

## **Ho-Yin Lo, Ph.D.**

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### **Highlights**

- Highly experienced medicinal chemist with extensive managerial track record in the pharmaceutical industries in US and China.
- Knowledgeable of the whole new drug discovery and development process
- Having a track record of advancing drug candidates to development and clinical trial.
- Constantly generating innovative ideas on new drug discovery, novel therapeutic targets and new strategy on pharmaceutical research
- Approachable and out-going people manager
- Highly motivated, energetic team player

### **Professional Experience**

2014/1-Present

#### **President and CEO**

*Synovel Laboratory LLC. (USA)*

- Founder of the company

2012/12-2013/12

#### **Associate Vice President of Research**

*KBP Biosciences Co. Ltd. (China)*

- Oversee the research and development portfolio and operation
- Managing 50+ employees across different departments (Medicinal Chemistry; Process Chemistry, Research Project Management; Development Project Management; Intellectual Property; Safety and Environmental)
- Taking part in managing external collaborations with CROs and academics institutions
- Act as a secondary role of business development (BD) liaison for the company, presenting company's projects to potential interest parties and establish

- professional connections to BD personnel in pharmaceutical companies in China and overseas (Japan, South Korea, Europe and the US)
- Being a member of the upper management team and take part in company business decision and strategic planning.

2012/4-2012/12

**Senior Director, Project Management,**

*KBP Biosciences Co. Ltd. (China)*

- Act as a molecular designer for all the research projects.
- Oversee research project progress and address critical issue to generate high quality pre-development candidates
- Managing research projects portfolio
- Proposing new therapeutic targets for 3 major areas (anti-bacterial; Autoimmune diseases; End organ degenerative diseases)
- Managing 25 employees across 3 departments (Research Project Management; Medicinal Chemistry; Intellectual Property)

2008-2012

**Principal Scientist, Medicinal Chemistry,**

*Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. (USA)*

- FLAP program for atherosclerosis
  - As a sub-team leader, coordinated 6 internal and 2 external CRO FTEs for SAR effort on a front runner series, leading to clinical candidate
- ROR $\gamma$ t program for Psoriasis
- Renal working group
  - Provided chemistry assessment for new target proposals in the chronic kidney disease (CKD) area

2002-2008

**Senior Scientist, Medicinal Chemistry,**

*Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. (USA)*

- ITK kinase inhibition program for inflammation disease
- sEH program for hypertension
- Chymase program for heart failure
  - As a sub-team leader, coordinated 3 internal FTEs for SAR effort on front runner series

- Coordinated research effort of external CRO FTEs
- NHE-1 program for heart failure
  - As a sub-team leader, coordinated 2 internal FTEs, to deliver over 200 gm of a pre-clinical candidate for development profiling
- Hypertension working group
  - Provided chemistry assessment for new target proposals and in-licensing programs in the anti-hypertensive-plus area

2000-2002      **Post-doctoral Fellow,**  
*The Ohio State University (USA)*  
 Research Supervisor: Prof. Leo A. Paquette  
 - Synthetic Study for the Total Synthesis of Taxol

1999-2000      **Post-doctoral Fellow,**  
*The Chinese University of Hong Kong*  
 Research Supervisor: Prof Tony K. M. Shing  
 - Continuation of the study for the synthesis of paclitaxel analog

1996-1999      **Teaching Assistant,**  
*The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

## Education

1996-1999      **Doctor of Philosophy**  
 Department of Chemistry, *The Chinese University of Hong Kong,*  
 Hong Kong, China  
 Research Supervisor: Prof. Tony K. M. Shing  
 Thesis title: A Synthetic Approach toward Paclitaxel Analogs from  
 (S)-(+)-Carvone

1993-1996      **Bachelor of Science**  
 Department of Chemistry, *Hong Kong Baptist University,*  
 Hong Kong, China  
 Research Supervisor: Prof H. W. Leung

Thesis title: The study of Chinese Medical Material by Novel MS Techniques

## Affiliation

1. Member of the American Chemical Society since 2003
2. Member of the New York Academy of Science since 2009
3. Member of the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA) since 2011
4. Member of CURE since 2013

## Presentations

1. Poster presentation “Benzimidazolone as Potent Chymase Inhibitor: Modulation of Reactive Metabolite Formation in the Hydrophobic (P<sub>1</sub>) Region” in Gordon Research Conference: Drug Metabolism 2009
2. Guest speaker in the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association Connecticut Pre-Chapter (SAPA-CT) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference at Yale University on Feb 22, 2014.
3. Guest speaker in the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association New England Chapter (SAPA-NE) 16<sup>th</sup> Career Development Symposium on Mar 8, 2014.
4. Guest speaker in the Chinese-American Association for Sciences and Technology in Connecticut (CAST-CT) spring seminar on Mar 29, 2014.

## Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Jinan High-Tech Zone Entrepreneur Award (2014)

## List of Publications

1. Shing T. K. M.\*; Lo, H. Y.; Mak, T. C. W. “Diels-Alder Reaction of *R*-(-)-Carvone with Isoprene” *Tetrahedron* **1999**, 55, 4643-4648
2. Hofferberth, J. E.; Lo, H. Y.; Paquette, L. A.\* “ Stereospecific Anionically Promoted Transannular Hydride Shifts in Medium-Ring Hydroxy Ketone. Probe

- of Their Reversibility and the Potential for Regiocontrol” *Org. Lett.* **2001**, *3*, 1777-1779
3. Shing, T. K. M.\*; Lee, C. M.; Lo, H. Y. “Synthesis of the CD ring in taxol from (S)-(+)-carvone” *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2001**, *42*, 8361-8363
  4. Paquette, L. A.\*; Lo, H. Y.; Hofferberth, J. E.; Gallucci, J. C. “A Delicate Balance of Energetics. Subtleties Associated with a-Ketol-Based Bridge Migration To Afford 9-Keto-10 $\beta$ -*p*-methoxybenzyloxytaxanes” *J. Org. Chem* **2003**, *68*, 2276-2281
  5. Paquette, L. A.\*; Lo, H. Y. “Chemical Modification of a Highly Functionalized Taxane. The Consequences of an Absent Bridgehead Double Bond on Oxetane D-Ring Construction” *J. Org. Chem* **2003**, *68*, 2282-2289
  6. Shing, T. K. M.\*; Lee, C. M.; Lo, H. Y. “A synthetic approach toward taxol analogs: studies on the construction of the CD ring” *Tetrahedron* **2004**, *60*, 9179-9197
  7. Lo, H. Y.\*; Bentzien, J.; Fleck, R. W.; Pullen, S. S.; Khine, H. H.; Woska, J.; Kugler, S. Z.; Mohammed, K.; Takahashi, H. “2-Aminobenzimidazoles as Potent ITK Antagonists: Trans-stilbene-like Moieties Targeting the Kinase Specificity Pocket” *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2008**, *18*, 6218-6221
  8. Lo, H. Y.\*; Bentzien, J.; White, A.; Man, C. C.; Fleck, R. W.; Pullen, S. S.; Khine, H. H.; King, J.; Woska Jr., J. R.; Mohammed, K.; Roth, G. P.; Takahashi, H. “2-Aminobenzimidazoles as Potent ITK Antagonists: De Novo Design of a Pyrrole System Targeting an Additional Hydrogen Bonding Interaction” *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2008**, *49*, 7337-7340
  9. Moriarty, K. J\*.; Takahashi, H.; Pullen, S. S.; Khine, H. H.; Sallati, R. H.; Raymond, E. L.; Woska Jr., J. R.; Jeanfavre, D. D.; Roth, G. P.; Winters, M. P.; Qiao, L.; Ryan, D.; DesJarlais, R.; Robinson, D.; Wilson, M.; Bobko, M.; Cook, B. N.; Lo, H. Y.; Nemoto, P. A.; Kashem, M. A. *et al.*”Discovery, SAR and X-ray structure of 1H-benzimidazole-5-carboxylic acid cyclohexyl-methyl-amides

- as inhibitors of inducible T-cell kinase (Itk)” *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2008**, *18*, 5545-5549
10. Lo, H. Y. “Update article on Phenyl Azide”, In *Electronic Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis*; Paquette, L. A. Ed; John Wiley & Sons, Ltd: **2008**.
11. Lo, H. Y. “Itk inhibitors: a patent review” *Expert Opin. Ther. Patents* **2010**, *20(4)*, 459-469
12. Lo, H. Y.\*; Man, C. C.; Fleck, R. W.; Farrow, N. A.; Ingraham, R. H.; Kukulka, A.; Proudfoot, J. R.; Betageri, R.; Kirrane, T.; Patel, U.; Sharma, R.; Hoermann, M. A.; Kabecenell, A.; De Lombaert, S. “Substituted pyrazole as novel sEH antagonist: Investigation of key binding interactions within the catalytic domain” *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2010**, *20*, 6379-6383.
13. Ingraham, R. H.; Gless, R. D.; Lo, H. Y. “Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase Inhibitors and their Potential for Treatment of Multiple Pathologic Conditions” *Current Medicinal Chemistry*, **2011**, *18 (4)*, 587-603.
14. Lo, H. Y.\*; Nemoto, P. A.; Kim, J. M.; Hao, M-H.; Qian, K. C.; Farrow, N. A.; Albaugh, D. R.; Fowler, D. M.; Schneiderman, R. D.; August, E. M.; Martin, L.; Hill-Drzewi, M.; Pullen, S. R.; Takahashi, H.; De Lombaert, S. “Benzimidazolone as Potent Chymase Inhibitor: Modulation of Reactive Metabolites Formation in the Hydrophobic (P<sub>1</sub>) Region” *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* **2011**, *21 (15)*, 4533-4539.
15. Lo, H. Y.\* *et al.* “Substituted Pyrazole as Novel sEH Antagonist: Study on the Antihypertensive Effect” *J. Med. Chem.* (pending submission)

## List of Patent Applications

1. WO2004014905: Substituted benzimidazole compounds
2. WO2005079791: Thiophene-2-carboxylic acid-(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-amide derivatives and related compounds as inhibitors of the Tec kinase ITK

- (interleukin-2-inducible T cell kinase) for the treatment of the inflammation, immunological and allergic disorders
3. WO2007067836: Substituted pyrazole compounds useful as soluble epoxide hydrolase inhibitors
  4. WO2008147697: Benzimidazolone chymase inhibitors
  5. WO2009023655: Quinazolinedione chymase inhibitors
  6. WO2010027762: Indolizine inhibitors of leukotriene production
  7. WO2010030500: Aza-benzimidazolone chymase inhibitors
  8. WO2011068821: Benzimidazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  9. WO2012024150: Oxadiazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  10. WO2012027322: Oxadiazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  11. WO2012040137: Oxadiazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  12. WO2012061169: Benzimidazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  13. WO2012058254: Benzimidazole inhibitors of leukotriene production
  14. WO2013116182: Heterocyclic compounds as inhibitors of leukotriene production
  15. WO2013071880: Nitrogen-containing fused ring compounds for use as CRTH2 antagonists
  16. WO2014040555: Nitrogen-containing heteroaromatic ring derivative as tyrosine kinase inhibitor
  17. WO2014086102: Indole full ketone derivative used as tyrosine kinase inhibitor