

*iTERM Lunchtime Seminar Series* 

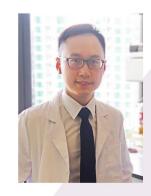
## Institute for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

## TITLE

## "The Quest for Drug Discovery: From Chemistry to Biology"

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**ABSTRACT** 

This seminar will illustrate the central roles of modern synthetic chemistry and molecular biology for the discovery of new therapeutic molecules. The first part of this seminar will report the design, synthesis, and structure- activity relationship (SAR) studies of carbasugar SGLT2 inhibitors, which are potential antidiabetic therapeutics. The second part of this seminar will report the development of a CRISPR/Cas9 screening strategy for identifying new drug targets for lung cancer. This screening strategy has already enabled the discovery of a novel therapeutic target for an aggressive subtype of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

DATE TIME VENUE 29 Nov 2019 (Friday)

12:30pm - 2pm (please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled time, light lunch shall be provided)

G02, Lo Kwee-Seong Integrated Biomedical Sciences Building, Area 39, **CUHK** 

Online Registration: https://cloud.itsc.cuhk.edu.hk/mycuform/view.php?id=388489