# **CURRICULUM VITAE**



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### **Education:**

1997-2002	PhD (Molecular Oncology) Centre for Functional Genomics and Human Disease,
	Monash Institute of Medical Research, Monash University, Australia
	Mentors: Professors Kola Ismail and Paul Hertzog
1993-1995	MPhil (Haematology) Dept of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong
	Kong
	Mentor: Prof. Raymond HS Liang
1989-1992	BSc. (Hons) (Biology) Dept of Biology, Hong Kong Baptist University
	Mentor: Prof. Ricky NS Wong

#### **Representative Careers:**

2014 - Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, HKU.
2014 - Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The University of
	Hong Kong- Shenzhen Hospital.
2014 - Present	Invesitigator, The University of Hong Kong Shenzhen Institute of Research and
	Innovation (HKU-SIRI)
2007-2013	Research Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, HKU.
2006-2007	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, HKU.
2003-2006	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, HKU.
2001-2003	Research Officer, Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, University of Melbourne,
	Australia.

## **Specialty & Present Interest:**

My main research interests include functional characterization of tumor suppressors and oncogenes in both genetic and epigenetic fields and delineation of the related cellular signaling pathways associated with

cancer cell biology. I have particularly focused in cancer cell metabolism and interactions between cancer cells and tumor microenvironment in tumorigenesis, chemoresistance and metastasis of ovarian cancers. These studies give a better insight into the molecular mechanisms of tumor development and tumor progression of ovarian cancers. Our laboratory has established omental conditioned media (OCM) which in addition to the use of next-generation sequencing (NGS) and omics experiments to study the underlying mechanisms of omental metastasis, the crosstalk network of tumor-stroma, as well as tumor-associated macrophages (TAMs) in facilitating peritoneal metastases. These studies will provide a scientific basis for developing novel diagnostic tools and therapeutic interventions for improving treatment outcome of ovarian cancer patients.

### **Representative papers (up to 5):**

- Yung MMH, Tang HWM, Cai PCH, Leung THY, Ngu, SF, Chan, KKL, Xu D, Yang HJ, Ngan HY and Chan DW\* (2018). GRO-α and IL-8 enhance ovarian cancer metastatic potential via the CXCR2mediated TAK1/NFκB signaling cascade. *Theranostics* 8(5):1270-1285
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- Chan DW\*, Hui WWY, Wang JJ, Yung MMH, Hui LMN, Qin Yiming, Liang RR, Leung THY, Xu D, Chan KKL, Yao KM, Tsang B and Ngan HYS (2017) DLX1 acts as a crucial target of FOXM1 to promote ovarian cancer aggressiveness by enhancing TGF-β/SMAD4 signaling. *Oncogene* 36(10):1404-1416.
- 4. Wang Y, **Chan DW**\*, Liu VW, Chiu PM and Ngan HY\* (**2010**) Differential functions of GRB7 and its variant, GRB7v in the ovarian carcinogenesis. *Clin Cancer Res* 16(9):2529-39
- 5. **Chan DW**, Chan CY, Yam JWP, Ching YP and Ng IOL (**2006**) Prickle-1 negatively regulates Wnt/βcatenin pathway by promoting Dishevelled ubiquitination/degradation in liver cancer. *Gastroenterology* 131: 1218-1227.