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MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

Plasma Nucleic Acids Research

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Research Progress Summary

Allen Chan and his research team have completed the re-screening activities of all the study participants and are currently performing the data analysis and preparing for the manuscript.

In addition, they have organised the virtual Nasopharyngeal Cancer (NPC) Screening Conference on 4-6 November 2021 and invited over 40 experts from various disciplines to discuss on NPC screening. Their ultimate goal is to develop recommendations on the use of EBV-based markers for screening of NPC.



Research and Scholarship

Research Awards and Recognitions

Member's Name	Details	
	Award	Organisation
Allen Chan	Top 20 Translational Researchers of 2020	Nature Biotechnology
Jacky Lam	Postgraduate Research Output Award 2020	The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Reviewer of Journal / Conference

Member's Name	Details	
	Role	Journal / Conference
Allen Chan	Convenor	Nasopharyngeal Cancer Screening Conference
Jacky Lam	Organising Committee Member	Nasopharyngeal Cancer Screening Conference

Grants and Consultancy

Name	Project Title	Funding Source	Start Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	End Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Amount (HK\$)
Allen Chan	Centre for Novostics	Innovation and Technology Commission – InnoHK Scheme	01/05/2020	30/04/2025	Not to be disclosed
	Prospective 20,000-Person Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC) Screening Programme Using Plasma Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) DNA Analysis	Kadoorie Charitable Foundation	01/04/2013	31/03/2023	9,400,000

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