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Curriculum vitae

Heng Sheng Sow was born on 29th October 1986 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He received his bachelor's degree in Biotechnology in 2009 from UCSI University in Kuala Lumpur. In 2010, he started his master's degree in Cancer immunotherapy and biotechnology at the University of Nottingham, England where he started a research project on the humanization of novel anti-glycan antibody for human pancreatic cancer under the supervision of Dr Ian Spendlove. After obtaining his master's degree in 2011, he went to Australia for a 6-month internship at University of Queensland, Diamantina Institute to study the combination therapy of metronomic chemotherapy and $\gamma\delta$ T cell vaccination in a B cell lymphoma mouse model. Heng Sheng started his PhD study in October 2019 in the department of Human Genetics (head professor Silvère van der Maarel) under the supervision of Associate professor Sjef Verbeek, Dr Marieke Fransen and Professor Ferry Ossendorp (Department of Immunohematology and Bloodtransfusion) of the Leiden University Medical Center, the Netherlands. His PhD project focused on different cancer immunotherapy approaches exploiting tumor targeting and immunostimulatory antibodies. The project was part of the EU funded Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Initial training Network (ITN) TIMCC (Tumor Infiltrating Myeloid Cell Compartment) initiated and coordinated by Sjef Verbeek. Heng Sheng also spent the last 6 months of his PhD in Prof Peter ten Dijke's lab to investigate the therapeutic efficacy of combined inhibition of TGF- β signalling and the PD-L1 immune checkpoint. From 2018 to 2020, he worked for Epsilon therapeutics and Prof. Sophia Karagiannis at King's College London where he investigated the mechanism of action and therapeutic efficacy of tumor targeting IgE antibodies. Currently, he works at University of Southampton, under the supervision of Dr Sean Hua Lim.

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