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Molecular and Cellular Oncology; Cancer Integrative Medicine; Signal Transduction

Research Interests

On the basis of molecular, cellular, animal, clinicopathological, epidemiological, psychosocial, and human studies combined and interplayed together, the most fatal, potential and promising multisubstrate/multifunctional signal transducing molecules, signal transduction pathways and signaling networks will be selected, identified, characterized and demonstrated for early diagnosis, disease monitoring, drug screening and new therapeutic strategies of various types of human cancers including pancreatic cancer, hepatoma, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, gastric cancer, brain cancer and leukemia.

Recent Publications

1. Hsu YC, Fu HH, Jeng YM, Lee PH, and **Yang SD*** (2006). Proline-directed protein kinase FA is a very powerful and independent prognostic predictor for progression and patient survival of hepatocellular carcinoma. *J Clin Oncol* 24, 3780-3788.
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6. Fu HH, and **Yang SD*** (2004). Suppression of overexpressed proline-directed protein kinase FA inhibits the malignant growth of human pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. *Anticancer Res* 24, 1489-1494.