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EDUCATION :

1987 Ph.D., Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, U.S.A.

1981 M.A., Department of Chemistry, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, U.S.A.

1978 B.A., Double Major in Biology & Chemistry, Lewis University, Lockport, IL, U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

June, 1988 Mar., 1991

Winston Foundation Fellow, Laboratory of Neurobiology and Behavior, Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y., USA

Feb., 1987 - May, 1988

NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Physiology, Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, USA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2019- present: Faculty of Medicine, Macau University of Science and Technology, Avenida Wai Long, Macau

2018- 2019: General Education Office/Division of Science and Technology (Food Science and Technology), Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University, United International College, Zhuhai, China

2015- 2018: Professor at School of Biomedical Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

2006 2015: Professor, Department of Anatomy, The University of Hong Kong

2005 2006: Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, The University of Hong Kong

1998- 2005: Honorary Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, The University of Hong Kong

1992 2005: Investigator, Institute of Molecular Biology, May, 2001 substantiated, The University of Hong Kong

1991-1998: Honorary Lecturer, Department of Anatomy, The University of Hong Kong

1991-1992: Research Officer, Institute of Molecular Biology, The University of Hong Kong

1988-1991: Winston Foundation Fellow, Laboratory of Neurobiology and Behavior, The Rockefeller University, New York, USA

1987-1988: NIH Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of physiology, Northwestern University Medical Center, Chicago, USA,

1982 -1987 Research and teaching assistant, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Health Sciences Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Current honorary positions:

Honorary Professor at School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Hong Kong;
Honorary Professor at Air Force Military Medical University in Xian, China;
Adjunct Professor at Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University, United International College in Zhuhai, China;
Honorary Professor at Chung-Nam Medical University in Daejeon, South Korea

2018-Present: Honorary Professor at School of Biomedical Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
 2013: Visiting Professor, Korea University, Seoul, Korea
 2007 Present: Visiting Professor, The Airforce Medical University (previously called The Fourth Military Medical University)
 2007 2018: Honorary Professor, Dept Ophthalmology, The University of Hong Kong
 2007 2010: Research Fellow (equivalent to Honorary Professor), Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
 2001 2011: Management Committee for the Area of Excellence in Molecular Neuroscience (hosting Institution, HKUST, Program Director Prof. Nancy Ip)
 2012- present: Management Committee for the Theme-based Research Scheme (TBRs) Project -607/12R)

HONORS AND AWARD:

- Norman and Rosita Winston Fellowship (1988-1991), The Rockefeller University
- Academic Scholarship (1974 - 1978), Lewis University
- International Molecular Biology Network, elected member

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Society for Neurosciences
- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- The Rockefeller University Chapter of the Society of Sigma X
- American Diabetes Association
- The New York Academy of Science
- Hong Kong Society for Neuroscience
- Korean Society for Neuroscience

EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD:

Recent Patents in Endocrinology and Metabolism; PLoS One; ET-12 Special Issue of Life Sciences; Research Signpost; OMICS Publishing Group - Anatomy & Physiology: Current Research; Lead Guest Editor for Special Issues in Experimental Diabetes Research; The Science Advisory Board: J of Biochemical and Pharmacological Research; Editorial board member for Metabolic Brain Disease; member of the Life Sciences Endothelin Special Editorial Advisory Board for the Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Conference on Endothelin (ET-13).

REVIEWER FOR THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

Diabetes; Biochim. Biophys Acta; Acta Pharmacologica Sinica; Diabetologia; Diabetes Care; Diabetes/Metabolism Research and Reviews Biochim Biophys Acta; Pharmacol Res; Diabetes and its complications; J. Neurochem.; Eur. J. of Biochem.; International J. Biochem. & Cell Biol.; International J. Andrology; J. of Biomedical Sci; Biological

signal; The Journal of DNA Sequencing & Mapping; Neuroscience Letters; Neuro-signal; Molecular Genetics and Metabolism; IBRO Reports; Experimental Biology and Medicine; Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Physiology; Free Radical Biology and Medicine; J. Neuroscience Research; Experimental Eye Research; PLoS One; Genesis, The J Genetic and Development; Experimental Neurology; The Anatomical Record

10. Invited to discuss the Anatomy teaching at the 4th International Anatomical Sciences and Cell Biology Conference, Hong Kong, Dec 4 – 6th, 2016.

SUPERVISOR OF HIGH SCHOOL AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS:

To provide research experience to younger students who aspire to be scientists I mentored several research interns in the past 10 years, including 1 high school students, 8 medical students, and 4 undergraduate students

PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS:

34 PhD and MPhil students

CO-SUPERVISOR OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS:

37 PhD and MPhil students

PRIZES AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS (for whom I served as principal supervisor:

27 Local and International conference presentation awards

MPhil/PhD THESIS EXAMINERS COMMITTEE:

Served as internal examiner: 45

Served as external Examiner: 12

Served as chairman of examination committees: 44

RESEARCH FUNDING AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

In the past 27 years I have obtained 46 research grants from the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Research Grant Council, National Science Foundation of China, Guangdong-Hong Kong Collaborative Grants, and pharmaceutical companies totalling HKD29,954,000.

HONG KONG RGC AREAS OF EXCELLENT AND THEME-BASED PROJECT AS CO-PI

I served as co-Principal Investigator in 6 Areas of Excellent and Theme-base Research Projects, with my part of funding totalling HKD8,930,000.

RESEARCH GRANTS AS CO-INVESTIGATOR

In the past 27 years I served as co-investigator in 57 research projects.

CURRENT RESEARCH GRANTS

1. S.K. Chung, PI, To determine the role of exchange protein directly activated by cAMP in the blood-retinal barrier and pathogenesis of diabetic retinopathy, Health and Medical Research Fund, 13142231, HK\$947,000, July 2016 – 2018
2. S.K. Chung, PI, Interaction between activated aldose reductase, non-enzymatic glycation, PKC and hexoamine pathways for the pathogenesis of diabetic complications, Health and Medical Research Fund, 13142221, HK\$967,000, July 2016 – 2018
3. SK Chung, Travel grant to discuss collaborative research with the Fourth Military Medical University, Xian, China HKD12,482
4. Wai Ho Tang and SK Chung (co-PI), Guangdong and Hong Kong Joint Innovation Field of Scientific and Technological Cooperation Project. The role and mechanism of platelet transfer by miRNA- May 2017 to Apr 2019 Total cost: RMB1,000,000
5. SK Chung (PI), NSFC, Endothelin-1 and tanshinone IIA, Chinese RMB 540,000, Jan 2018 to Dec 31, 2021
6. , 600,000 Yuen, 2021
7. Sookja Kim Chun, Molecular Docking of G Protein-coupled Receptor, Glucagon-like Peptide 1 Receptor, and Development of Exchange Protein Activated by cAMP-based Biosensor for Identifying Therapeutic Natural Small-molecules from Chinese Medicines Macau University of Science and Technology, Faculty Research Grants (General Research Grants, GRFs), FRG-22-024-FMD, 100,000 MOP, 2022
8. Riming Huang, Io Nam Wong, Sookja Kim Chung (Co-I), Baojun Xu, FDCT-NSFC, Project code: 0069/2021/AFJ, September 30, 2021- September 29, 2024

INVITED LECTURES:

99 local and international invited lectures

SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP AND SESSION LEADERSHIP:

Served as chairman or group leader in 86 local and international symposiums and workshops

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

182 full papers in ISI listed international journals (3 book chapters; 5 **invited review articles**)
242 conference papers

REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:

Deng M, Sun J, Peng L, Huang Y, Jiang W, Wu S, Zhou L, Chung SK, Cheng X. Scutellarin acts on the AR-NOX axis to remediate oxidative stress injury in a mouse model of cerebral ischemia/reperfusion injury. *Phytomedicine*. 2022 Aug;103:154214. doi: 10.1016/j.phymed.2022.154214. Epub 2022 May 29. PMID: 35689902.

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Yang L, Liu J, Xia X, Wong IN, Chung SK, Xu B, El-Seedi HR, Wang B, Huang R. Sulfated heteropolysaccharides from *Undaria pinnatifida*: Structural characterization and transcript-metabolite profiling of immunostimulatory effects on RAW264.7 cells. *Food Chem X.* 2022 Feb 9;13:100251. doi: 10.1016/j.fochx.2022.100251. Erratum in: *Food Chem X.* 2022 Feb 24;13:100264. PMID: 35498964; PMCID: PMC9040004.

Zhang D, Hamdoun S, Chen R, Yang L, Ip CK, Qu Y, Li R, Jiang H, Yang Z, Chung SK, Liu L, Wong VKW. Identification of natural compounds as SARS-CoV-2 entry inhibitors by molecular docking-based virtual screening with bio-layer interferometry. *Pharmacol Res.* 2021 Oct;172:105820. doi: 10.1016/j.phrs.2021.105820. Epub 2021 Aug 14. PMID: 34403732

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Xuewei Xia, Huili Hao, Xiaoyong Zhang, Nam Wong, Sookja Kim Chung, Zexin Chen, BaojunXue, Riming Huang, Immunomodulatory sulfated polysaccharides from *Caulerpa racemosa* var. *peltata* induces metabolic shifts in NF- κ B in macrophages, *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, Volume 182, 1 July 2021, Pages 321-332

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Roy Chun-Laam Ng, Min Jian, Myriam Bunting, Oscar Ka-Fai Ma, Jason Kwan, Guang-Jie Zhou, Krishnamoorthi Senthilkumar, Ashok Iyaswamy, Min LI, Kenneth Mei-Yee Leung, Siva-Sundara Durairajan, Karen Lam, Sookja Kim Chung, Ping Kei CHAN, Leung Wing CHU, and Richard Festenstein, Koon-Ho Chan, Chronic oral administration of AdipoRon reverses

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PATENTS OBTAINED:

1. Sookja Kim Chung, Stephen Chung and Chihiro Hibi, Preventive or therapeutic agent for cerebral ischemic injury or cerebral ischemia reperfusion in stroke, Filed on Aug 30, 2007, Patent No. 000144577
2. Sookja Kim Chung, Stephen Chung and Chihiro Hibi, Protective agent for retinal nerve or optic nerve, Patent Application 20100216856, 08/26/2010
3. Ip, Nancy Y, Ip, Fanny Chui Fun, Hu, Yueqing, Han, Yifan, Chung, Sookja Kim Heterodimers and methods of using them, United States Patent 7605265, Oct 20, 2009
4. Sookja Kim Chung, Stephen Chung and Chihiro Hibi, Protective agent for retinal nerve or optic nerve, European Patent Application, 13155114.5-