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Message from Your New President

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Dear GP-TCM RA Members and Friends,

Greetings from Hong Kong — I wish you and your family a happy, healthy and successful 2019!

I am pleased today to bring you, with the latest edition of the GP-TCM RA Newsletter, an editorial on future possibilities of the GP-TCM RA.

Founded in 2012, the GP-TCM RA is TCM researchers' own network. Today, GP-TCM RA is one of the largest alliances of TCM researchers in the world. It has been an honour and a privilege to work for this great association, having enjoyed a memorable time with many friends, and to serve as the 4th president of the GP-TCM RA from January 2019, for a 2-year term.

One of our missions is to enhance the quality of TCM research by partnering with you, facilitating development and dissemination of forward-thinking, robust good practice guidelines, combined with innovative training opportunities and solutions. The GP-TCM RA strives to support research conducted in line with the highest achievable standards of good research practice in order to ensure the integrity of TCM research and outputs.

Our network is designed for quality and efficiency. The GP-TCM RA's performance in strengthening interdisciplinary and interregional collaborations in TCM research speaks for itself. We have a passion for good practice and strive to make a difference in the world of TCM associations and the herbal medicine industry. The GP-TCM RA promotes the highest levels of quality of TCM research in our network. Board of directors' level of oversight and full cooperation make our network an excellent choice for each member.

We are still on the road. New comers bring new blood into our network. In 2018, the GP-TCM RA have created a Publication Interest Group, chaired by Rob Verpoorte and Thomas Efferth who have much experience in editing *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* and *Phytomedicine*. Our goal is to facilitate you successfully completing your TCM investigation and delivering results in quality.

I foresee that in the coming two years, we will have more members, including Corporate and Institution Members, thus growing into a bigger family. Corporate Membership would strengthen our ability to present new initiatives and Institutional Membership would help us reach our common goals of promoting good practice in TCM research. We also need to proactively invite top universities or academic institutions to join our Association.

We will continue to encourage our six established Interest Groups (referred to as IGs) to develop more activities that further our missions and serve our members. Such activities may include initiatives for guideline development, evidence-based consensus or special review, and our newsletters.

We will let our regular annual meetings FOCUS on 'Real Good Practice in TCM', and this includes, in particular, developing, promoting, disseminating and implementing good practice. Our 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on 9-10 July in Daegu, South Korea and hope you can all join us.

It's time for action!

Archives (2008-2018): www.gp-tcm.org/news-list/



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Reports from the GP-TCM RA

1. The Executive Council (ExC) of the GP-TCM RA established: At the 47th BoD teleconference held on 17th January 2019, Dr. Clara Lau was re-appointed Secretary-General and Prof. Peter Hylands, Co-opted BoD Member, was re-appointed Treasurer. They will join Prof. Aiping Lu (President), Dr. Tai-Ping Fan (Past President) and Prof. Monique Simmonds (President-Elect) to form the ExC of the GP-TCM RA. Roles for the ExC can be found in our Bylaws: <http://www.gp-tcm.org/about/bylaws/>



President



Past-President



President-Elect

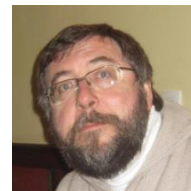


Treasurer



Secretary-General

2. Editorial-in-chief & Deputy Editorial-in-chief re-appointed for two years (2019-2021). At the 47th BoD teleconference held on 17th January 2019, Dr Qihe Xu was re-appointed Editorial-in-chief of the GP-TCM RA Newsletters. After the teleconference, Prof. Pierre Duez and Prof. Yuan-Shiun Chang have both accepted Dr Xu's invitation and will continue to serve as Deputy Editorial-in-chiefs. They have invited all BoD members, Past and Current Chairs and Co-Chairs of GP-TCM RA Interest Groups and all other Newsletter Editorial Board Members to stay. Contributions will be acknowledged at the end of each newsletter.



Editorial-in-chief & Deputy Editorial-in-chiefs

3. The 7th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM RA will be held in Daegu Haany University (DHU), Daegu City, Republic of Korea, on July 9th – 10th, 2019. The meeting will be jointly hosted by National Development Institute of Korean Medicine (NIKOM) and DHU. Don't miss this great chance to experience Daegu with an exciting conference programme and the networking opportunities!



Left: NIKOM; Middle: DHU; Right: Venue at DHU (<https://goo.gl/Maps/9ujccwriyrz>)

4. The 46th meeting of the GP-TCM RA Board of Directors was held as a Skype teleconference on 23 November 2018. The meeting was chaired by Tai-Ping Fan (President) and attended Clara Lau (Secretary-General), Peter Hylands (Treasurer), Aiping Lu (President-Elect), Abraham Chan, Pierre Duez, Monique Simmonds, Rob Verpoorte and Vivian Wong. Apologies were received from Rudolf Bauer, Thomas Efferth, De-an Guo and Qihe Xu. The meeting approved the minutes of the 45th BoD teleconference, updated progress on Charity Commission Annual Return and payment of Corporate/Institutional Members. Election results were announced. Tai-Ping as president congratulated the new President Elect and the new Board of Directors. He also welcomed Kelvin Chan in re-joining the BoD. The BoD also discussed and agreed to invite Abraham Chan and Peter Hylands to continue as co-opted BoD members. On a separate issue, since Peter has been serving as Treasurer

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for a consecutive of 6 years. The BoD suggested to revise the Bylaws section 5c) the last sentence as: "The Treasurer and the Secretary-General normally will not serve for more than six consecutive years". The BoD discussed and approved the revision of membership form. Updates of the 7th GP-TCM RA Annual meeting in 2019 (hosted by NIKOM in South Korea) were made. Finally, Rob's proposed training course "Production of Phytomedicines for the Global Market" and GxP course were reviewed and endorsed and details for implementation were briefly discussed. The next BoD meeting (with the new President and BoD members) will be held on 17th January 2019.

5. The 47th meeting of the GP-TCM RA Board of Directors was held as a Skype teleconference on 17 January 2019. The meeting was chaired by Aiping Lu (President) and attended by Tai-Ping Fan (Past President), Monique Simmonds (President-Elect), Clara Lau (Secretary-General), Peter Hylands (Treasurer), Abraham Chan, Pierre Duez, Vivian Wong and Qihe Xu. Apologies were received from Rudolf Bauer, Thomas Efferth, De-an Guo and Rob Verpoorte. Aiping as new president welcomed new BoD members (for 2019-2020) and minutes of the 46th GP-TCM RA BoD meeting was approved. Appointments and reappointments of Secretary-General, Treasurer, Editor-in-chief Newsletter and Chairs and co-chairs of Interest Groups were discussed. Approval procedures of membership applications were approved. Aiping shared his vision as President to focus on "good practices" and to publish our opinions in related areas, so that the GP-TCM RA continues to be the opinion leaders in TCM. The meeting received e-mail reports from Tai-Ping on Charity Commission Annual Return and update on Corporate or Institutional Members. Clara led the discussions on revision of bylaws and approval by members. The meeting decided to co-opt additional BoD members from Mainland China and discussed criteria and procedures of such appointments. To promote the activities of Interest Groups, the meeting decided that future BoD t/c should regularly invite at least one Chair/Co-chair from each Interest Group to join discussions. Interest Group Membership should be updated to enable future activities. Chairs of organizing committees for our annual meetings should also be invited upon need. Finally, the meeting received updates on the 7th GP-TCM RA Annual meeting in 2019 (hosted by NIKOM in South Korea) and agreed that the 8th GP-TCM RA Annual meeting in 2020 will be held in hosted by Vytautas Magnus University in Lithuania. More details will follow.

Special Features

1. Senior TCM Master Professor Deng Tietao passed away on 10th Jan. 2019, aged 102.

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邓铁涛教授学术思想

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- 注重脾胃学说：
- 博采众家之长：
- 学科广博
- 1. 中医内科：重症肌无力，心血管疾病，脾胃病
- 2. 医学史：
- 3. 各家学说：

Presentation title

纽约TCM论坛



临床特色

- 岭南草药的应用 - 形成岭南医学特色
- 五爪龙--（五指毛桃）-- 南芪 补脾肺之气，祛湿通络
- 千金拔 - 祛湿通络
- 牛大力 - 祛湿通络
- 岗梅根 - 清暑热，利咽喉
- 龙胆叶 - 清热解毒
- 布渣叶 - 清热化湿
- 楮chu实子 - 补益肝肾
- 火炭母 - 止痢
- 珍珠草 - 通淋
- 小叶凤尾草 - 通淋



Presentation title

纽约TCM论坛

- Deng's 62 TCM remedies: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/f4p7_ZfkX9T7CG1Lfe5LBQ (中文)
- Deng Tietao: "TCM Correctly": <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/l0JeTqMEXE7EsVd7bOQbng> (中文)
- Dr Tang Tiejun. The Academic Thoughts of TCM Master Professor Deng Tietao. New York TCM Forum. 9 Dec. 2018: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/ozRHp0ITsJLcAHXaqfYrMq> (中文)
- Deng's calligraphy & TCM: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/fnLh2Ts6ojQ_2mJj39ieFw (中文)

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2. Five TCM research projects awarded 2018 National S&T or Invention Awards.

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3. The National Traditional Chinese Medicine, Health, and Cultural Knowledge Competition was held on 16 December 2018 – With the theme of *Traditional Chinese Medicine in Everyday Life*, the finals of the National Traditional Chinese Medicine, Health, and Cultural Knowledge Competition were successfully held in Beijing. The competition was hosted by the Traditional Chinese Medicine Promotion Organization with co-hosts the China Press of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the Chinese Educational Network TV Health Station, the State Administrations of Traditional Chinese Medicine of the various provinces, autonomous regions, and municipalities directly under the Central Government, etc. After five months of fierce competition, 560,000 registered participants, and 60 million viewers, 30 provincially selected teams and a group of 100 nationally selected participants gathered in Beijing for the competition. While all six final teams performed brilliantly, the Guangxi team emerged as the national champions. The final competition will be broadcasted on the Chinese Educational Network TV Health Station and other major online video platforms during the Spring Festival of 2019.



Venue for the finals of the National TCM, Health, and Cultural Knowledge Competition in Beijing



The winning Guangxi team receiving their award



Hosts introducing the next round



The expert panel is ready to explain answers and for further discussions



Prof. Zhao Zhongzhen, one of the panel experts, sharing his expertise



The contestants considering the final question for the national championships.

Reports on China and Chinese-European Cooperation

1. Horton R. **Offline: Health, with Chinese characteristics.** *Lancet* 2018;392:2668... In October, 2017, President Xi Jinping quoted a Chinese proverb during his speech to the 19th Communist Party Congress—"The last leg of a journey just marks the half-way point." In other words, the closer you are to the end of your task, the more difficult that task becomes. He was underlining the danger of complacency. New data on maternal mortality, launched last week in Beijing at the 2nd Forum on Maternal and Child Health Development in China, perfectly illustrated his point. China's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) fell from 108.7 per 100 000 livebirths in 1996 to 21.8 per 100 000 livebirths in 2015—an average annual rate of decline of 8.5%. But those exceptional overall figures mask large disparities. The MMR in Nanhu District, Zhejiang, was 3.4 per 100 000 livebirths; the figure for Zanda

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County, Tibet, was 830.5 per 100 000 livebirths. Juan Liang and colleagues describe this variation as “heterogeneity” on a background of “tremendous progress”. One might also call it a dangerous disparity. Inequalities, if ignored, can become (as the *gilets jaunes* in France have shown) sources of deep social conflict. While there is much to celebrate in China's steep reductions in maternal mortality, the country remains at a testing half-way point...

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2. Zhang J. Chinese universities lure postdocs back home.

Nature 2019;565:294. China's leading universities are now recruiting more homegrown postdocs. A three-year stint in a Chinese lab, together with the prerequisite overseas experience, can now help to secure a tenured position. Zhejiang University and Wuhan University, for example, have doubled postdoc salaries in the past two years. A nationwide advertising campaign has boosted recruitment by 40% in my own field of hydrology alone. This shift in recruitment policy should encourage more postdocs to return home, particularly as China is now established as an important contributor to international research. https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-00152-7?WT.ec_id

3. Guo Y and Huang Y. Realising equity in maternal health: China's successes and challenges.

Lancet 2019;393:202. China has made remarkable progress in maternal and child health since the 1990s. Mortality among children younger than 5 years dropped from 54.1 deaths per 1000 livebirths in 1990 to 12.5 per 1000 livebirths in 2015, meeting the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 4 well ahead of schedule. Additionally, the maternal mortality ratio declined from 111.0 deaths per 100 000 livebirths in 1990 to 21.8 per 100 000 livebirths in 2015, achieving MDG 5 on target. China has also met the target for reducing the number of maternal deaths in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, but the challenge of improving equity remains...[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(18\)32464-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(18)32464-4)

4. Yang GX, et al. Advanced natural products chemistry research in China between 2015 and 2017.

Chin J Nat Med. 2018;16:881-906. In this review, we intensively focus on the advances in research of natural products (NPs) discovery carried out by domestic scholars in China from 2015 through 2017. In general, a total of 1811 publications (1479 in English and 332 in Chinese) were accumulated regarding newly isolated NPs from plants, microorganisms, and marine sources. As a result, 277 selected papers concerning naturally occurring compounds with extraordinary frameworks, origins, and promising activities were discussed in this review article, mainly organized according to their structural classes and novelties.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1875536418301316?via%3Dihub>

5. Chen W et al. Disparities by province, age, and sex in site-specific cancer burden attributable to 23 potentially modifiable risk factors in China.

Lancet Glob Health 2019;7: PE257-E269. **Findings:** About 1 036 004 cancer deaths (45.2% of all cancer deaths [95% CI 44.0–46.4]) in China in 2014 in adults aged 20 years or older were attributable to 23 evaluated risk factors. The population-attributable fractions (PAF) was higher in men (51.2% [95% CI 50.0–52.4]) than in women (34.9% [33.6–36.2]), with the leading risk factors being active smoking in men and low fruit intake in women. By province, the PAF in both sexes combined ranged from 35.2% in Shanghai to 52.9% in Heilongjiang, while the PAF varied from 40.9% in Shanghai to 56.4% in Guangdong among men and from 26.9% in Shanghai to 48.0% in Heilongjiang among women. The highest PAF among men was smoking in all 31 provinces, whereas among women it varied among low fruit intake (14 provinces), hepatitis B virus infection (seven provinces), smoking (six provinces), excess bodyweight (three provinces), and human papilloma virus infection (one province). **Interpretation:** The PAFs of cancers attributable to potentially modifiable risk factors vary substantially across provinces in China. Regional adoption of effective primary cancer prevention strategies has a vast potential to reduce the

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burden of cancer and disparities in China. Smoking, poor diet, and infection warrant particular policy attention as they contributed a large proportion to the total cancer burden.

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6. Matsuda T, Inoue M. Moving towards tailored, region-specific cancer-control measures in China. *Lancet Glob Health* 2019;7: PE175-6.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X\(19\)30001-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/article/PIIS2214-109X(19)30001-4/fulltext)

Acupuncture, TCM and Other Traditional Medicine

1. 2018 Top-10 TCM News according to WFCMS

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2. WFCMS launched free-access grand lecture series on the New Year's Day of 2019.

- Academician Professor ZHANG Boli. **Opportunities and Tasks for TCM in the New Era.**
https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s?__biz=MzA3MDM5NTkyOA==&mid=2657149797&idx=1&sn=da189e83cbb484ade8c12d3574891532&chksm (中文)
- Academician Professor CHEN Kaixian. **TCM and the Development of Medicine Worldwide.**
<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/hi8luKINMhJnQy8IH-5GJw> (中文)
- Academician Professor WU Yiling. **TCM Vascular Disease and Translational Medicine.**
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- TCM Grand Master Professor WANG Qi. **TCM Stature Research in a Globalised World.**
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- Academician HUANG Luqi. **Protection and Utilisation of Medicinal Plants in the Belt & Road Initiative.**
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3. Chinese Materia Medica, published in 2005, includes all essential information of 10620 medicinal materials. It's now accessible online.

<http://yswx.njucm.edu.cn/bencao/add11.asp?from=groupmessage&isappinstalled=0> (中文)

4. People's Daily Reporter Junping Wang Investigates the Quality of TCM Drugs.

https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/l_Tbl7fVlgwbvmj_IDVc7g (中文)

5. Gwin P. How ancient remedies are changing modern medicine. *National Geographic*. Jan. 2019. Long overlooked by Western science, traditional Chinese treatments are yielding cutting-edge cures... <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2019/01/ancient-chines-remedies-changing-modern-medicine/?from=groupmessage&isappinstalled=0>

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/AHKUUGAYQQG38sR60GMO2g> (中文)

6. 13% Chinese have knowledge of TCM culture, according to a survey conducted by the State Administration of TCM in 2017.

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7. Life in TCM : Into the first half of Shang Han Lun (Audio)

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/VZU9LXtutjtLOzr1UzplIGQ>

8. Zheng J et al. Network pharmacology to unveil the biological basis of health-strengthening herbal medicine in cancer treatment. *Cancers (Basel)*. 2018;10(11).



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pii: E461. Health-strengthening (*Fu-Zheng*) herbs is a representative type of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) widely used for cancer treatment in China, which is in contrast to pathogen eliminating (*Qu-Xie*) herbs. However, the commonness in the biological basis of health-strengthening herbs remains to be holistically elucidated. In this study, an innovative high-throughput research strategy integrating computational and experimental methods of network pharmacology was proposed, and 22 health-strengthening herbs were selected for the investigation. Additionally, 25 pathogen-eliminating herbs were included for comparison. First, based on network-based, large-scale target prediction, we analyzed the target profiles of 1446 TCM compounds. Next, the actions of 166 compounds on 420 antitumor or immune-related genes were measured using a unique high-throughput screening strategy by high-throughput sequencing, referred to as HTS. Furthermore, the structural information and the antitumor activity of the compounds in health-strengthening and pathogen-eliminating herbs were compared. Using network pharmacology analysis, we discovered ...

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6266222/>

<http://www.nsf.gov.cn/publish/portal0/tab434/info74725.htm> (中文)

9. Paozhi — Processing changes the nature and properties of TCM drugs

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10. 2018 — A Summary to Medical and Medicinal Policies

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11. Tibetan medicinal bathing listed as Intangible Cultural Heritage on 28 Nov. 2018

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-11/29/c_137638079.htm

http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2018-11/29/content_5344342.htm (中文)

12. Aconiti Lateralis Radix Praeparata: TCM Mechanisms of Action, Usage according to Classics and famous TCM Masters, Toxicology and Detoxication:

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/4J9aGNMWDQ0dJSBuaAPgjQ> (中文)

13. Symptoms and Signs of Deficient “Kidney”, according to TCM Expert Xiao Xiangru.

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/4D4CJDJi-R3TRk3dtKyuiw> (中文)

14. Aquilina L, Bovey M. A review of the evidence base acupuncture for IVF or ICSI: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses. British Acupuncture Council review, 2019:1-8.

- A 2018 systematic review and meta-analysis found acupuncture to have a significant treatment effect in improving the birth rates of subfertile women undergoing IVF or ICSI.
- A summary of previous reviews from 2009 to 2017 found acupuncture had a beneficial treatment effect on clinical pregnancy rate. However, according to GRADE assessment guidelines, the scientific methods of the studies included in this review need to be improved.
- It is recommended that future research should explore the impact of acupuncture administration during ovarian stimulation. The aim should be to improve embryo and blastocyst quality, rather than focus on acupuncture post fertilisation.
- Acupuncture may be a suitable treatment option to help reduce stress and anxiety levels for women suffering with subfertility.
- Research indicates that the effectiveness of acupuncture may be dose-dependent, that is a sufficient number of acupuncture treatments are required over an adequate period of time

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15. Zhang BM, et al. Phytochemistry and pharmacology of genus Ephedra. *Chin J Nat Med*. 2018;16:811-828. The genus Ephedra of the Ephedraceae family contains more than 60 species of nonflowering seed plants distributed throughout Asia, America, Europe, and North Africa. These Ephedra species have medicinal, ecological, and economic value. This review aims to summarize the chemical constituents and pharmacological activities of the Ephedra species to unveil opportunities for future research. Comprehensive information on the Ephedra species was collected by electronic search (e.g., Google Scholar, Pubmed, SciFinder, and Web of Science) and phytochemical books. The chemical compounds isolated from the Ephedra species include alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, polysaccharides, and others. The in vitro and in vivo pharmacological studies on the crude extracts, fractions and few isolated compounds of Ephedra species showed anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antibacterial, antioxidant, hepatoprotective, anti-obesity, antiviral, and diuretic activities. After chemical and pharmacological profiling, current research is focused on the antibacterial and antifungal effects of the phenolic acid compounds, the immunosuppressive activity of the polysaccharides, and the antitumor activity of flavonoids.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1875536418301237?via%3Dihub>

Omics in Progress

1. Orre LM. SubCellBarCode: Proteome-wide Mapping of Protein Localization and Relocalization. *Mol Cell*. 2019;73:166-182.e7. Subcellular localization is a main determinant of protein function; however, a global view of cellular proteome organization remains relatively unexplored. We have developed a robust mass spectrometry-based analysis pipeline to generate a proteome-wide view of subcellular localization for proteins mapping to 12,418 individual genes across five cell lines. Based on more than 83,000 unique classifications and correlation profiling, we investigate the effect of alternative splicing and protein domains on localization, complex member co-localization, cell-type-specific localization, as well as protein relocalization after growth factor inhibition. Our analysis provides information about the cellular architecture and complexity of the spatial organization of the proteome; we show that the majority of proteins have a single main subcellular location, that alternative splicing rarely affects subcellular location, and that cell types are best distinguished by expression of proteins exposed to the surrounding environment. The resource is freely accessible via www.subcellbarcode.org.

[https://www.cell.com/molecular-cell/fulltext/S1097-2765\(18\)31005-0](https://www.cell.com/molecular-cell/fulltext/S1097-2765(18)31005-0)

2. Groopman EE et al. Diagnostic Utility of Exome Sequencing for Kidney Disease. *N Engl J Med* December 26, 2018. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1806891. Exome sequencing in a combined cohort of more than 3000 patients with chronic kidney disease yielded a genetic diagnosis in just under 10% of cases. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1806891>

Science Translational Medicine Commentary (2019;11:eaaw0532), entitled **Defining chronic kidney disease at the genetic level:** <http://stm.sciencemag.org/content/11/474/eaaw0532?utm>

3. Li S, Gerstein MB. Next-Generation Sequencing to Diagnose Suspected Genetic Disorders.

N Engl J Med 2019; 380:200-201. In their review, Adams and Eng (Oct. 4 issue) describe whole-genome sequencing as lacking bioinformatics tools and costly in terms of data management and analysis. We disagree. First, whole-genome sequencing provides unbiased sequencing over the genome, which avoids inherent biases of exome capture. In addition, repetitive regions (e.g., pseudogenes) can confound variant calling in whole-exome sequencing. These aspects make whole-genome sequencing more powerful than whole-exome sequencing in the finding of coding variants. Moreover, whole-exome sequencing misses most



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structural variants because their boundaries are commonly in noncoding regions and whole-exome sequencing coverage fluctuates erratically. Finally, genome-annotation studies show that a considerable fraction of noncoding variants are functional and clinically relevant. In sum, whole-genome sequencing delivers larger sets of variants than whole-exome sequencing and thus a higher diagnostics yield. As research on noncoding regions progresses, whole-genome sequencing will be more useful than whole-exome sequencing for reanalysis in the long run, which makes it the best format for archival-sequencing data sets. We do agree that, as sequencing expenses drop, the cost of data analytics and

management increases. Whole-genome sequencing tools are currently well developed and often outperform whole-exome sequencing tools. The more uniform sequencing in whole-genome sequencing actually allows for simpler and more robust processing pipelines.

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resolution by linkage disequilibrium. We present a multiplex, expression quantitative trait locus (eQTL)-inspired framework for mapping enhancer-gene pairs by introducing random combinations of CRISPR/Cas9-mediated perturbations to each of many cells, followed by single-cell RNA sequencing (RNA-seq). Across two experiments, we used dCas9-KRAB to perturb 5,920 candidate enhancers with no strong a priori hypothesis as to their target gene(s), measuring effects by profiling 254,974 single-cell transcriptomes. We identified 664 (470 high-confidence) *cis* enhancer-gene pairs, which were enriched for specific transcription factors, non-housekeeping status, and genomic and 3D conformational proximity to their target genes. This framework will facilitate the large-scale mapping of enhancer-gene regulatory interactions, a critical yet largely uncharted component of the cis-regulatory landscape of the human genome.

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Other Recommended Reading

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7. The Scientist article series highlighting the benefits of exercise and their mechanisms:

- Exercise warms the brain causing mice to eat less:

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Now 10. **2018 Breakthrough of the Year.** According to *Science Magazine*, "development cell by cell" was the 2018 Breakthrough of the Year. For details of this breakthrough and many other Runners-up breakthroughs, please visit: <http://vis.sciencemag.org/breakthrough2018/>

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Now 11. **What's coming up in 2019,** according to *Science Magazine*? These include in biophysics, bioengineering, research ethics and bioethics, among others...

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<https://www.nature.com/collections/egjifhdcih>

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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.3322/caac.21551>

This is better read along with *Global cancer statistics 2018: GLOBOCAN estimates of incidence and mortality worldwide for 36 cancers in 185 countries* recently published by the same journal:

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AND in comparison with China's data: https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/kq7cfbpDLWFKt4rtw_EUeQ (中文)

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However, even with the use of sophisticated methods to address various sources of bias, the absence of randomisation precludes protection from confounding and can lead payers and clinicians alike to erroneously infer that a therapy is beneficial or harmful...
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S014067361832840X?via%3Dihub>

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<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/907456>

18. A circular history of the Chinese currency, Renminbi. It's a fascinating fact that, after 63 years, the total face value of the Chinese currency has returned to 182,000 billion Yuan by the end of 2018. Interested? Please read on...
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19. Opportunities and challenges of postdocs towards non-academic career.
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20. Domínguez F, et al. Association of sleep duration and quality with subclinical atherosclerosis. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2019;73(2):134-144. RESULTS: When adjusted for conventional risk factors, very short sleep duration was independently associated with a higher atherosclerotic burden with 3-dimensional vascular ultrasound compared to the reference group (odds ratio: 1.27; 95% confidence interval: 1.06 to 1.52; $p = 0.008$). Participants within the highest quintile of sleep fragmentation presented a higher prevalence of multiple affected noncoronary territories (odds ratio: 1.34; 95% confidence interval: 1.09 to 1.65; $p = 0.008$). Archives (2008-2018): www.gp-tcm.org/news-list/



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1.64; $p = 0.006$). No differences were observed regarding coronary artery calcification score in the different sleep groups. **CONCLUSIONS:** Lower sleeping times and fragmented sleep are independently associated with an increased risk of subclinical multiterritory atherosclerosis. These results highlight the importance of healthy sleep habits for the prevention of cardiovascular disease.

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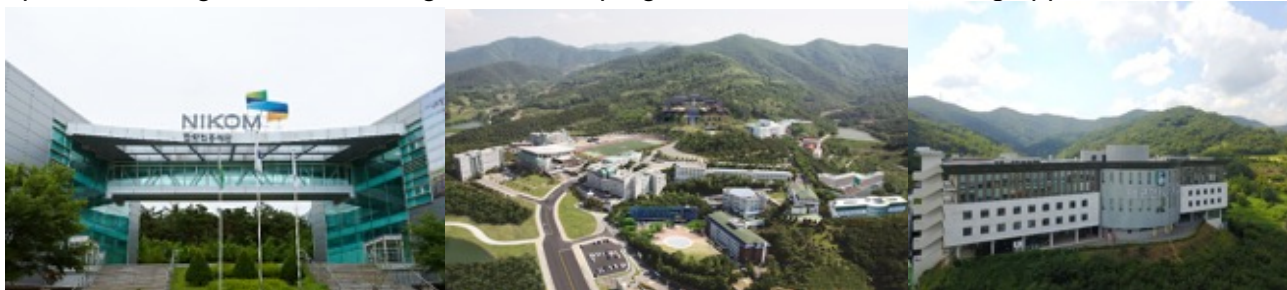
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21. Pushpakom S et al. Drug repurposing: progress, challenges and recommendations. *Nat Rev Drug Discov.* 2019;18:41-53. Given the high attrition rates, substantial costs and slow pace of new drug discovery and development, repurposing of 'old' drugs to treat both common and rare diseases is increasingly becoming an attractive proposition because it involves the use of de-risked compounds, with potentially lower overall development costs and shorter development timelines. Various data-driven and experimental approaches have been suggested for the identification of repurposable drug candidates; however, there are also major technological and regulatory challenges that need to be addressed. In this Review, we present approaches used for drug repurposing (also known as drug repositioning), discuss the challenges faced by the repurposing community and recommend innovative ways by which these challenges could be addressed to help realize the full potential of drug repurposing.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/nrd.2018.168>

Invitation from Future Meetings

1. **The 7th Annual Meeting of GP-TCM RA will be held in Daegu Haany University (DHU), Daegu City, Republic of Korea, on July 9th – 10th, 2019.** The meeting will be jointly hosted by National Development Institute of Korean Medicine(NIKOM) and DHU. Don't miss this great chance to experience Daegu with an exciting conference programme and the networking opportunities!



Left: NIKOM; Middle: DHU; Right: Venue at DHU (<https://Goo.Gl/Maps/9ujccwriyrz>)

2. **2019 *The Lancet*–CAMS Health Conference: a call for abstracts.** The Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS) and the *Lancet* family of journals invite abstract submissions for the 2019 *The Lancet*–CAMS Health Conference, to be held on Oct 19–20, 2019, in Chengdu, China. West China Hospital, Sichuan University, will be the local co-organiser with CAMS in Chengdu. 2019 will mark the fifth collaborative conference between CAMS and the *Lancet* family of journals to support medical research in China. Abstracts must be relevant to health science in China and at least one author must be based at an institution in China. Submissions are invited from all aspects of medical research,...

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3. **The 16th World Congress of Chinese Medicine will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in November 2019:** <https://a.eqxiu.com/s/1BpDHW7h> (中文)

Invitation from Journals

1. **Health-care reform in China: a *Lancet* call for papers.** In 2009, China unveiled its ambitious health-care reform plan, with the goal of provision of affordable and equitable basic health care for all by 2020. The reform is anchored in five interdependent areas: expanding coverage to insure more than 90% of the population, establishing a national essential medicines system, improving the primary care

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system, making public health services available and equal for all, and public hospital reforms. How has China changed since the 2009 health-care reform?

In 2019, *The Lancet* will dedicate a theme issue to evaluate the progress of health-care reform in China on its tenth anniversary. The 2019 China theme issue will be launched at *The Lancet*–Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Health Conference in Chengdu, China, on Oct 19–20, 2019. While we welcome submissions from China throughout the year and across all *Lancet* family journals, the editors invite submissions of high-quality research from China—or from research teams working on health in China—for this issue.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(18\)33054-X/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)33054-X/fulltext)

2. World Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine: Sincere invitation for submissions. World Journal of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ISSN 2311-8571, CN10-1395/R) is sponsored by WFCMS, and is the official journal of GP-TCM RA. WJTCM dedicates to report the research progress in clinical efficacy and action mechanism of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Chinese materia medica, acupuncture and moxibustion to doctors and biomedical researchers around the world, so as to provide new thoughts and methods for solving complex diseases and knotty diseases. To submit your manuscripts, or to read articles in the past issues, please visit: <http://www.wjtcn.net>

Great news! Since November 2018, WJTCM has been included in the list of core Chinese scientific journals and magazines! <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/r5BAEi8uinlpxj0QvhapMA> (中文)

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Paintings of pigs by **Mr Han Meilin** and **Mr Xing Zhenyu** are selected from the following link to celebrate the Chinese New Year on 5th February 2019, which will mark the beginning of the Year of the Pig. We wish you all a healthy, wealthy and prosperous Year of the Pig!

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London New Year Fireworks Show:

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