

NMRC Awarded Projects Competitive Research Grants - May 2019 Grant Calls

Clinician Scientist Individual Research Grant (CIRG) 19 May Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
CIRG19may-0013	MOH-000370	Understanding and Targeting the Non-Canonical	Chng Wee Joo	National University of Singapore
		Oncogenic Function of EZH2 for Therapeutic		
		Intervention in Cancers		
CIRG19may-0014	MOH-000371	A pre-clinical study of zone-specific MSC-derived	Lee Eng Hin	National University of Singapore
		chondrogenic cells pre-differentiated on a nano-		
		topographic platform for functionally superior		
		cartilage repair		
CIRG19may-0029	MOH-000372	Bayesian Machine Learning Approach to Identify	Monisha Esther Nongpiur	Singapore Eye Research Institute
		Markers of Progression in Primary Angle Closure		
		Glaucoma		
CIRG19may-0030	MOH-000373	Pre-clinical development of brain-penetrant	ONG SIN TIONG	Duke-NUS Medical School
		MNK inhibitors for glioblastoma therapy		
CIRG19may-0032	MOH-000374	The role of epistatically interacting mutations in	Gavin Smith	Duke-NUS Medical School
		maintaining the fitness of influenza B virus in		
		humans		
CIRG19may-0051	MOH-000375	Elucidating the immunobiology of	Darren Lim Wan Teck	National Cancer Centre Singapore
		nasopharyngeal carcinoma		
CIRG19may-0052	MOH-000376	Diseases as perturbations of the human	Salvatore Albani	Singapore Health Services
		Immunome: A high dimensionality approach to		
		Translational Medicine in silica		
CIRG19may-0053	MOH-000377	TCF20 rs932376 genotype-directed dosing of	Balram Chowbay	National Cancer Centre Singapore
		tamoxifen in Asian estrogen-receptor positive		
		breast cancer patients		



Clinician Scientist Individual Research Grant - New Investigator Grant (CNIG) 19 May Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution	
CNIG19may-0003	MOH-000478	Optical coherence tomography-based novel	Wei Xin	Tan Tock Seng Hospital	
		outcome measures for disease monitoring in			
		intraocular inflammatory and infectious diseases			
CNIG19may-0013	MOH-000575	Characterisation of longitudinal tumour	Nei Wen Long	National Cancer Centre Singapore	
		transcriptomic and immune microenvironment			
		changes to predict response to targeted			
		radionuclide therapy in metastatic			
		nasopharyngeal carcinoma			
CNIG19may-0017	MOH-000501	Identification of novel pathways involved in the	Andre Cheah	National University Hospital (NUH)	
		genesis of carpal tunnel syndrome- Fibrosis, mast			
		cells and more			
CNIG19may-0014	MOH-000502	Single cell Profiling to Evaluate Genetic and	Sanjay de Mel	National University Hospital (NUH)	
		Epigenetic Abnormalities of p53 in Multiple			
		Myeloma			

Health Services Research Grant (HSRG) 19 Apr Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
HSRGDB19apr-0002	MOH-000577	Revolutionising the Assessment of Quality of Life	Ecosse Lamoureux	Singapore Eye Research Institute
		in Diabetes Using Item Banking and		
		Computerised Adaptive Testing Systems		
HSRGEoL19apr-0001	MOH-000580	Conversations for life: Laying the groundwork for	May Oo Lwin	Nanyang Technological University
		more effective communication in palliative care		
HSRGMH19apr-0001	MOH-000597	Mind Matters: A Study of Mental Health Literacy	Siow-Ann Chong	Institute of Mental Health
		2020		
HSRGDB19apr-0003	MOH-000622	Retinal microvascular changes in pre-diabetes:	Gavin Tan Siew Wei	Singapore Eye Research Institute
		Predicting the progression to diabetes and		
		evaluating the response to exercise. The Pre-		
		DICTED EYE study		

Health Services Research Grant - New Investigator Grant (HSRG-NIG) 19 Apr Grant Call

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HNIG19apr-0001	MOH-000590	War on Diabetes: a policy narrative. The case of	Ow Yong Lai Meng	Singapore General Hospital
		Singapore.		
HNIG19apr-0019	MOH-000734	The CONNACT programme for knee	Michelle Jessica Pereira	National Healthcare Group
		osteoarthritis:		
		Preventing replacement surgery, healthcare		
		utilisation and cost, with a lifetime perspective.		
HNIG19apr-0002	MOH-000740	Population's Preferences for Colorectal Cancer	Wang Yi	National University of Singapore
		Screening Tests in Singapore		



HNIG19apr-0006	MOH-000789	Integrating community LITE program into a	Chew Chu Shan Elaine	KK Women's & Children's Hospital
		school-clinic-community partnership as a family-		
		based intervention to combat childhood obesity		

Open Fund - Large Collaborative Grant (OFLCG) 19 May Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
OFLCG19May-0033	MOH-000504	Metabolic Health in Asian Women and their	Chong Yap Seng	National University of Singapore
		Children		
OFLCG19May-0034	MOH-000505	Integrated Innovations in Infectious Diseases	Paul Tambyah	National University of Singapore
		(I3D)		
OFLCG19May-0035	MOH-000500	Prevention of and Biomarkers for Vascular	Christopher Chen	National University of Singapore
		Cognitive Impairment		
OFLCG19May-0036	MOH-000541	Implementing precision medicine in clinical	Christopher Ang Beng-Ti	National Neuroscience Institute
		practice: The approach for glioblastoma, a		
		neurological disease with unique spatiotemporal		
		complexity		
OFLCG19May-0038	MOH-000573	Achieving Functional Cure of Chronic Hepatitis B	Lim Seng Gee	National University of Singapore

Open Fund - Individual Research Grant (OFIRG) 19 May Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
OFIRG19may-0058	MOH-000319	Targeting hepatic estrogen-related receptor	Brijesh Kumar Singh	Duke-NUS Medical School
		alpha (ESRRA) for activating lysosomal biogenesis	;	
		and function during non-alcoholic fatty liver		
		disease (NAFLD) and aging		
OFIRG19may-0076	MOH-000349	Preventing cardiovascular disease by uncoupling	Colin L Stewart	Institute of Medical Biology
		nuclear-cytoskeletal interactions		
OFIRG19may-0011	MOH-000378	Pharmacological activation of TEAD activity for	Wanjin Hong	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		potential use in regenerative medicine		
OFIRG19may-0060	MOH-000379	Determine the role of circular RNAs in adipocyte	SUN lei	Duke-NUS Medical School
		development and metabolism		
OFIRG19may-0039	MOH-000380	Interrogating the RNA interactome to discover	Yvonne Tay	National University of Singapore
		key regulators of colorectal cancer		
OFIRG19may-0069	MOH-000381	Aquaporin-5 (AQP5) is a functional membrane	Nicholas Barker	Institute of Medical Biology
		marker of gastric cancer stem cell populations		
		driving tumour growth and metastasis in mice		
		and humans		
OFIRG19may-0073	MOH-000382	Determining the molecular and structural basis	Wu Bin	Nanyang Technological University
		for inflammasome activation in human		
OFIRG19may-0083	MOH-000383	Immune-based Therapeutic Small Molecule	Lam Kong Peng	Singapore Immunology Network
		Discovery to Enhance Neutrophil Anti-fungal		
		Response		



OFIRG19may-0095	MOH-000384	Rapid Automated Peripheral non-Invasive Diagnostic (RAPID) optical measurement of blood parameters	Liu Linbo	Nanyang Technological University
OFIRG19may-0096	MOH-000385	Regulation of monocyte / macrophages metabolism and anti-TB responses by histone deacetylase SIRT1	Amit Singhal	Singapore Immunology Network
OFIRG19may-0101	MOH-000386	Regulators of viral inflammation in the bat and their application for health.	Wang Linfa	Duke-NUS Medical School
OFIRG19may-0104	MOH-000387	Rifampicin resistance, transcriptional efficiency and bacterial fitness in Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Juan Pablo Bifani	National University of Singapore
OFIRG19may-0105	MOH-000388	Modulation of p53 splicing as an approach to improve cancer therapy	Tr. Kanaga Sabapathy	National Cancer Centre Singapore

Open Fund - Young Individual Research Grant (OFYIRG) 19 May Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
OFYIRG19may-0039	MOH-000328	Uncovering the Role of Nuclear Import Protein KPNA1 in Inflammasome Regulation and Disease	Lay Wei Jian Kenneth	Institute of Medical Biology
OFYIRG19may-0057	MOH-000320	Targeting chondroitin sulphate synthase I for prevention and treatment of pathological vascular remodelling	Zhao Rongrong	National University of Singapore
OFYIRG19may-0001	MOH-000321	Combinatorial drug screening for novel appetite and metabolic pathway discovery	Wee Lei Caroline	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
OFYIRG19may-0006	MOH-000350	Guided transposition bisulfite sequencing as a novel approach to efficiently assess DNA methylation states in heterogeneous cell population.	Tan Eng Kiat Dennis	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
OFYIRG19may-0021	MOH-000317	Investigating the functional roles of human- specific liver metabolic regulators using a humanized mouse liver model to tackle liver metabolic disease	Lim Yen Ching	Duke-NUS Medical School
OFYIRG19may-0016	MOH-000368	Identification of innate T-cell activation signatures in influenza infection in contact free system of epithelial-immune cell co-culture	Tan Kai Sen	National University of Singapore
OFYIRG19may-0032	MOH-000316	Targeting Inc-BATE1 in adipose tissue as a therapeutic strategy for obesity	Zhang Shuai	Duke-NUS Medical School
OFYIRG19may-0009	MOH-000314	Mitochondria Transfer in Erythroblastic Island Niche in Homeostatic and Stress Erythropoiesis	Yang Chong	National University of Singapore
OFYIRG19may-0007	MOH-000323	Deep Profiling and in Situ Mapping of CD39+ and CD38+ Immune Cells in Asian Triple Negative Breast Cancers: Building A Prognostic Model for Precision Medicine in the Era of Cancer Immunotherapy	Yeong Poh Sheng	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology



OFYIRG19may-0037	MOH-000366	Employing Novel In-vivo/Ex-vivo Models of	Fatehullah Aliya	Institute of Medical Biology
		Advanced Gastric Cancer to Identify Potential		
		Therapeutic Targets for Tumour-Resident Lgr5+		
		Stem Cells		
OFYIRG19may-0002	MOH-000322	Diet and lifestyle intervention strategies to treat	Tay Jiahui	Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences
		?-cell dysfunction and insulin resistance in Asian		
		Indians		
OFYIRG19may-0024	MOH-000329	Extracellular vesicle based biomarker discovery	Gunnar Heiko Dirk Poplawski	Duke-NUS Medical School
		in mouse models of Alzheimer's disease utilizing		
		proximity-based protein labeling (BioID)		
OFYIRG19may-0029	MOH-000351	Assessment of tricuspiD regurgitation with 4D	Zhao Xiaodan	National Heart Centre Singapore
		flow cardioVAscular magNetic resonanCe for		
		clinical dEcision-Making and trEatmeNT planning		
		(ADVANCEMENT)		
OFYIRG19may-0050	MOH-000369	Meningeal macrophage and its role in meningeal	Peter See	Institute of Bioengineering and Nanotechnology
		lymphatics development		
OFYIRG19may-0044	MOH-000331	Small Molecule Fluorescent Probe Development	Lee, Yong-An	Genome Institute of Singapore
		for Human Liver Stem Cells with High		
		Differentiation Capability into Hepatocyte		
		Lineage		
OFYIRG19may-0038	MOH-000352	Interferon beta modulation for therapeutic	Susana Kim	Singapore Immunology Network
		outcomes in disease management		
OFYIRG19may-0033	MOH-000327	Functional role of increased coupling between	Ng Kwun Kei	National University of Singapore
		task-negative and task-positive brain networks in		
		cognitively normal older adults		