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of prokaryotic E. coli. Cells. Moreover, rhBMP-2 has been immobilized into CPC-based materials and achieved the high osteoinduction capacity. He has more than 220 refereed journal publications, and 60 patents and invention disclosures. Because of excellent innovations and significant contributions, Dr. Liu has been awarded lots of honors including Fellow of American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering in 2018, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences (China) in 2017, Second-prize Winner of National Award for Natural Sciences in 2014, International Fellow of Biomaterials Science and Engineering in 2012, Second-prize Winner of National Award for Science and Technology Progress in 2003, etc.



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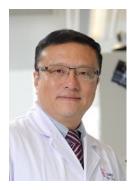


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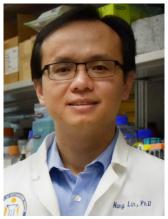
Program and one Regional Innovation and Development Joint Program from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, in addition to several other national-level projects. To date, 179 manuscripts have been published in peer-reviewed journals with him as the corresponding author, including JAMA, BMJ, Ann Intern Med, Eur Heart J, Ann Rheum Dis, Br J Sports Med, Nat Commun, ACS Nano, Arthritis Rheumatol and Bone Res, etc.



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10 project grants, and 2 idea grant, total \$7.3m. In past 5 years, her research was supported by 6 NHMRC project or idea grants. Over the course of her career, she has published more then 100 scientific reports (54 scientific reports, 13 reviews and 8 book chapters in the past 10 years), many of which appeared in top-ranking journals such as J Clin Invest, J Exp Med, PNAS, Development, Arthritis Rheum, JBMR, Diabetes, Cancer Res, JBC, Bone Research and Bone with 7,355 citations. Her current h-index is 51.

Title: Glucocorticoids and circadian rhythms in skeletal health



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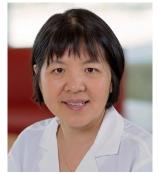
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