

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

B-CAT Meeting #24 Recap

In B-CAT meeting on 15 Aug, Prof. Xiaoling XU presented her work on searching for the driver genes for BRCA1-related breast cancer progression and metastasis by using single cell genome sequencing and CRISPR library screening. She believed that the identification of the driver genes and the pathways involved could provide valuable information for precision medicine to fight against this deadly disease.

Publications of the week

1. Fu, A., Peh, Y. M., Ngan, W., Wei, N., and Luo, K. Q. (2018) Rapid identification of anti-micrometastases drugs using integrated model systems with 2D monolayer, 3D spheroids and zebrafish xenotransplantation tumors. *Biotechnol Bioeng*
2. Wu, C., Lyu, J., Yang, E. J., Liu, Y., Zhang, B., and Shim, J. S. (2018) Targeting AURKA-CDC25C axis to induce synthetic lethality in ARID1A-deficient colorectal cancer cells. *Nat Commun* **9**, 3212
3. Zhang, D., Pretorius, P. H., Ghaly, M., Zhang, Q., King, M. A., and Mok, G. S. P. (2018) Evaluation of different respiratory gating schemes for cardiac SPECT. *J Nucl Cardiol*

Seminar Series

Metabolomics and antibiotic-resistant bacteria

Prof. Xuanxian PENG, Professor of Sun Yat-Sen University shared his recent work on the metabolic state of antibiotic-resistant *E. tarda*, and demonstrated that exogenous alanine or glucose reverts the bacterium to kanamycin susceptibility. The study establishes novel functional metabolomics-based strategy to manage infection by antibiotic-resistant bacteria.



Oral Defense



PhD Oral Defense by Mr. Zheng YANG of Prof. Kin Yip TAM's group

Mr. Zheng YANG, supervised by Prof. Kin Yip TAM, completed his PhD Oral Defense on 14 August 2018 (Tuesday). The title of his thesis is "Anti-cancer synergy of targeting pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 1 (PDK1) in combination with EGFR-TKi in NSCLC therapy".

The results of the thesis indicate that treatments studied affected cellular metabolism, such as PDK1 suppression, in combination with EGFR-TKi, and may be potential strategies for NSCLC therapy in future.

FHS News

FHS welcomes new students for 2018-2019

On 15 August, FHS kicked off the new school year with a series of orientation programmes to welcome new students. The Faculty members and FHS student association representatives presented materials on the history and achievements of the Faculty, exciting collaborative programmes and tips on how to strive in the Faculty. The new students appreciated the warm welcome and are motivated to start this new chapter of their lives.



Press Coverage

Press coverage: GCS, Taichung, Today Macao, Jornal "Va Kio", Ho Kong Daily

澳大精準醫學為多種癌症治療帶來新曙光

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來源：澳門大學

澳門大學精準醫學治療研究有重大突破！針對「ARID1A基因突變」（一種常見於多種癌症的基因突變），澳大研究團隊利用「合成致死」治療策略，並透過高通量篩選，發現「ARID1A基因」的合成致死藥物為「Auroa Kinase A蛋白」，能起相互抑制的作用，為多種癌症治療帶來新曙光。相關研究結果與國際權威科學期刊《自然通訊》刊登。

該研究為「在攜帶ARID1A突變的直腸癌細胞中發現ARID1A-CICCS功能通路可作為合成致死突變的新靶標」，由澳大健康科學學院教授沈仲傑與實驗醫學國際進行研。沈仲傑表示，目前癌症靶向治療，主要集中在抑制腫瘤細胞，阻斷直接抑制癌發生長；然而，抑制癌細胞突變，卻造成了一大臨床挑戰，因為這些基因突變難以直接用作藥物靶標作用治療。因此，尋找抑制癌細胞突變的治療方法極其重要。澳大團隊利用「合成致死」（即由兩個或多個基因突變同時導致細胞死亡或凋亡）治療策略，先比較到抑癌突變的合成致死藥物，進而研究發現，是與具有抑制突變的品成功方法。「ARID1A基因突變」是多種癌症發病的突變，包括結直腸癌、澳大團隊透過高通量篩選，發現「ARID1A基因」的合成致死藥物「Auroa Kinase A蛋白」，並推測出兩者相互作用機制，更進一步發現Auroa Kinase A蛋白對於ARID1A突變的多種結直腸癌細胞中具獨特敏感性。

該研究首次證明ARID1A與Auroa Kinase A具有合成致死作用，並引導可利用Auroa Kinase A 抑制剂聯合ARID1A突變的結直腸癌的新策略，同時也為ARID1A或PI1 / 突變合突變的多種癌症治療向「合成致死」新靶標。研究團隊包括澳大博士生張傑、呂俊、謝一凡及研究助理梁思琪。

立法會與理工簽合作
完善中葡翻譯

【本報訊】澳門立法會與中國科學院大學（USTC）日前簽署合作協議，雙方將共同推動中葡翻譯服務的發展。協議內容包括：雙方將共同成立一個中葡翻譯研究中心，該中心將致力於提高中葡翻譯的準確性和效率，並為政府部門、企業和學術機構提供專業的翻譯服務。此外，雙方還將加強在翻譯技術、人才培訓和學術交流方面的合作。這項合作協議的簽署，標誌著中葡兩國在翻譯領域的合作邁出了重要一步，將有助於促進雙邊貿易和學術交流。

現代澳門日報

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澳大精準醫學研究 治癌症帶來新曙光

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澳大精準醫學研究為多種癌症治療帶來新曙光

三活動助青年了解澳區機遇
MAC年會發掘學生潛能

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奧數賽澳隊四生全獲獎

澳大研究帶來治癌曙光

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澳大師生赴武漢上海 參與萬人計劃促交流

【本報訊】澳門大學健康科學學院師生參與由國家教育部推出的「萬人計劃」，分別先後到訪武漢和上海多間國內知名高校，與當地醫科教職人員及學生進行學術交流，開拓生物醫藥的專業視野。有參與學生表示，透過是次的參訪，了解到國內醫學研究一日千里、科研成果豐碩，期望日後到國內醫學院學習，豐富專業技能。

AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
20	21	22	23	24
<p>Seminar Series The molecular mechanisms behind female germ cell development and their implications for treating female infertility Prof. Kui Liu Time: 14:30-15:30 Venue: E12-G003</p>	<p>New Student Welcome Reception Time: 10:00 Venue: E12 Learning Common</p>		<p>PhD Oral Defense Ms. Junfang LYU Time: 15:00 Venue: N6-G010</p>	<p>Seminar Series Discovery of New Targets of Bioactive Small Molecules and Validation in vivo by Mass Spectrometry Imaging Prof. Ho Jeong KWON Time: 11:00-12:00 Venue: E12-G004</p>
27	28	29	30	31
	<p>Seminar Series The Promises and Challenges of Non-coding RNA Studies in Neurodegenerative Diseases Prof. Hermona SOREQ Time: 11:00-12:00 Venue: E12-G004</p>	<p>Seminar Series Dissection of the role of cell type specific histamine receptors in central nervous system disorders Prof. Zhong Chen Time: 10:30-12:00 Venue: TBC</p>		
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		<p>B-CAT Meeting #25 Prof. Wei GE Time: 17:00 Venue: TBC</p>		
10	11	12	13	14