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Outstanding Project Team on COVID-19 Research Awards

Outstanding Project Team on COVID-19 Research Awards aim to commemorate exemplary project teams working on COVID-19 commissioned studies which were approved in 2020. Since some projects are still on-going and their impact would need to be confirmed after project completion, higher priority will be given to projects with immediate impact to the Government's policy/clinical practice to combat the COVID-19 pandemic this time. The selection in the next Symposium will extend to the new COVID-19 studies commissioned in 2021.

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Prof Benjamin John COWLING The University of Hong Kong	Nowcasting COVID-19 transmission dynamics, severity, and the effectiveness of control measures (COVID190118)
Prof NG Siew-chien The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Role of Gastrointestinal Tract and Gut Microbiota in Pathogenesis of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): A Missing Site for Viral Replication & Transmission (COVID190111)
Prof Leo POON Lit-man The University of Hong Kong	Molecular epidemiological study of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong (COVID190205)
Dr Gilman SIU Kit-hang The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Whole-genome sequencing of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong: development of a geo-phylogenetic database and characterisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants circulating in the community (COVID190204)
Prof ZHANG Tong The University of Hong Kong	Grid monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 in sewage for an early-warning sign of community outbreak (COVID190209)

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The 10th HMRF Anniversary Awards

The 10th HMRF Anniversary Awards aim to recognise longstanding achievements in projects funded by the HMRF and these projects received specific HMRF project awards (except Best Poster Award) in any previous Symposium from 2011 onwards.

A. Breakthrough research

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Prof Alfred CHENG Sze-lok The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Elucidating gene regulatory networks of HBx isolated from novel HBV subgenotype/ mutants associated with increased risk of hepatocellular carcinoma (08070332)
Prof Richard CHOY Kwong-wai The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Clinical Application of an Established Target-enrichment Massively Parallel Sequencing Method for Genetic Screening and Diagnosis of Hereditary Hearing Loss Patients with Normal arrayCGH Result (01120256)
Prof JIN Dong-yan The University of Hong Kong	Roles of Epstein-Barr virus-encoded miR-BART microRNAs in viral persistence and transformation of epithelial cells (12110962)

B. Public health, clinical and health services research

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Prof Cindy LAM Lo-kuen The University of Hong Kong	A Study on Health-related Quality of Life of patients with Colorectal Neoplasm and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Colorectal Cancer Screening in Hong Kong (08090851)
Dr Wendy LAM Wing-tak The University of Hong Kong	A longitudinal study of psychosocial needs, physical symptom distress, and psychological distress of Chinese patients with colorectal cancer (08090921)
Prof Vincent MOK Chung-tong The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Amyloid Burden in Poststroke Dementia (07080411)

C. Health promotion

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Prof LAM Tai-hing The University of Hong Kong	Youth Quitline: An accessible telephone-based smoking cessation hotline for youth (18040084)
Prof Albert LEE The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Community Development Approach to create better health of our young generation within the settings of their daily life (18040564)
Prof Vivian LEE Wing-yan The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Joint Nursing-Pharmacy Health Promotion Programme for Hidden Elders in the Community (22080564)
Prof Agnes TIWARI Fung-ye The University of Hong Kong	'Becoming Parents': A hospital-community partnership to enhance transition to parenthood (03100105)

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Excellent Research Awards

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Prof Richard CHOY Kwong-wai The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Whole genome sequencing analysis of genetically undiagnosed euploid fetuses with increased nuchal translucency (04152666)
Prof Ava KWONG The University of Hong Kong	Screening of founder and recurrent BRCA mutations in Hong Kong and US Chinese populations (01121376)
Prof LAU Chak-sing The University of Hong Kong	Validation of a new definition of lupus low disease activity state (LLDAS): Clinical and management implications (12132961)
Prof LI Miao-xin [Administering Institution: The University of Hong Kong]	Development of multivariate gene-based association analysis approaches for endophenotypes of complex diseases and their application to genetic mapping in a Chinese schizophrenia sample (02132236)
Prof Winnie MAK Wing-sze The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Mobile self-compassionate programme for the promotion of public mental health: Randomised controlled trial (11121081)
Prof NG Ho-keung The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Molecular stratification of lower grade gliomas in routine practice in Hong Kong (02133146)

Excellent Health Promotion Project Awards

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Ms Vicky CHUNG Wai-yin Life Education Activity Programme	"A Healthy Me Is Alcohol Free"- Helping students to avoid alcohol and develop a healthy life (健康不要「酒」) (30160274)
Prof Angela LEUNG Yee-man The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Changing the way we prevent diabetes: the use of mobile application (29150794)

The Most Promising Young Researcher Awards

Principal Applicant	Project Title (Project No.)
Dr CHEUNG Ching-lung The University of Hong Kong	The role of Vitamin D and bone metabolism in cardiovascular events risk, an interaction or mediation? An 11 year follow-up study (12132451)
Prof LI Miao-xin [Administering Institution: The University of Hong Kong]	Development of multivariate gene-based association analysis approaches for endophenotypes of complex diseases and their application to genetic mapping in a Chinese schizophrenia sample (02132236)