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About the research team

The research was conducted by a team co-led by Dr Ryan Au Yeung Shiu-lun, Assistant Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, HKUMed and Professor Kwok Kin-on, Assistant Professor, The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, CU Medicine. Other members of the research team from the School of Public Health of HKUMed include Dr Mary Schooling, Associate Professor and Cluster Leader (Non-communicable Diseases in Global Health), and Dr He Baoting, Post-doctoral Fellow. The Investigator from CU Medicine is Professor Albert Martin Li.

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About the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, CU Medicine

The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of The Chinese University of Hong Kong's Faculty of Medicine is a leading centre of public health education and research that was established in 2001 to provide broad-based education in public health, primary care and family medicine. The School provides advanced professional training across a comprehensive range of public health disciplines that include Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Environmental Health, Health Policy, Health Services Management, Social Behaviour and Global Health. Our ongoing mission is to improve the health of populations through cutting-edge research and collaboration with leading research institutions around the world.

About the School of Public Health, HKUMed

The School of Public Health, LKS Faculty of Medicine of The University of Hong Kong has a long and distinguished history in public health education and high impact research. With world leading research in infectious diseases as well as on non-communicable diseases of both local and global importance, the School has made significant contributions through its research and advocacy to improve the health of populations and individuals, both locally and globally. The School is a leading research and teaching hub in public health on influenza and other emerging viruses, control of non-communicable and infectious diseases, tobacco control, air pollution, psychooncology, behavioural sciences, exercise science, life-course epidemiology, population mental health, and health economics, health services planning and management. This work has informed international (e.g. the US Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada, the World Health Organization), national and local public health policies.