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Present Appointment

Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Academic Qualification

02. 2005 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

- 07. 2003 PhD in Biochemistry, Sun Yat-Sen University, China
- 07. 2000 MPhil, Guangdong Medical College, China
- 07.1997 Hunan Medical University, China

Employment History

08, 2021—	Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, CUHK
06, 2015—07.2021	Associate Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, CUHK
04, 2010—05, 2015	Assistant Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, CUHK
04, 2009—04, 2010	Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine & Therapeutics,
	CUHK
04. 2007—04, 2009	Research Assistant Professor
	Department of Medicine & Therapeutics, CUHK

Awards and Distinctions

1. The recipient of a grant amounting to 100,000 US dollars in the second round of Grand Challenges Explorations in 2009 from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. One of the 81 receipts out of more than 3,000 applicants worldwide including North America and Europe

2. Young Investigator Award, American Pancreatic Association & International Association of Pancreatology, October 2012

3. Young Investigator Award, International Digestive Diseases Forum, June 2013

4. Collaborative Research Award, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 2014

5. Young Investigator Award, Japanese Cancer Association Annual Meeting, September 2014

6. Outstanding Young Investigator Award, Pancreatic Cancer Committee, Chinese Anti-cancer Association, July 2016

7. The First Place of Paper Award, The Chinese Translational Medicine Association 2016 Conference, October 2016

8. Young Investigator Award, American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)-Korean Cancer Association (KCA) joint conference on Precision Medicine in Solid Tumors, November 2018

9. The Best of the AACR Journals 2022 & Most-Cited Article published in 2020 Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research, April 2022.

Professional Affiliations

- 2003— Member, American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
- 2007— Member, Chinese Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, USA (CAPS-USA)
- 2007— Member, The Consortium for Globalization of Chinese Medicine Foundation
- 2007— Member, The Society of Hong Kong Scholars
- 2012— Member, European Association for Predictive, Preventive and

- Personalised Medicine (EPMA)
- 2012— National EPMA Board Member of China
- 2012— Member, American Pancreatic Association
- 2012— Member, International Association of Pancreatology

Academic Service

Grant reviewer:

- 2018— World Cancer Research Fund
- 2017— Science and Technology Development Fund of Macau
- 2016— National Science Foundation of Poland
- 2015— European Science Foundation
- 2015— Italian Ministry of Health
- 2015— University of Macau
- 2012— National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)
- 2011— Shenzhen Research Foundation

Editor in Chief

2019— *Current Cancer Therapy Reviews* (indexed in Emerging SCI)

Editorial board member

- 2020— International Journal of Biological Sciences (impact fact 10.9)
- 2014— World Journal of Gastroenterology (impact fact 5.6)
- 2020— Biosensors (impact fact 3.2)
- 2010— Journal of Chinese Clinical Medicine
- 2011— American Journal of Molecular Biology
- 2013— Journal of Life Medicine
- 2013— Journal of Metabolomics and Systems Biology
- 2013— Journal of Gene Therapy
- 2013— Molecular Biology and Genetic Engineering
- 2014— Quality Control Expert, Chinese academic journals (CD) "electronic magazine" China National Knowledge Infrastructure
- 2013— Pharmacologia
- 2016— Epigenomics and Epigenetics

Ad hoc Reviewer for Gut, Cancer Research, Mol Therapy, Oncogene, Cancer Letters, PLoS One, Life Science, European Journal of Surgical Research, BBA-Proteins & Proteomics, Pharmaceutical Res, Anti-cancer Drugs, BMC Medical Genomics, Electrophoresis, Int J Biochem Cell Biol, Tumor Biology.

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

▶ RNA biomarkers for early diagnosis of cancer

► Identification and characterization of long and short non-coding RNAs with critic roles in cancer

► RNA therapeutics for cancer

Research Grants with Capacity as PI

- Development of mRNA vaccine targeting tumor immune microenvironment for mesothelioma treatment. Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board, 2024-2026, HK\$ 2,696,080, Capacity: PI.
- 2. Development of Liquid Biopsy Assays Based on Exosomal Small Non-coding RNAs for Non-invasive Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer. Research Impact Fund,

2024-2029, HK\$: 8,000,000, Capacity: PI.

- 3. Exploration on the Novel Gene Regulatory Mechanisms and Diagnostic Potential of Circular RNAs in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. Strategic Seed Funding for Collaborative Research Scheme, CUHK, 2024-2026, HK\$ 500,000, Capacity: PI.
- 4. To elucidate the novel DNA interacting mechanism of oncogenic circular RNA circFOXK2, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), 2023-2026, RMB: 540,000, Capacity: PI.
- 5. Ribonucleic Acid Biomarkers for early diagnosis of cancer. Research Matching Grant Scheme, UGC, 2021-2026, HK\$: 1,750,000, Capacity: PI.
- 6. RNA Biomarkers for early diagnosis of cancer. Donation, 2021-2026, HK\$: 3,700,000, Capacity: PI.
- 7. Development of a modified droplet digital PCR (ddPCR) assay for highly accurate and sensitive detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA for screening of infected individuals and environmental monitoring. Worldwide Universities Network Special Grant Scheme, 2020-2021, GBP:10,000, Capacity: PI.
- 8. Characterization of the anti-metastatic function of POU4F3 in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and delineate its underlying mechanism. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2020-2023, HK\$: 953,013, Capacity: PI.
- Characterization of the novel KRAS-driven STK32B kinase and identification of selective inhibitors for therapeutic intervention in pancreatic cancer. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2019-2022, HK\$: 868,956, Capacity: PI.
- 10. Genome-wide identification of circular RNAs with critical roles in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2018-2021, HK\$: 1,225,785, Capacity: PI.
- 11. Investigation of the cell free DNAs and exosome in serum samples of HCC patients treated with Pianzaihuan. Guangzhou Evidence-based Medicine Tech. Co. Ltd., 2017-2019. HK\$:1,159,000. Capacity: PI.
- 12. Identification of novel tumor suppressor long non-coding RNAs epigenetically silenced in hepatocellular carcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2017-2020, HK\$: 1,000,716, Capacity: PI.
- Metabolism and pharmacokinetic analysis of a small molecule modulator of tumor suppressor microRNA-34a. Innovation and Technology Fund, 2015-2017, HK\$: 1,398,664. Capacity: PI.
- 14. Characterization of a novel long non-coding RNA AK311005 with potential tumor suppressive role in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2015-2018, HK\$: 763,494, Capacity: PI.
- 15. Identification and functional characterization of long non-coding RNAs associated with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2014-2017, HK\$: 1,299,049, Capacity: PI.
- 16. Regulation and function of histone demethylase JMJD3 in HBV-induced hepatocarcinogenesis. Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF), 2013-2015, HK\$: 780,128, Capacity: PI.
- 17. Functional characterization of EZH2/miR-218 interaction in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2012-2015, HK\$: 862,500, Capacity: PI.
- Identification of novel therapeutic targets for pancreatic cancer by genome-wide RNAi screening in vivo. National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), 2017-2020, RMB: 570,000, Capacity: PI.
- 19. Investigation on the anti-cancer activity against liver cancer and the underlying

mechanism of small molecule modulator of microRNA-34a. National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), 2015-2019, RMB: 760,000, Capacity: Pl.

- 20. Role of microRNAs in the multiple target efficacy of berberine. Institute of Materia Medica, Peking Union Medical College, 2015-2017, RMB: 300,000, Capacity: PI.
- 21. Functional characterization of Hepatitis B viral X protein/microRNA-21 interaction in HBV associated hepatocellular carcinoma. Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Disease, 2012-2014, HK\$: 1,000,000, Capacity: PI.
- 22. The mechanism of polycomb protein EZH2 silencing on microRNA-34a in pancreatic cancer and its significance in tumorigenesis, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), 2012-2015, RMB: 260,000, Capacity: PI.
- 23. Functional characterization of EZH2/miR34a interaction in cancer. Shenzhen Municipal Basic Research Program, 2012-2014, RMB: 100, 000, Capacity: PI.
- 24. Generation of Influenza-resistant chicken by triple combination lentiviral vectormediated genetic modification. Grand Challenges Explorations No. 53011, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. 2009-2011, US\$: 100,000, Capacity: PI.
- 25. Regulation of S100P expression by IL-6 in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Research Grants Council General Research Fund (GRF), 2009-2012, HK\$: 977,765, Capacity: PI.
- 26. Triple combination lentiviral vector-based hematopoietic stem cell gene therapy for inhibition of drug resistant HIV-1, Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Disease, 2009-2011, HK\$: 800,000, Capacity: PI.
- 27. Development of HPV therapeutic vaccine and related immunotherapy for treating cervical cancer, Innovation and Technology Fund, 2008-2010, HK\$: 1,571,682, Capacity: PI.
- 28. Development of HPV therapeutic vaccine. HealthBaby Biotech (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd. 2008-2010, HK\$: 1,571,682, Capacity: PI.

Publications (*corresponding author)

- 1. Liu Y, Tang SC, Li CH, To KF, Li B, Chan SL, Wong CH, **Chen Y.** The molecular mechanism underlying KRAS regulation on STK31 expression in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. Cancer Sci. 2024 Oct;115(10):3288-3304.
- 2. Zhong HJ, Liu AQ, Huang DN, Zhou ZH, Xu SP, Wu L, Yang XP, **Chen Y**, Hong MF, Zhan YQ. Exploring the impact of gut microbiota on liver health in mice and patients with Wilson disease. Liver Int. 2024 Oct;44(10):2700-2713.
- 3. Xian G, Huang R, Xu M, Zhao H, Xu X, **Chen Y**, Ren H, Xu D, Zeng Q. Noncoding RNA regulates the expression of Krm1 and Dkk2 to synergistically affect aortic valve lesions. Exp Mol Med. 2024 Jul;56(7):1560-1573.
- Ali S, Haq TU, Hussain M, Uzair M, Ali Y, Chen Y, Jalil F, Shah AA. Genetic variants rs2910164, rs4636297 and rs895819 may contribute to the onset of acute myocardial infarction in Pakistani population. PLoS One. 2024 Jan 2;19(1):e0296025.
- 5. Wang S, Chen J, Li P, **Chen Y***. LINC01133 can induce acquired resistance to ferroptosis in pancreatic cancer by enhancing the mRNA stability of FSP1 through forming the LINC01133-FUS-FSP1 complex. *Cell Death Dis.* 2023 Nov 25;14(11):767.
- 6. Yeung SSY, Ma SL, Wang X, **Chen Y**, Tsui SKW, Tang NLS, Woo J. Telomere length among Chinese aged 75+ years. Gerontology. 2023 Oct 19. doi: 10.1159/000534644. Online ahead of print.
- 7. Chiang CY, Zhang M, Huang J, Zeng J, Chen C, Pan D, Yang H, Zhang T, Yang M, Han Q, Wang Z, Xiao T, **Chen Y**, Zou Y, Yin F, Li Z, Zhu L, Zheng D. A novel

selective ERK1/2 inhibitor, Laxiflorin B, targets EGFR mutation subtypes in nonsmall-cell lung cancer. Acta Pharmacol Sin. 2023 Oct 10. doi: 10.1038/s41401-023-01164-w. Online ahead of print.

- Wang JT, Wong CH, Zhu Y, Yao X, Ng KC, Zhou C, To KF, Chen Y*. Identification of GRIN2D as a novel therapeutic target in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. Biomarker Research, 2023, 11(1):74. doi: 10.1186/s40364-023-00514-4.
- 9. Luo Z, **Chen Y***. Unlocking Delivery Strategies for mRNA Therapeutics. Recent Patents on Anti-Cancer Drug Discovery, 2023 Jun 7. doi: 10.2174/ 1574892818666230607093231.
- 10. Peña-Paladines JJ, Wong CH, **Chen Y*.** Circularized RNA as novel therapeutics in cancer. *Int J Biochem Cell Biol*. 2023 Feb 8;14(2):431.
- 11. Song SL, Li B, Carvalho MR, Wang HJ, Mao DL, Wei JT, Chen W, Weng ZH, Chen YC, Deng CX, Reis RL, Oliveira JM, He YL, Yan LP, Zhang CH. Complex in vitro 3D models of digestive system tumors to advance precision medicine and drug testing: Progress, challenges, and trends. *Pharmacol Ther*. 2022 Nov;239:108276.
- 12. Li S, Qiu G, Wu J, Ying J, Deng H, Xie X, Lin X, Xie Z, Qin Y, Wang Y, Ma X, Brcic L, Provencio M, **Chen Y**, Zhou C, Liu M. Identification and validation of a ferroptosisrelated prognostic risk-scoring model and key genes in small cell lung cancer. *Transl Lung Cancer Res*. 2022 Jul;11(7):1380-1393.
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- 14. Yang W, Gao K, Qian Y, Huang Y, Xiang Q, Chen C, Chen Q, Wang Y, Fang F, He Q, Chen S, Xiong J, Chen Y, Xie N, Zheng D, Zhai R. A novel tRNA-derived fragment AS-tDR-007333 promotes the malignancy of NSCLC via the HSPB1/MED29 and ELK4/MED29 axes. J Hematol Oncol. 2022 May 7;15(1):53.
- 15. Li L, Chen C, Xiang Q, Fan S, Xiao T, Chen Y, Zheng D. Transient Receptor Potential Cation Channel Subfamily V Member 1 Expression Promotes Chemoresistance in Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer. *Front Oncol.* 2022 Mar 25;12:773654.
- Wong CH, Li CH, Luo Z, Tong JHM, Zheng D, He Q, Lou UK, To KF, Chen Y*. The Establishment of CDK9/ RNA PolII/H3K4me3/DNA Methylation Feedback Promotes HOTAIR Expression by RNA Elongation Enhancement in Cancer. *Molecular Therapy*. 2022, 30:1597-1609.
- 17. Wong CH, Lou UK, Fung FKC, Tong JHM, Zhang CH, To KF, Chan SL, Chen Y*. CircRTN4 Promotes Pancreatic Cancer Progression through a Novel CircRNAmiRNA-IncRNA Pathway and Stabilizing Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition Protein. *Mol Cancer*, 2022; 21(1):10.
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- 23. Wong CH, Lou UK, Li Y, Chan SL, Tong JHM, To KF, **Chen Y***. CircFOXK2 Promotes Tumor Growth and Metastasis of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma via Complexing with RNA Binding Proteins and Sponging MiR-942. *Cancer Res.* 2020,80:2139-2149.
- 24. Lou UK, Wong CH, **Chen Y***. A simple and rapid colorimetric detection of serum IncRNA biomarkers for diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. *RSC Advances.* 2020, 10: 8087-8092.
- 25. Wong CH, Li CH, He Q, Chan SL, Tong JHM, To KF, Lin LZ, **Chen Y***. Ectopic HOTTIP expression induces noncanonical transactivation pathways to promote growth and invasiveness in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. *Cancer Lett.* 2020, 477:1-9.
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- 27.Xu, F, Li CH, Wong CH, Chen GG, Lai PBS, Shao S, Chan SL, Chen Y*. Genomewide screening and functional analysis identifies tumor suppressor long non-coding RNAs epigenetically silenced in hepatocellular carcinoma. *Cancer Res.* 2019; 79:1305-1317.
- 28. Wong CH, **Chen Y***. Clinical significance of exosomes as potential biomarkers in cancer. *World J Clin Cases.* 2019; 7: 171-190.
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- 32. Feng HY, **Chen Y***. Role of bile acids in carcinogenesis of pancreatic cancer: an old topic with new perspective. *World J Gastroenterol*. 2016;22:7463-77.
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