin) and Sinemet for the Treatment of Parkinson's Disease: Preclinical Evaluation on Safety and Efficacy (Ref no.: 12132091)	24	HK\$999,600
	KWAN Hui Yee	A study to reduce the toxicity of Xanthii Fructus (Ref no.: 12133831)	24	HK\$596,600
ITF	DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar	Structural Modification of Protopine Alkaloid from the Chinese Herbal medicine Yanhusuo for the Optimization of anti-Alzheimer's Disease Activity (Ref no: ITS/187/13)	18	HK\$1,397,000
	DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar	Structural Modification of Protopine Alkaloid from the Chinese Herbal Medicine Yanhusuo for the Optimization of anti-Alzheimer's Disease Activity (Ref no: InP/250/14)	18	HK\$226,000
	LU Aiping	Toward Targeted Therapy in Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: A Smart Triptolide-Nucleolin Aptamer Conjugate (Ref no: UIM/256)	24	HK\$1,170,000
	YU Zhiling	Study on the Processing Standards for Toxic Chinese Materia Medica (Ref no: InP/100/14)	12	HK\$353,000
	YU Zhiling	Study on the Processing Standards for Toxic Chinese Materia Medica (Ref no: InP/094/14)	24	HK\$353,000
	YU Zhiling	Study on the Processing Standards for Toxic Chinese Materia Medica (Ref no: GHP/030/13)	24	HK\$2,380,000
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Standardisation on the Nomenclatures of Chinese Medicinal Materials and Decoction Pieces Sold in Hong Kong (Ref no: InP/254/14)	14	HK\$206,000
Croucher Foundation	LU Aiping	Toward cell-targeted therapeutics in osteosarcoma: A smart Triptolide-aptamer conjugate CAS-Croucher Funding Scheme for Joint Laboratories	36	HK\$1,200,000
NSFC	GUAN Yifu	Design, diversity-oriented synthesis and anti-HIV activity evaluation of Litseane-like library	36	CNY 250,000
	GUO BaoSheng	Molecular Mechanism for Bone Formation Reduction During Aging: Functional Role of Plekho1 in Regulating BMP Signaling	36	CNY 230,000
	HAN Quanbin	Comparison of chemistry and bioactivities of Gannoderma polysaccharides	48	CNY 730,000
	TSANG Siu Wai	Eruberin A suppresses the activation of pancreatic stellate cells and chronic pancreatitis via down regulating sonic hedgehog signaling	36	CNY 230,000
	YU Hua	Feasibility of three species of Siegesbeckiae Herba as one herbal medicine : Chemical and biological evaluations	48	CNY 760,000

Notes

SZSTI: Funding schemes under Science, Technology and Innovation Commission of Shenzhen; **NSFC/RGC:** National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) / RGC Joint Research Scheme; **NSFC:** Funding schemes under National Natural Science Foundation of China; **ITF:** Innovation and Technology Fund; **HMRF:** Health and Medical Research Fund; **GRF:** General Research Fund; **ECS:** Early Career Scheme; **GDNSF:** Funding schemes under Guangdong Province Natural Science Foundation

LIST OF MAJOR EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Grant	Principle Investigator	Project Title	Project Period (Months)	Approved Amount
SZSTI	BIAN Zhaoxiang	Investigation of the active components of Ma Zi Ren Wan in treating constipation	24	CNY 330,000
	GUO BaoSheng	Role of Plekho1 in Regulating BMP Signaling for Bone Formation Reduction During Aging	24	CNY 300,000
	LI Min	Study on the Neuroprotection of Corynoxine in Parkinson's disease and the Phosphoprotein Regulatory Network of Corynoxine-induced Neuronal Autophagy	24	CNY 500,000
	YU Zhiling	Investigation of the molecular mechanisms for the anti-coloractal cancer effects of Ampelopsis Radix	24	CNY 300,000
	ZHANG Ge	The molecular mechanism of aged-related bone loss during osteoporosis: osteoclastic miR-214 regulates the activity of osteoblasts	36	CNY 300,000
GDNSF	YI Tao	Development a targeted separation platform using functionalized magnetic nanoparticles for discovery of anti-inflammatory components from Xuelianhua	36	CNY 100,000
AY 2013 - 2014				
GRF	KWAN Hiu Yee	Antiobesity Effect of Cinnamon (Ref no: 260613)	24	HKD 504,065
	LU Aiping	Understanding the molecular mechanism in failure of osteoblast-mediated repair for articular bone erosion during progressive rheumatoid arthritis: Role of casein kinase-2 interacting protein-1 in controlling osteoblast function (Ref no: 261113)	24	HKD 606,223
	HSIAO Wendy	ERIC-PCR and pyrosequencing analysis of the impact of Gynostemma saponins on gut microflora compositions and the host disease status in Apcmin/+ mice (Ref no:260413)	24	HKD 770,769
HMRF	DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar	An in vivo investigation of the therapeutic effects of modified Huang-Lian-Jie-Du-Tang and its combination with a Western drug memantine in Alzheimer's disease (Ref no: 11122511)	24	HKD 904,000
	HAN Quanbin	The clinical potential of Astragalus polysaccharide in cancer therapy via synergism with antitumor drugs (Ref no: 11122531)	24	HKD 994,800
	TSE Kai Wing	Evaluation and Characterization of the Inflammatory Properties of Ribosome Inactivating Protein Momorcharin derived from Momordica charantia (bitter melon) (Ref no: 11122441)	27	HKD 825,600
	YU Zhiling	Evaluation of the chronic toxicity of a commonly used Chinese medicinal herb Siegesbeckiae Herba (Ref no: 11122521)	24	HKD 850,000
ITF	LI Min	Chemical Modification of Oxindole Alkaloids from the Chinese Herbal Medicine Gouteng for the Optimization of anti-Parkinson's Disease Activity (Ref no: ITS/274/12)	22	HKD 1,000,000
	LI Min	Chemical Modification of Oxindole Alkaloids from the Chinese Herbal Medicine Gouteng for the Optimization of anti-Parkinson's Disease Activity (Ref no: InP/322/13)	13	HKD 197,000
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Standardization on the Nomenclatures of Chinese Medicinal Materials and Decoction Pieces Sold in Hong Kong (Ref no: ITS/185/13FX)	18	HKD 416,000
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Standardization on the Nomenclatures of Chinese Medicinal Materials and Decoction Pieces Sold in Hong Kong (Ref no: InP/083/14)	16	HKD 237,000
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Heritage and Innovation of Chinese Medicine (Ref no: GSP/021/14)	8.5	HKD 653,000
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Exhibition at InnoCarnival 2013: "Marching Towards Modern Chinese Medicine: Conservation of Rare Chinese Medicines Resources and Exhibition of Modern Chinese Medicine (Ref no: GSP/018/13)	7.5	HKD 644,000

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Grant	Principle Investigator	Project Title	Project Period (Months)	Approved Amount
Hospital Authority	LU Aiping & BIAN Zhaoxiang	The Development of Chinese Medicine Clinical Practice Guidelines in Hong Kong	24	HKD 444,320
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China	LU Aiping	Research and development of aptamer-triptolide conjugate for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis	36	CNY 1,500,000
NSFC	LIANG Zhitao	Scientific elucidation of macroscopic identification of Bupleuri Radix by profiling tissue-specific chemicals	36	CNY 230,000
	YU Shan	The effect of nuclear receptors LHR-1 on the castration antagonistic androgen synthesis in prostate tumor and its study as new therapeutic targets for prostate cancer	36	CNY 230,000
AY 2012 - 2013				
GRF	LEUNG Fung Ping	Theaflavins ameliorate endothelial dysfunction in estrogen deficiency through PPAR δ activation (Ref no: 260712)	30	HKD 850,000
	TAI William	Functions of Dickkopf-3 (Dkk3) in ovarian carcinoma tumorigenesis and metastasis (Ref no: 261512)	30	HKD 920,000
	YU Zhiling	Evaluation of the anti-melanoma action of sesquiterpenes isolated from a traditional Chinese medicinal herb <i>Atractylodes Macrocephalae</i> Rhizoma (Ref no: 262512)	24	HKD 707,908
	ZHANG Ge	Toward a novel bone anabolic strategy for aged postmenopausal osteoporosis: Inhibiting miR-214 in osteogenic cells for promoting bone formation (Ref no: 478312)	36	HKD 1,098,250
	ZHANG Hongjie	Discovery of Aryl Naphthalide Lignans as Potential Anti-HIV Inhibitors from the Medicinal Plant <i>Justicia gendarussa</i> (Ref no: 262912)	36	HKD 1,268,250
	ZHAO Zhongzhen	Laser Microdissection Analysis: Linking morphology and biochemistry to assess the quality of Chinese medicinal materials (Ref no.: 263412)	24	HKD 843,720
NSFC/RGC	ZHANG Ge	Skeletal role of CK2-interacting Protein-1 in Regulating Osteoblastic Bone Formation: Molecular Mechanism and Reversing Osteoporosis (Ref no: N_HKBU435/12)	48	HKD 753,925
HMRF	BIAN Zhaoxiang	Chinese Herbal Medicine (MaZiREnWan) for functional constipation: a prospective, double-blinded, double-dummy, randomized, controlled study (Ref no: 9101501)	24	HKD 996,600
ITF	HSIAO Wendy	Living a Modern Healthy Life with Traditional Chinese Medicine (Ref no: GSP/012/12)	6	HKD 650,000
	YU Zhiling	Standardization of the Vinegar for Processing Chinese Materia Medica (Ref no: UIM/238)	24	HKD 1,294,000
	ZHANG Hongjie	In Vivo Evaluation of Antitumor Efficacy of Plant-Derived Novel Natural Products Miliusanes (Ref no: InP/249/12)	6	HKD 151,000
	ZHANG Hongjie	In Vivo Evaluation of Antitumor Efficacy of Plant-Derived Novel Natural Products Miliusanes (Ref no: InP/250/12)	18	HKD 245,000
	ZHANG Hongjie	In Vivo Evaluation of Antitumor Efficacy of Plant-Derived Novel Natural Products Miliusanes (Ref no: ITS/131/12)	18	HKD 965,000

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Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Ltd.	YU Zhiling	Establishment of a Research & Development Laboratory for Testing Chinese Medicines	24	HKD 2,000,000
NSFC	ZHANG Ge	Study on molecular mechanism of bone formation reduction in aged women: Functional role of CKIP-1	48	CNY 700,000
SZSTI	YU Zhiling	Investigation of the anti-inflammatory effects and the underlying mechanism of action of a herbal formula comprising Rosae Multiflorae Fructus and Lonicerae Japonicae Flos	24	CNY 200,000
	ZHANG Ge	Study on molecular mechanism of bone formation reduction in aged women: Functional role of CKIP-1	48	CNY 500,000
	ZHANG Ge	Establishing the bridge for translating cell-specific RNA interference to bone anabolic therapy: An aptamer functionalized osteoblast-targeting delivery system for osteogenic siRNAs	24	CNY 300,000
AY 2011 - 2012				
GRF	CHEN Hubiao	Active Components Screening and Metabolism Study of Tibetan "Xuelianhua" (Saussurea laniceps) (Ref no: 260111)	24	HKD 653,060
	ZHANG Ge	Therapeutic RNAi targeting CKIP-1 to reverse severe postmenopausal osteoporosis (Ref no: 479111)	33	HKD 800,000
NSFC/RGC	LI Min	Functional Analysis of Corynoxine B in Promoting Autophagy and Protecting Neurons (Ref no: N_HKBU213/11)	36	HKD 914,066
HMRF	BIAN Zhaoxiang	Effects of combination of Berberine and 5-Aminosalicylate (5-ASA) against experimental ulcerative colitis and its potential mechanisms (Ref no: 10111971)	36	HKD 972,280
ITF	YU Zhiling	Pharmacological Studies for Developing Qian-wang-hong-bai-san as a Modern Therapeutic Agent against Skin Hyperpigmentary Disorders (Ref no: InP/093/12)	18	HKD 227,000
	YU Zhiling	Pharmacological Studies for Developing Qian-wang-hong-bai-san as a Modern Therapeutic Agent against Skin Hyperpigmentary Disorders (Ref no: InP/094/12)	16	HKD 264,000
	YU Zhiling	Pharmacological Studies for Developing Qian-wang-hong-bai-san as a Modern Therapeutic Agent against Skin Hyperpigmentary Disorders (Ref no: ITS/235/11)	18	HKD 604,000
	YU Zhiling	Platform Development for Quality Control Standards of Processed Chinese Materia Medica (Decoction Pieces) in the HK Market (Ref no: ITS/196/11FP)	12	HKD 2,444,000
AY 2010 - 2011				
GRF	BIAN Zhaoxiang	Nerve growth factor-mediated enteric neuronal plasticity contributes to neonatal maternal separation-induced visceral hyperalgesia in rats (Ref no: 260010)	24	HKD 800,000
	LIU Liang	Identification of novel small molecule binding sites of IκB kinase-beta (IKK-beta) as a new technical platform for anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer drug discovery (Ref no: 261010)	30	HKD 900,000
HMRF	LI Min	The effect of Chinese Herbal Medicine (JiaWeiLiuJunZiTang) on Non-motor Symptoms in Idiopathic Parkinson's Diseases (PD): A Randomized Controlled Trial (Ref no: 809111)	27	HKD 586,380
ITF	HSIAO Wendy	Traditional Chinese Medicine for Modern Life: Production of HKBU School of Chinese Medicine's Booth for InnoCarnival 2011	4	HKD 650,000

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2015				
Anti-Cancer Agents Synthesized Based on Miliusane Compounds	ZHANG Hongjie	United States	US 9,211,333	15 December 2015
Oxanorbornadiene Derivatives and Their Anticancer Activities	BIAN Zhaoxiang LIN Chengyuan FAN Baomin MU Huaixue ZHOU Yongyun ZENG Weimin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	US 9,120,816	1 September 2015
A Chinese Medicinal Formulation For Treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease And The Preparation Thereof	BIAN Zhaoxiang TSANG Siu Wai IP Siu Po WU Che Yuen Justin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	US 9,044,502	2 June 2015
Pharmaceutical Composition and Methods for Modulating Immune System, Preventing, Pretreating and/or Treating Cancers	HAN Quanbin	United States	US 9,005,676	14 April 2015
A Quality Control Marker and Its Use in Herbs Authentication	HAN Quanbin CHEN Hubiao XU Jun	United States	US 8,999,719 B2	7 April 2015
2014				
Asymmetric Synthesis of Norcantharidin Analogues by Alkynylation of Oxabenzonorbornadienes and Their Anticancer Activities	CHAN Sun Chi Albert FAN Baomin WANG Jun LIN Chengyuan HUANG Chao YANG Qingjing XU Jianbin BIAN Zhaoxiang LU Aiping HU Jun	United States	US 8,835,658 B2	16 September 2014
Novel Formulation of Dehydrated Lipid Vesicles for Controlled Release of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient via Inhalation	YANG Zhijun HUANG Wenhua WONG Chi Sun ZHAO Zhongzhen	China	ZL 210952.0	16 April 2014
Method of Using Rhein for Treating Fibrotic Conditions and Tumors	BIAN Zhaoxiang TSANG Siu Wai LU Aiping XIAO Haitao QIN Hongyan CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Shilin YANG Dajian	United States	US 52,540B2	18 February 2014
2012				
Chemical Preparation of a New Ginsenoside Dihydroginsenoside Rg2 and its Application	JIANG Zhihong	China	ZL 0175442.X	1 November 2012
2011				
A Fish Feed Containing Traditional Chinese Herbs for the Prevention of Enteritis in Grass Carps	WONG Ming Hung CHOI Wai Ming MO Wing Yin BIAN Zhaoxiang MAK Nai Ki GUO Yicong WU Shengchun	Hong Kong	HK 1146782	7 August 2011

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2015				
Synthesis of Autophagy Inducing Compound and the Uses thereof	LI Min SONG Juxian LIU Liangfeng ZHANG Hongjie	United States	14/927,483	30 October 2015
Anticancer Miliusane Derivatives	ZHANG Hongjie	United States	14/927,485	30 October 2015
Controlled-release dosage form of subcutaneous injection for lowering blood glucose level	YANG Zhijun BIAN Zhaoxiang LU Aiping WONG Chi Kwan Blenda CHEN Xiaoyu	United States	14/783,433	9 October 2015
Long-Acting Controlled-Release Liposome Gel Composition	YANG Zhijun LU Aiping BIAN Zhaoxiang CHEN Xiaoyu WONG Chi Kwan Blenda	Hong Kong	15109333	23 September 2015
Herbal Formulation for skin care	YU Zhiling YU Hua	Taiwan	104127120	20 August 2015
Compound for Inhibiting Syk Activity	XU Hongxi LV Yue FU Wenwei CHEN Kaixian BIAN Zhaoxiang CHEN Shilin YANG Dajian LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	14/824,762	12 August 2015
Chinese medicinal formulation for treating inflammatory bowel disease and the preparation thereof	BIAN Zhaoxiang TSANG Siu Wai IP Siu Po WU Che Yuen Justin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	Hong Kong	15107247.9	29 July 2015
Lignans Isolated from Lasiaspinosa (L.) Thwait Suppressed Metastatic Oesophageal Carcinoma Cell Migration and Invasion in Vitro.	BIAN Zhaoxiang MU Huaixue LIN Chengyuan XU Hongxi YANG Dajian CHEN Shilin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	62/183,726	23 June 2015
The Study on an Bioactivity Evaluation of Crude Extraction from Lasiaspinosa (L.) Thwait and Its main Compounds.	BIAN Zhaoxiang MU Huaixue LIN Chengyuan XU Hongxi YANG Dajian CHEN Shilin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	62/183,728	23 June 2015
Bioactivity Evaluation of Crude Extraction from Lasiaspinosa (L.) Thwait and Its main Compounds	BIAN Zhaoxiang MU Huaixue LIN Chengyuan WANG Jinjin YANG Zhijun LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	62/183,729	23 June 2015

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Pb-Id for Treating Inflammation	BIAN Zhaoxiang MU Huaixue LIN Chengyuan HAN Quanbin LU Aiping HUANG Linfang CHEN Shilin YANG Dajian XU Hongxi CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	14/742,727	18 June 2015
Palladium/Silver Co-Catalyzed Tandem Reactions Synthesis of Phenylacetophenone Derivatives by Oxabenzonorbornadienes with Terminal Alkynes and Their Anti-Tumor or Anti-Cancer Activities	BIAN Zhaoxiang LIN Chengyuan MU Huaixue FAN Baomin ZHOU Yongyun CHEN Jingchao LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	14/743,209	18 June 2015
Method of Using Dihydro-resveratrol for Treating Acute Pancreatitis and Associated Pulmonary Injury	BIAN Zhaoxiang TSANG Sui Wai ZHANG Hongjie LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	14/740,410	16 June 2015
Quality control marker and its use in herbs authentication	HAN Quanbin CHEN Hubiao XU Jun	Hong Kong	15104833.6	21 May 2015
Usage of Guttiferone K, A Natural Compound from Garcinia Yunnanensis Hu on Treating High Metastatic Cancer	XU Hongxi LAO Yuanzhi XI Zhichao TAN Hongsheng CHEN Kaixian BIAN Zhaoxiang YANG Dajian CHEN Shilin LU Aiping CHAN Sun Chi Albert	United States	14/701,529	1 May 2015
Use of a Flavanol Glycoside for Suppressing Activation of Stellate Cells	BIAN Zhaoxiang TSANG Siu Wai ZHANG Hongjie CHEN Yegao CHAN Sun Chi Albert LU Aiping XU Hongxi CHEN Shilin YANG Dajian	Hong Kong	15102549.5	12 March 2015
A mTOR-independent Activator of TFEB for Autophagy Enhancement and Uses thereof	LI Min SONG Juxian ZEND Yu LIU Liangfeng	International Procedure	PCT/ CN2015/073764	6 March 2015
A mTOR-independent Activator of TFEB for Autophagy Enhancement and Uses thereof	LI Min SONG Juxian ZEND Yu LIU Liangfeng	United States	14/609,438	30 January 2015
Composition Comprising Rhizoma Coptidis, Cortex Pellodendri and Fructus Gardeniae and For Treating Neurodegenerative Diseases	LI Min DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar LIU Liangfeng SONG Juxian CHEN Leilei	Hong Kong	15100686.2	21 January 2015
2014				
Anticancer Maytansinoids with Taiwano Fused Macrocyclic Rings	SOEJARTO Djaja Deol FONG H.S. Harry ZHANG Hongjie	International Procedure	PCT/ CN2014/092834	2 December 2014
Use of Herbal Saponins to Regulate Gut Microflora	HSIAO Wen Luan Wendy CHEN Lei	International Procedure	PCT/ CN2014/090255	4 November 2014

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Aryl Naphthalide Lignans As anti-HIV Agents	RONG Lijun FONG H.S. Harry Zhang Hongjie SOEJARTO Djaja Doel RUMSCHLAG-BOOMS Emily	Hong Kong	14109999.6	7 October 2014
Herbal Formulation for skin care	YU Hua YU Zhiling	China	201410417672.2	22 August 2014
Anti-cervical Cancer Compound and Method of Use Thereof	LIN Chengyuan BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Kaixian CHEN Shilin LAO Yuanzhi LU Aiping YANG Dajian ZHANG Hong WANG Xiaoyu	United States	14/449,132	31 July 2014
Anti-Prostate Cancer Compound and Method of Use Thereof	LI Xin TAN Hongsheng BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Kaixian CHEN Shilin LAO Yuanzhi LU Aiping YANG Dajian ZHANG Hong WANG Xiaoyu	United States	14/333,524	17 July 2014
Quality Control Marker and Its Use in Herbs Authentication	XU Jun CHEN Hubiao HAN Quanbin	China	201410330544.4	11 July 2014
Composition Comprising Rhizoma Coptidis, Cortex Pellodendri and Fructus Gardeniae and For Treating Neurodegenerative Diseases	LI Min CHEN Leilei DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar LIU Liangfeng SONG Juxian	China	201410265207.1	13 June 2014
Composition Comprising Rhizoma Coptidis, Cortex Pellodendri and Fructus Gardeniae and For Treating Neurodegenerative Diseases	LI Min DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar LIU Liangfeng SONG Juxian CHEN Leilei	United States	14/303,622	13 June 2014
Use of Herbal Saponins to Regulate Gut Microflora	HSIAO Wen Luan Wendy CHEN Lei	United States	14/290,148	29 May 2014
Bioactive Fractions and Compounds from Polygonum Genus, Their Use in Anti-diarrhea and The Method of Preparation	BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Shilin LU Aiping XIAO Haitao YANG Dajian	Hong Kong	14104756.0	21 May 2014

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Use of a Flavanol Glycoside for Suppressing Activation of Stellate Cells	BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Shilin TSANG Siu Wai CHEN Yegao LU Aiping YANG Dajian ZHANG Hongjie	China	201410210304.0	19 May 2014
A Chinese Medicinal Formulation for Treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease and the Preparation Thereof	BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert TSANG Siu Wai LU Aiping WU Che Yuen Justin IP Siu Po	China	201410173979.2	28 April 2014
Herbal Composition for Skin-Whitening and Anti-Skin-Aging, Method of Preparation and the Use thereof	YU Hua YU Zhiling	United States	14/191,470	27 February 2014
Controlled-release dosage form of subcutaneous injection for lowering blood glucose level	YANG Zhijun BIAN Zhaoxiang LU Aiping WONG Chi Kwan Blenda CHEN Xiaoyu	China	201410055853.5	19 February 2014
Melanogenesis Effect of Total Saponins of Gynostemma Pentaphyllum	HSIAO Wen Luan Wendy TSANG Ting Fung	United States	14/165,560	27 January 2014
Usage of Oblongifolin C, a Natural Compound from Garcinia yunnanensis Hu, on Treating Cancer as Metastatic Inhibitor and Autophagic Flux Inhibitor	TAN Hongsheng BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Kaixian CHEN Shilin LAO Yuanzhi LU Aiping YANG Dajian WANG Xiaoyu XU Naihan LIU Zhenyan	United States	14/151,792	9 January 2014
Usage of Sodium Houttuynonate on Inhibiting Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis and Bleomycin Induced Pulmonary Fibrosis	LIN Chengyuan SHEN Yunhui BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Kaixian CHEN Shilin LAO Yuanzhi LU Aiping YANG Dajian	United States	14/149,823	8 January 2014
2013				
New Triptolide Derivatives, Their Preparation Method and Uses	LU Jun LU Cheng LU Aiping LIU Biao WANG Cheng ZHANG Ge	International Procedure	PCT/ CN2013/001551	11 December 2013
New Triptolide Derivatives, Their Preparation Method and Uses	LU Jun LU Cheng LU Aiping LIU Biao WANG Cheng ZHANG Ge	China	201380002841.X	11 December 2013
Anti-cancer and Anti-obesity Cyclic Peptide Agents	ZHANG Hongjie	International Procedure	PCT/ CN2013/085301	16 October 2013
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Anti-cancer and Anti-obesity Cyclic Peptide Agents	ZHANG Hongjie	China	201380048848.5	16 June 2013
Anti-cancer and Anti-obesity Cyclic Peptide Agents	ZHANG Hongjie	European Procedure	13846540.6	16 June 2013
Use of a Flavanol Glycoside for Suppressing Activation of Stellate Cells	BIAN Zhaoxiang CHAN Sun Chi Albert XU Hongxi CHEN Shilin TSANG Siu Wai CHEN Yegao LU Aiping YANG Dajian ZHANG Hongjie	United States	13/899,713	22 May 2013
Anti-cancer and Anti-obesity Cyclic Peptide Agents	ZHANG Hongjie	United States	13/804,276	14 March 2013
Herbal Composition for Skin-Whitening and Anti-Skin-Aging, Method of Preparation and the Use thereof	YU Hua YU Zhiling	China	201310063194.5	28 February 2013
2012				
Autophagy Inducing Compound and the Uses thereof	LI Min LU Jiahong DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar LIU Liangfeng SONG Juxian	China	201280014006.3	22 March 2012
Autophagy Inducing Compound and the Uses thereof	LI Min LU Jiahong DURAIRAJAN Siva Sundara Kumar LIU Liangfeng SONG Juxian	Hong Kong	14107306.8	22 March 2012
Aryl Naphthalide Lignans As anti-HIV Agents	RONG Lijun FONG H.S. Harry ZHANG Hongjie SOEJARTO Djaja Doel RUMSCHLAG- BOOMS Emily	China	201280048097.2	27 July 2012

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A Chinese medicinal formulation ameliorates dextran sulfate sodium-induced experimental colitis by suppressing the activity of nuclear factor-kappaB signaling. <i>J Ethnopharmacol.</i> 2015 Mar 13;162:20-30.	TSANG SW, IP SP, WU JC, NG SC, YUNG KK, BIAN ZX	2.998
A comparative study between Wuweizi seed and its post-ethanol extraction residue in normal and hypercholesterolemic mice. <i>Lipids Health Dis.</i> 2015 Aug 25;14(1):93.	CHU ZS, YU ZL, PAN SY, JIA ZH, WANG XY, ZHANG Y, ZHU PL, WANG XJ, KO KM	2.219
A comparative tissue-specific metabolite analysis and determination of protodioscin content in Asparagus species used in traditional Chinese medicine and Ayurveda by use of laser microdissection, UHPLC-QTOF/MS and LC-MS/MS. <i>Phytochem Anal.</i> 2014 Nov-Dec;25(6):514-28.	JAIHWAL Y, LIANG Z, HO A, CHEN H, ZHAO Z	2.341
A delivery system specifically approaching bone resorption surfaces to facilitate therapeutic modulation of microRNAs in osteoclasts. <i>Biomaterials.</i> 2015 Jun;52:148-60.	LIU J, DANG L, LI D, LIANG C, HE X, WU H, QIAN A, YANG Z, AU DW, CHIANG MW, ZHANG BT, HAN Q, YUE KK, ZHANG H, LV C, PAN X, XU J, BIAN Z, SHANG P, TAN W, LIANG Z, GUO B, LU A, ZHANG G	8.557
A herbal formula comprising Rosae Multiflorae Fructus and Lonicerae Japonicae Flos inhibits the production of inflammatory mediators and the IRAK-1/TAK1 and TBK1/IRF3 pathways in RAW 264.7 and THP-1 cells. <i>J Ethnopharmacol.</i> 2015 Nov 4;174:195-9. Epub 2015 Aug 20. [Epub ahead of print]	CHENG BC, HUA YU, TAO SU, FU XQ, GUO H, TING LI, CAO HH, TSE KW, KWAN HY, YU ZL	2.998
A novel and rapid HPGPC-based strategy for quality control of saccharide-dominant herbal materials: <i>Dendrobium officinale</i> , a case study. <i>Anal Bioanal Chem.</i> 2014 Oct;406(25):6409-17.	XU J, LI SL, YUE RQ, KO CH, HU JM, LIU J, HO HM, YI T, ZHAO ZZ, ZHOU J, LEUNG PC, CHEN HB, HAN QB	3.436
A novel curcumin analog binds to and activates TFEB in vitro and in vivo independent of MTOR inhibition. <i>Autophagy</i> , [accepted]	SONG JX, SUN YR, PELUSO I, ZENG Y, YU X, LU JH, XU Z, WANG MZ, LIU LF, HUANG YY, CHEN LL, DURAIRAJAN SSK, ZHANG HJ, ZHOU B, ZHANG HQ, LU A, BALLABIO A, MEDINA DL, GUO Z, LI M	11.753
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Activation of transient receptor potential vanilloid 3 channel suppresses adipogenesis. <i>Endocrinology.</i> 2015 Jun;156(6):2074-86.	CHEUNG SY, HUANG Y, KWAN HY, CHUNG HY, YAO X	4.503
Acupuncture for refractory epilepsy: role of thalamus. <i>Evid Based Complement Alternat Med.</i> 2014;2014:950631.	CHEN SP, WANG SB, RONG PJ, LIU JL, ZHANG HQ, ZHANG JL	1.880
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