

Symposium 2026

State Key Laboratory of Liver Research (HKU)

RGC Theme-based Research Scheme Project on Liver Cancer

From Basic Research to Clinical Applications

14 November 2026 (Saturday) | Salon 5-6, JW Marriott Hotel, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong

Time	Duration*	Speaker(s) & Session(s) – as of September 9, 2026
09:00 - 09:05	5 min	Welcoming Speech by Chairperson (Basic) Professor Dong-Yan JIN
Session I – Chaired by SKLLR Principal Investigators		
09:05 - 09:20	15 min	Young Researcher Presentation 2 Dr Huajian YU Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU <i>Peritumoral THBS1+ Myeloid Cells Drive Immunotherapy Resistance in CTNNB1-Mutant Hepatocellular Carcinoma</i>
09:20 - 09:35	15 min	Young Researcher Presentation 2 Dr Vincent Wai-Hin YUEN Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, HKU <i>Exploration of immune microenvironment in post-surgical recurrent HCC model for novel peri-operative treatments</i>
09:35 - 09:50	15 min	Young Researcher Presentation 3 Dr Daniel For-Fan CHAN Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Pathology, HKU <i>m6A epi-transcriptomic landscape and therapy in HCC</i>
09:50 - 10:05	15 min	Young Researcher Presentation 4 Dr Vanilla Xin ZHANG Research Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, HKU <i>Repurposing Resmetirom suppresses MASH-associated hepatocellular carcinoma</i>
10:05 - 10:30	25 min	Tea Break
Session II – Chaired by SKLLR Principal Investigators		
10:30 - 11:10	40 min	Basic Keynote Lecture 1 Professor Ming KUANG Chief, Center of Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery, Vice President, The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China <i>Tertiary lymphoid structure and anti-tumor immunity in liver cancer</i>
11:10 - 11:25	15 min	Basic Research Presentation 1 Professor Peng-Tao LIU Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU <i>[Topic - TBC]</i>
11:25 - 11:40	15 min	Basic Research Presentation 2 Professor Alfred Sze-Lok CHENG Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences; Assistant Dean (Research), Faculty of Medicine, CUHK <i>Intercepting the macrophagic fatty acid transfer to resensitize immunotherapy</i>
11:40 - 11:55	15 min	Panel Discussion – Precision immunotherapy for HCC Moderators: SKLLR Principal Investigators Panelists: Professor Ming KUANG Professor Peng-Tao LIU Professor Alfred Sze-Lok CHENG
11:55 - 13:05	70 min	Group Photo Taking & Lunch

Session III – Chaired by SKLLR Principal Investigators		
13:05 – 13:45	40 min	Clinical Keynote Lecture 1 Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor; Director, Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health, School of Medicine Internal Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University, US <i>1st Keynote Lecture: Updates on MASLD</i>
13:45 – 14:25	40 min	Basic Keynote Lecture 2 Professor Ming KUANG Chief, Center of Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery, Vice President, The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China <i>Gut microbiota induces HCC progression and metastases</i>
14:25 – 14:40	15 min	Basic Research Presentation 3 Professor Dong-Yan JIN Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences, HKU <i>The roles of a novel endocytic adaptor FACL in lipid trafficking and homeostasis in hepatic and intestinal cells</i>
14:40 – 14:55	15 min	Clinical Presentation 1 Dr James Yan-Yue FUNG Consultant, Department of Medicine, QMH <i>Liver transplantation for viral hepatitis – where are we in 2026</i>
14:55 – 15:10	15 min	Panel Discussion – Unlocking Liver Disease: From Molecular Mechanisms to Clinical Progress Moderators: SKLLR Principal Investigators Panelists: Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor Ming KUANG Professor Dong-Yan JIN Dr James Yan-Yue FUNG
15:10 – 15:35	25 min	Tea Break
Session IV – Chaired by SKLLR Principal Investigators		
15:35 – 16:15	40 min	Clinical Keynote Lecture 2 Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor; Director, Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health, School of Medicine Internal Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University, US <i>2nd Keynote Lecture: Updates on MASLD</i>
16:15 – 16:30	15 min	Clinical Presentation 2 Professor Chi-Leung CHIANG Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Oncology, HKU <i>Combining Precision Radiation and Immune Modulation: A New Era for Unresectable HCC?</i>
16:30 – 16:45	15 min	Clinical Presentation 3 Professor Tiffany Cho-Lam WONG Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, HKU <i>[Topic - TBC]</i>
16:45 – 16:55	10 min	Panel Discussion – From Metabolic Updates to Innovative Therapies in HCC Moderators: SKLLR Principal Investigators Panelists: Professor Arun J SANYAL Professor Chi-Leung CHIANG Professor Tiffany Cho-Lam WONG
16:55 – 17:00	5 min	Closing Remark by Chairperson (Clinical) Professor Albert Chi-Yan Chan

*Each presentation slot includes a 5-min Q&A session.