



Biography of Professor LI Min

Professor Li Min is an acclaimed scholar in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases using Chinese medicine, currently serving as Dean of School of Chinese Medicine (SCM), Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBK). Joining Hong Kong HKBK in 2001, Professor Li currently holds several positions in SCM: Chair Professor of Chinese Medicine, Ma Pak Leung Endowed Professor in Innovative Neuromedicine, Director of Mr. & Mrs. Ko Chi Ming Centre for Parkinson's Disease Research (CPDR), Golden Meditech Centre for NeuroRegeneration Sciences (GCNS) and HKBK Musketeers Foundation Traditional Chinese Medicine Research Institute for Age-related Diseases.

With over 40 years of clinical practice, teaching, and research in Chinese medicine, Professor Li specialises in the pharmacological studies and clinical treatment of neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's disease (PD), Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) with Chinese medicine, as well as new drug development. She was mentored by Professor Deng Tietao, the first cohort of National Master of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), and Professor Xiong Jibai, the third cohort of National Master of TCM. Professor Li was named the First Cohort of National Outstanding Female Chinese Medicine Practitioner in 2007, and received the HKBK President's Award for Outstanding Performance in Teaching in 2013 and 2018, as well as the President's Award for Outstanding Performance in Research Supervision in 2024. She has consistently been ranked among the world's top 2% scientists by Stanford University in recent years.

Professor Li's research team has published about 200 high-level academic papers in international journals, including *Nature Communications*, *Autophagy*, *Signal Transduction and Targeted Therapy*, and *Aging Cell*. She has led a number of research projects funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong. She has authored over 20 academic monographs and holds more than 20 patents from the United States, Europe, and China.

Professor Li's key research area:

- The relationship between autophagy regulation and neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's Disease (PD), Alzheimer's Disease (AD), and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).
- The application of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in the prevention and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.
- The identification of molecular targets from TCM for novel drug discovery in neurodegeneration.
- Investigating the efficacy and safety of TCM for conditions such as AD and PD, through randomised controlled clinical trials, whilst also exploring the interaction between TCM and Western medicine.