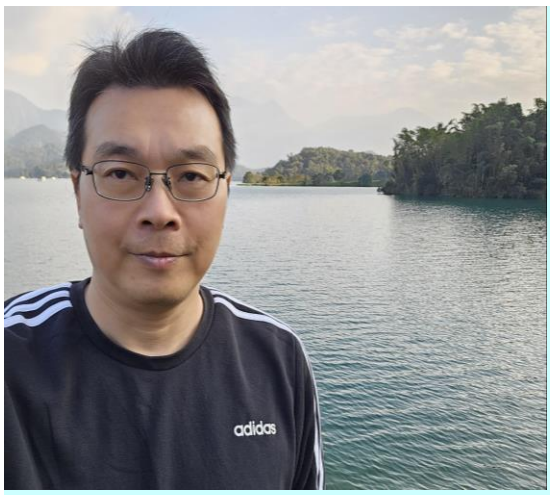

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Our laboratory primarily focuses on the plasticity changes in central nervous cells under normal or diseased conditions. Our main research interest lies in exploring the impact of hormonal treatments on cognitive functions and neuronal morphological changes. Our studies with Hyaluronic Acid conjugated with 17β-Estradiol demonstrate its efficacy in alleviating cognitive deficits caused by estrogen deficiency in postmenopausal rat models. This research reveals that Hyaluronic Acid conjugated with 17β-Estradiol can improve cholinergic innervation and synaptic transmission in hippocampal neurons, showing potential for treating Alzheimer's disease and related cognitive impairments. We also use additional supplementation with Astaxanthin to combat oxidative stress and neuroinflammation, thereby improving cognitive functions in rat models of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and Alzheimer’s disease. Furthermore, our research extends to various disease models, such as hydrocephalus and hepatic encephalopathy, exploring how these conditions affect rats' learning, memory, and neuronal structures.

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