

NMRC Awarded Projects Competitive Research Grants - November 2021 Grant Calls

Clinician Scientist Individual Research Grant (CIRG) 21 November Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
CIRG21nov-0003	MOH-001091	Identifying novel miRNA therapeutic targets in Parkinson's disease	Zhou Zhi Dong	National Neuroscience Institute
CIRG21nov-0005	MOH-001092	Understanding the role of nucleic acid induced immunity in liver diseases	Chen Leilei Polly	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0007	MOH-001093	In-depth mechanistic study of cognitive dysfunction in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus using multi-modal neuroimaging	Anselm Mak	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0008	MOH-001094	Novel dual targeting CAR T approaches against AML	Chng Wee Joo	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0009	MOH-001095	Mechanisms of SALL4 Dysregulation in Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)	Daniel G Tenen	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0010	MOH-001086	Elucidating the role of inflammasome as pathogenic factors, biomarkers and therapeutic targets for Alzheimer's disease and vascular cognitive impairment	Christopher Chen	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0012	MOH-001096	Novel PEEK-based implant material development for surgical treatment of metastatic spine disease and osteoporosis	Naresh Kumar	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0014	MOH-001097	Investigating the critical roles of gelsolin in Wnt/β-catenin-driven cancer progression and dissemination	Yap Suen Mei Celestial Therese	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0015	MOH-001084	Deciphering the molecular basis of LINE-1 repression by RUNX1 towards novel anti-aging and leukemia treatments	Chng Wee Joo	National University of Singapore
CIRG21nov-0023	MOH-001098	Developing 'Software as a Medical Device' (SaMD) from 3D vitreous-retinal-choroidal imaging modalities, to enhance the clinical management of uveitis.	Rupesh Agrawal	Tan Tock Seng Hospital
CIRG21nov-0030	MOH-001099	A phase II study of metronomic capecitabine, oxaliplatin and UGT1A1 genotype-directed irinotecan in metastatic pancreatic cancer patients.	Balram Chowbay	National Cancer Centre Singapore
CIRG21nov-0031	MOH-001100	Influences of an Auto-Reactive Milieu on the Immune Responses to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) mRNA Vaccines	Yeo Joo Guan	KK Women's & Children's Hospital
CIRG21nov-0032	MOH-001101	Fabrication and in vivo evaluation of next generation, AI based bioactive devices for repair and regeneration of dental tissues	Hemant Vijaykumar Unadkat	National Dental Centre Singapore

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Clinician Scientist Individual Research Grant - New Investigator Grant (CNIG) 21 November Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
CNIG21nov-0023	MOH-001143	SIROLIMUS-COATED BALLOON VERSUS STENT	Tan Ru Yu	Singapore General Hospital
		GRAFT FOR THROMBOSED ARTERIOVENOUS		
		GRAFT (SUSTAIN Trial)		
CNIG21nov-0027	MOH-001078	Understanding the function and phenotypes of	Han Shuting	National Cancer Centre Singapore
		tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes in the tumour		
		microenvironment of liver metastases in		
		microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancers		
CNIG21nov-0006	MOH-001157	RAPID-DKD: MicroRNAs and Axon Guidance	CHAN GEK CHER	National University Hospital
		Pathway Proteins association with Rapid		
		Progression in Diabetic Kidney Disease		
CNIG21nov-0003	MOH-001079	Targeting miRNA-138 in recurrent Glioblastoma	BALAMURUGAN A VELLAYAPPAN	National University Hospital
		(MIRaGe)		
CNIG21nov-0014	MOH-001080	Heart-Brain Changes in Acute Myocardial	Sia Ching Hui (She Zhenghui)	National University Hospital
		Infarction: Investigating the Association between		
		Acute Cardiac Injury and Cognitive Decline		
CNIG21nov-0009	MOH-001081	Therapeutic efficacy of mesenchymal stromal	CHLOE CHAN XIAOYUN	National University Hospital
		cell exosomes for intervertebral disc		
		regeneration		
CNIG21nov-0015	MOH-001082	DREAMS-OT Trial: Delirium Reduction through	Wong Su Ren	National University Hospital
		Early Activation in Motivating and Sleep		
		Promoting Routines: A randomized controlled		
		trial of Occupational Therapy for ICU patients		
		after Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG)		
		surgery		
CNIG21nov-0020	MOH-001076	Mitotherapy for Retinal Pigment Epithelium	Mayuri Bhargava	National University Hospital
		(RPE) regeneration in Age-Related Macular		
		Degeneration (AMD)		
CNIG21nov-0025	MOH-001077	Discovery and validation of transcriptional	Valerie Yang	National Cancer Centre Singapore
		changes in Soft Tissue Sarcoma responsible for		
		therapeutic effect of Doxorubicin		
CNIG21nov-0001	MOH-001083	RESTORES trial: RESToration Of Rehabilitative	Wan Kai Rui	National Neuroscience Institute
		function with Epidural spinal Stimulation		



NMRC CTG-Investigator-Initiated Trials (CTG-IIT) 21 November Grant Call

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CTGIIT21nov-0002	MOH-001158	Staphylococcus aureus Network Adaptive	Shirin Kalimuddin	Singapore General Hospital
		Platform trial (SNAP)		
CTGIIT21nov-0005	MOH-001159	Saline enema and treatment of meconium	THOWFIQUE IBRAHIM	KK Women's and Children's Hospital
		inspissation of prematurity. Impact on		
		establishing enteral feeds, gut microbiome,		
		inflammation, immunity and developing brain in		
		ELBW (extremely low birth weight) infants		

Open Fund - Individual Research Grant (OFIRG) 21 November Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
OFIRG21nov-0014	MOH-001107	Tracking the evolution of malaria drug resistance	Zbynek Bozdech	Nanyang Technological University
		in the Greater Mekong Subregion		
OFIRG21nov-0027	MOH-001108	Targeting NELF-KAT2B mediated transcriptional	Tee Wee Wei	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		plasticity in breast cancer		
OFIRG21nov-0038	MOH-001109	Molecular dissection of the role of IL11 in chronic	Anissa Anindya Widjaja	Duke-NUS Medical School
		kidney disease and analysis of a therapeutic IL11		
		antibody effects on renal regeneration and		
		reversing kidney failure		
OFIRG21nov-0051	MOH-001110	Investigating the mechanistic interplay between	Wang Zhenxun	Duke-NUS Medical School
		CYP39A1 and LOXL1 variants in exfoliation		
		glaucoma pathogenesis		
OFIRG21nov-0062	MOH-001111	Dissecting and overcoming drug resistance in	Shruti Bhatt	National University of Singapore
		leukemia using functional and genomic		
		approaches		
OFIRG21nov-0067	MOH-001112	RNA Therapeutics against RNA m6A	Phan Anh Tuan	Nanyang Technological University
		Methyltransferases as Cancer Therapy: Case		
		Study in Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Multiple		
		Myeloma		
OFIRG21nov-0085	MOH-001113	Involvement of G-proteins and F-actin in the	Albert Edward Manser	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		cellular targeting of LRRK2 in Parkinson's disease		
OFIRG21nov-0002	MOH-001114	Rechargeable Light Delivery Device for Wireless	Zhang Yong	National University of Singapore
		Optogenetics Interrogation in Ageing Brain		
OFIRG21nov-0007	MOH-001115	Agrin-driven microenvironment offers an	Wanjin Hong	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		attractive therapeutic strategy in hepatocellular		
		carcinoma		
OFIRG21nov-0025	MOH-001116	Development of Armoured Chimeric Antigen	Alice Cheung Man Sze	Singapore General Hospital
		Receptor (CAR)-Τγδ cells for Effective Cancer		
		Targeting		
OFIRG21nov-0039	MOH-001117	Targeting RNA exonuclease XRN1 to potentiate	Ding Lingwen	National University of Singapore
		immune checkpoint blockade therapy		



OFIRG21nov-0053	MOH-001118	Mathematical modelling and health economic	Hannah Clapham	National University of Singapore
		analysis of dengue vaccination strategies in		
		Singapore		
OFIRG21nov-0054	MOH-001119	Local and global immunomodulation by	Jiong-Wei Wang	National University of Singapore
		conventional type 1 dendritic cells in myocardial		
		infarction		
OFIRG21nov-0068	MOH-001120	Deciphering the role of metabolic	TAM WAI LEONG	Genome Institute of Singapore
		reprogramming during nutrient stress in lung		
		cancer		
OFIRG21nov-0083	MOH-001121	Machine-learning based detection of cancer and	Anders Skanderup	Genome Institute of Singapore
		drug resistance from non-invasive liquid biopsies		



OFIRG21nov-0088	MOH-001122	Predictive Identification of Cancer Biomarkers	Yuin Han Loh	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		and Drivers via the Delineation of Novel		
		Topological Domains involving SETDB1 and		
		Cohesin (DiSCs)		
OFIRG21nov-0091	MOH-001123	Overcome RAFi resistance in targeted cancer	Hu Jiancheng	National Cancer Centre Singapore
		therapy by developing advance allosteric		
		inhibitors		
OFIRG21nov-0099	MOH-001124	Exploiting the metabolic vulnerability of cancers	Cheok Chit Fang	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
		to mitochondrial uncoupling		

Open Fund - Young Individual Research Grant (OFYIRG) 21 November Grant Call

Application ID	Project ID	Project Title	PI name	Host institution
OFYIRG21nov-0001	MOH-001147	Proteomic profiling of exosome molecular	Zeng Jialiu	Nanyang Technological University
		signatures in alpha-synuclein induced		
		Parkinson's disease		
OFYIRG21nov-0002	MOH-001152	Characterization of metabolic vulnerabilities in	Guan Peiyong	Genome Institute of Singapore
		aggressive fumarate hydratase (FH)-deficient		
		renal cell carcinoma (RCC) for therapeutic		
		opportunities		
OFYIRG21nov-0003	MOH-001148	Dual burden of early-life metabolic risk and	HUANG JIAN	Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences
		suboptimal neurodevelopment: multi-omic		
		etiologic discovery and clinical prediction		
		modelling		
OFYIRG21nov-0007	MOH-001125	Overcoming drug resistance in Chronic Myeloid	Ouyang Fengcong, John	Duke-NUS Medical School
		Leukaemia by computationally predicting cellular		
		responses to perturbations from single-cell data		
OFYIRG21nov-0010	MOH-001130	Macrophage mediated role of Yap/Taz in	MD MASUM MIA	Duke-NUS Medical School
		pulmonary fibrosis		
OFYIRG21nov-0012	MOH-001127	Designing Type I Photosensitizers for Photo-	Jianhua Zou	National University of Singapore
		immunotherapy against Tumors		
OFYIRG21nov-0013	MOH-001154	Nanoradiosensitizers Target Cellular Energy	TANG Wei	National University of Singapore
		Metabolism to Reverse		
		Tumor Radioresistance and Immunosuppression		
OFYIRG21nov-0018	MOH-001149	Developing a biologically-informed measure of	Chan Shi Yu	Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences
		brain health during neurodevelopment		
OFYIRG21nov-0020	MOH-001128	Oncogenic roles of CIITA in mature T-cell	Haruhito Totani	National University of Singapore
		neoplasms		
OFYIRG21nov-0024	MOH-001136	Spatial and functional mapping of host-microbe	Chia Minghao	Genome Institute of Singapore
		interactions in human colorectal cancers		
OFYIRG21nov-0025	MOH-001155	Clinical relevancy of non-criterion A traumatic	Liu Jianlin	Institute of Mental Health
		events to mental health and clinical utility of		
		transdiagnostic affective factors in identifying		
		subgroups of trauma-exposed patients with		
		severe mental illness		



OFYIRG21nov-0030	MOH-001132	Application of chemical kinetics to unravel the molecular mechanism of bispecific antibody aggregation in biotherapeutic processes	Sean Keng Rui Chia	Bioprocessing Technology Institute
OFYIRG21nov-0034	MOH-001126	Targeting innate immune response in blast crisis, CML	Pavithra Shyamsunder	Duke-NUS Medical School
OFYIRG21nov-0035	MOH-001150	Elucidating Dok3-calprotectin axis in neutrophils to identify potential therapeutic targets for management of severe COVID-19	Loh Jia Tong	Singapore Immunology Network
OFYIRG21nov-0037	MOH-001129	Identifying the coordinative role of the SNpr in the motor and sleep symptoms in Parkinson's Disease	YUAN QIANG	Duke-NUS Medical School
OFYIRG21nov-0038	MOH-001137	Investigating the clinical roles of a novel transcriptional complex in multiple myeloma	LELE WU	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
OFYIRG21nov-0039	MOH-001156	Unveiling the molecular mechanisms of coding variants associated with type 2 diabetes for precision medicine	Tan Yaw Sing	Bioinformatics Institute
OFYIRG21nov-0042	MOH-001140	Role of Pirin in the development and progression of colorectal cancer via regulating ferroptosis	Shi Wei	Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology
OFYIRG21nov-0044	MOH-001142	Handheld magnetic imaging for monitoring of suture integrity in deep surgical wounds	Tay Zhi Wei	Institute of Bioengineering and Bioimaging
OFYIRG21nov-0047	MOH-001151	PDIA6-deficiency induced ER-stress: A novel driver of hepatocellular carcinoma	Michael Maier	Genome Institute of Singapore