

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D., Institute of Clinical Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (2006)
 - M.D., Faculty of Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (1994)
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Current Positions

- Vice President, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (December 2017-present)
- Chair Professor, Institute of Clinical Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (August 2016-present)
- Director, Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Oncology, Taipei Veterans General Hospital (November 2015-present)
- Director, Cancer Progression Research Center, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (February 2018-present)
- Adjunct Research Fellow, Genomic Research Center, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (August 2014-present)
- Adjunct Professor, Institute of Biotechnology in Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan (August 2013-present)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Biological Science and Technology, National Chao Tung University
- Adjunct Professor, Institute of Clinical Medicine, Taipei Medical University
- Editorial Board, International Journal of Molecular Sciences

Past Positions

- Assistant Professor (2007-2010), Associate Professor (2010-2013), Professor (2013-2016), Acting Director (2017-2018), Institute of Clinical Medicine, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan
 - Attending Physician, (September 2002-March 2015), Director (March 2015-November 2015), Division of Hematology-Oncology, Taipei Veteran General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan
 - Resident (1996-1999) of Department of Medicine, Chief Resident/Clinical Fellow (1999-2002) of Division of Hematology-Oncology, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan
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Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Research Achievement Award of 60th Anniversary, Taipei Veterans General Hospital (2019)
 - Distinguished Thesis, Taipei Veterans General Hospital (2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019)
 - Outstanding Research Award, National Science Council/Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan (2013-2015, 2016-2018)
 - Dr. Chien-Tien Hsu Memorial Award for Outstanding Cancer Research, Taiwan Oncology Society, Taiwan (2015)
 - Scientific paper award, Y.Z. Hsu Scientific and Technology Memorial Foundation (2015)
 - Award for Junior Research Investigators, Academia Sinica, Taiwan (2011)
 - Young Scientist Research Award, Tien-Te Lee Biomedical Foundation, Taiwan (2011)
 - Dr. Ta-Cheng Tung Memorial Award for Basic Cancer Research, Taiwan Oncology Society, Taiwan (2009)
 - Ta-Yu Wu Memorial Award, National Science Council, Taiwan (2008)
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Invited Speeches of International Meetings

- 79th Annual Association of Japanese Cancer Association, Nagoya, Japan (will be held on 1st-3rd Oct, 2020)
- 28th Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists and Molecular Biologists Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka (will be held on 11th-13th June, 2020)
- Keystone Symposium on Inflammation, Microbiota, and Cancer, Taipei (speaker and local organizing committee member; the meeting is originally planned to be held on May 2020 but is cancelled due to COVID-19)

- 14th Asia Epigenomics Meeting, Taipei (October 2019; speaker and local organizing committee member)
- Advisory Board Meeting for Head and Neck Cancer Treatment in Vietnam, Hanoi (July 2019)
- Asian Society of Head and Neck Oncology, Seoul, Korea (March 2019)
- Asia-Pacific Extracellular Vesicle Conference, Taipei, Taiwan (January 2019)
- 13th Asian Congress on Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Taipei, Taiwan (November 2018)
- American Association of Immunology, Austin (TX), USA (May 2018)
- Tech Forum of San Diego American Science and Engineering Association, San Diego (CA), USA (October 2018)
- Invited Speech at Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan (November 2018)
- Cross-Straits Stem Cell Forum, Jilin, China (May 2018)
- 1st Cross-Straits Multidisciplinary Research Forum in Biomedical Sciences, Xian, China (November 2017)
- 11th Asia Epigenomics Meeting, Bangalore, India (September 2016)
- Nanchang Lecture of Biomedical Sciences of Xiamen University, Xiamen, China (April 2016)
- International Symposium of Society of Chinese Bioscientists in America, Taipei, Taiwan (June 2015)
- 8th UST-UCSD Bilateral Symposium, San Diego (CA), USA (November 2014)
- 9th Asia Epigenomics Meeting, Singapore (August 2014)
- Workshops on Cancer and Stem Cell Research, London, UK (September 2012)

Journal Reviewers

Nature Cell Biology, Nature Communications, Science Advances, PLoS Biology, Cancer Research, Oncogene, Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, Molecular Therapy, Theranostics, Journal of Hematology & Oncology, American Journal of Pathology, Cell Death & Diseases, Oral Oncology, Laboratory Investigation, Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Liver International, PLoS ONE, Journal of Biomedical Science, Journal of Clinical Medicine, BMC Cancer

International Grants Reviewers

Austrian Science Fund, Swiss Cancer Research, Worldwide Cancer Research project grant (U.K.)

Research Interests

My major research interest is to study the pleiotropic effects of epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) during cancer metastasis. EMT is a major mechanism in development and cancer metastasis. However, the knowledge about EMT beyond the induction of cellular disaggregation and migration is limited. Our lab focuses on the multifaceted role of the EMT during cancer progression, including the induction of cancer stemness (Nat Cell Biol 2010), mesenchymal movement in 3-dimensional culture system (Nat Cell Biol 2012), symmetrical division of cancer stem cells (Nat Cell Biol 2014), modulation of cancer cytokinome (Cancer Cell 2014), and collective cell migration (Nat Cell Biol 2019). We also delineate the role of tumor-associated macrophages in regulating epithelial plasticity for tumor colonization (Nat Commun 2018).

In addition to basic cancer biology, I was trained as a hematologist-oncologist and I am also interested in the field of clinical cancer treatment. My major experience is in the treatment of head and neck cancer, which is one of the most devastating male cancers in Taiwan due to habitual betel nut consumption.

Ten Selected Publications (*corresponding author)

1. Li CF, Chen JY, Ho YH, Hsu WH, Wu, LC, Lan HY, Hsu DS, Tai SK, Chang YC*, Yang MH*. Snail-induced claudin-11 prompts collective migration for tumor progression. *Nat Cell Biol* 2019; 21: 251-262.
2. Lee CC, Lin JC, Hwang WL, Kuo YJ, Chen HK, Tai SK, Lin CC, Yang MH*. Macrophage-secreted interleukin-35 regulates cancer cell plasticity to facilitate metastatic colonization. *Nat Commun* 2018, 9:3763.
3. Pan YR, Chen CC, Chan YT, Wang SJ, Chien FT, Chen YL, Liu JL, Yang MH*. STAT3-coordinated migration facilitates the dissemination of diffuse large B-cell lymphomas. *Nat Commun* 2018; 9:3696.
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6. Hsu DS, Wang SJ, Tai SK, Chou CH, Hsieh CH, Chiu PH, Chen NJ, Yang MH*. Acetylation of Snail modulates the cytokinome of cancer cells to enhance the recruitment of macrophages. *Cancer Cell* 2014; 26: 534-548.

7. Hwang WL, Jiang JK, Yang SH, Huang TS, Lan HY, Teng HW, Yang CY, Tsai YP, Lin CH, Wang HW*, Yang MH*. MicroRNA-146a directs the symmetrical division of Snail-dominant colorectal cancer stem cells. *Nat Cell Biol* 2014;16: 268-280.
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10. Yang MH#, Wu MZ#, Chiou SH, Chen PM, Chang SY, Liu CJ, Teng SC, Wu KJ. Direct regulation of TWIST by HIF-1alpha promotes metastasis. *Nat Cell Biol* 2008; 10: 295-305 (#: equal contribution).

Completed Publication List (*corresponding author)

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2. Liao TT, Yang MH*. Hybrid Epithelial/Mesenchymal State in Cancer Metastasis: Clinical Significance and Regulatory Mechanisms. *Cells* 2020; 9:623 (review article).
3. Sun NY, Yang MH*. Metabolic reprogramming and epithelial-mesenchymal plasticity: opportunities and challenges for cancer therapy. *Front Oncol* 2020 DOI: 10.3389/fonc.2020.00792 (review article).
4. Chien SH, Liu HM, Chen PM, Ko PS, Lin JS, Chen YJ, Lee LH, Hsiao LT, Chiou TJ, Gau JP, Yang MH, Liu CY. The landscape of BCR-ABL mutations in patients with Philadelphia chromosome-positive leukaemias in the era of second-generation tyrosine kinase inhibitors. *Hematol Oncol* 2020 Feb 3. doi: 10.1002/hon.2721
5. Grünwald V, Chirovsky D, Cheung WY, Bertolini F, Ahn MJ, Yang MH, Castro G, Berrocal A, Sjoquist K, Kuyas H, Auclair V, Guillaume X, Joo S, Shah R, Harrington K; GLANCE H&N STUDY Investigators. Global treatment patterns and outcomes among patients with recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck squamous cell carcinoma: Results of the GLANCE H&N study. *Oral Oncol* 2020;102:104526.
6. Yan X, Cao N, Chen Y, Lan HY, Cha JH, Yang WH, Yang MH*. MT4-MMP promotes invadopodia formation and cell motility in FaDu head and neck cancer

cells. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* 2020; 522:1009-1014.

7. Chen TH, Chang PM, Yang MH*. Novel immune-modulating drugs for advanced head and neck cancer. *Head Neck*. 2019;41(Suppl 1):46-56 (review article).
8. Lai SC, Su YT, Chi CC, Kuo YC, Lee KF, Wu YC, Lan PC, Yang MH, Chang TS, Huang YH. DNMT3b/OCT4 expression confers sorafenib resistance and poor prognosis of hepatocellular carcinoma through IL-6/STAT3 regulation. *J Exp Clin Cancer Res* 2019; 38: 474.
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12. Yen CC, Chen SC, Hung GY, Wu PK, Chua WY, Lin YC, Yen CH, Chen YC, Wang JY, Yang MH, Chao Y, Chang MC, Chen WM. Expression profile-driven discovery of AURKA as a treatment target for liposarcoma. *Int J Oncol* 2019; 55: 938-948.
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- head and neck cancer patients undergoing chemoradiotherapy in Taiwan. *Oral Oncol* 2018;81:16-21 (review article).
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