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**(Research Assistant Professor)**



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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

2015-2019	PhD	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPolyU), Hong Kong
2011-2014	BSc in Radiography (1 <sup>st</sup> class Hon)	HKPolyU

**BRIEF OUTLINE OF EXPERIENCE AND POSTS HELD:**

2020.7-current	Research Assistant Professor	Dept of HTI, HKPolyU
2021.6-2021.8	Visiting Scholar	Department of Micro Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University, Japan
2020.1-2020.6	Research Associate	Dept of HTI, HKPolyU
2019.9-2019.12	Research Assistant	Dept of HTI, HKPolyU
2014.12-2015.6	Research Assistant	Dept of HTI, HKPolyU

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

- i. Tumor microenvironment (Autophagy, Epithelial-mesenchymal transition, Hypoxia, Metastasis, Stemness maintenance)
- ii. Colorectal cancer
- iii. Organ-on-a-chip
- iv. Personalized radiotherapy

**SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL & SCIENTIFIC BODIES, CONSULTANCY, MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL & LEARNED SOCIETIES:**

2021- Reviewer board member of *Frontiers in Bioscience-Landmark*,  
*Frontiers in Oncology*

- 2021- Ordinary Member of Hong Kong Institution of Science
- 2020- Member of Hong Kong Association of Radiation Therapists
- 2020- Member of The Hong Kong Radiographers' Association
- 2020- Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Biology, Cancers, International Journal of Molecular Sciences, Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine and Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics*
- 2014- Registered Radiation Therapist (Hong Kong)

**AWARDS & PATENTS:**

- 2019 Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Scholarship
- 2014 First Class Honours in BSc (Hons) in Radiography (Radiation Therapy)
- 2014 Dean's Honours List, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, HKPolyU
- 2011-2014 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Entry Scholarship (Academic)

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS (JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, MONOGRAPHS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS; TOTAL>20):**

I. Peer-Refereed Journal Articles

1. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Tam VCW, Law HKW, Khaw ML, Lee SWY. Rationale for Mass Masking in Controlling the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Front Public Health** 2021;9:665708. Doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2021.665708 **(IF 2020: 3.709)**
2. **Tam SY (First and Corresponding Author)**, Law HKW. JNK in Tumor Microenvironment: Present Findings and Challenges in Clinical Translation. **Cancers** 2021;13:9:2196. Doi: 10.3390/cancers13092196 **(IF 2020: 6.639)**
3. Tam VCW, **Tam SY**, Khaw ML, Law HKW, Chan CPL, Lee SWY. Behavioural Insights and Attitudes on Community Masking during COVID-19 Outbreak in Hong Kong. **HK Med J** 2021;27:Epub 25 Mar 2021. Doi: 10.12809/hkmj209015 **(IF 2020: 2.227)**
4. Klionsky DJ, ..., Law HKW, ..., **Tam SY** et al. Guidelines for the use and interpretation of assays for monitoring autophagy (4th edition). **Autophagy** 2021;1-382. Doi: 10.1080/15548627.2020.1797280 **(IF 2020: 16.016)**
5. Wu VWC, Ying MTC, Kwong DLW, Khong PL, Wong GKW, **Tam SY**. A longitudinal study on parotid and submandibular gland changes assessed by magnetic resonance imaging and ultrasonography in post-radiotherapy nasopharyngeal cancer patients. **BJR Open** 2020:20200003. Doi: 10.1259/bjro.20200003

6. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Tam VCW, Ramkumar S, Khaw ML, Law HKW, Lee SWY. Review on the cellular mechanisms of low-level laser therapy use in oncology. **Front Oncol** 2020;10:1255. Doi: 10.3389/fonc.2020.01255 **(IF 2020: 6.244)**
7. Wu VWC, Ying MTC, Kwong DLW, Khong PL, Wong GKW, **Tam SY**. A Longitudinal Study on Radiation Induced Xerostomia in Radiotherapy of Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma Patients. **J Cancer Sci Ther** 2020;12:6. Doi: 10.37421/jcst.2020.12.343
8. Wu VWC, **Tam SY**. Radiation induced temporal lobe necrosis in nasopharyngeal cancer patients after radical external beam radiotherapy. **Radiat Oncol** 2020;15:112. Doi: 10.1186/s13014-020-01560-0 **(IF 2020: 3.481)**
9. Tam VCW, **Tam SY**, Poon WK, Law HKW, Lee SWY. A reality check on the use of face masks during the COVID-19 outbreak in Hong Kong. **EClinicalMedicine** 2020:100356. Doi: 10.1016/j.eclinm.2020.100356
10. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Wu VWC, Law HKW. Hypoxia-induced Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition in Cancers: HIF-1 $\alpha$  and Beyond. **Front Oncol** 2020;10:486. Doi: 10.3389/fonc.2020.00486 **(IF 2020: 6.244)**
11. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Wu VWC, Law HKW. JNK Pathway Mediates Low Oxygen Level Induced Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition and Stemness Maintenance in Colorectal Cancer Cells. **Cancers** 2020;12:1:224. Doi: 10.3390/cancers12010224 **(IF 2020: 6.639)**
12. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Wu VWC, Law HKW. Dynamics of oxygen level-driven regulators in modulating autophagy in colorectal cancer cells. **Biochem Biophys Res Commun** 2019;517:2:193-200. Doi: 10.1016/j.bbrc.2019.07.043 **(IF 2020: 3.575)**
13. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Wu VWC. A review on the special radiotherapy techniques of colorectal cancer. **Front Oncol** 2019;9:208. Doi: 10.3389/fonc.2019.00208 **(IF 2020: 6.244)**
14. Islam Khan MZ, **Tam SY**, Law HKW. Autophagy-Modulating Long Non-coding RNAs (LncRNAs) and Their Molecular Events in Cancer. **Front Genet** 2019;9:750. Doi: 10.3389/fgene.2018.00750 **(IF 2020: 4.599)**
15. Lin Z, Yang Z, He B, Wang D, Gao X, **Tam SY**, Wu VWC. Pattern of radiation-induced thyroid gland changes in nasopharyngeal carcinoma patients in 48 months after radiotherapy. **PLoS ONE** 2018;13;7:e0200310. Doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0200310 **(IF 2020: 3.240)**
16. Zhang Y, Liu X, Lin C, Lee SWY, **Tam SY**, Wu VWC. Pattern of geometric

changes of parotid gland in conventional and intensity-modulated radiotherapy in nasopharyngeal cancer patients. **Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice** 2018: pp. 1-5. Doi:

10.1017/S1460396918000043

17. **Tam SY (First Author)**, Wu VWC, Law HKW. Influence of Autophagy on the Efficacy of Radiotherapy. **Radiat Oncol** 2017;12:57 Doi: 10.1186/s13014-017-0795-y (IF 2020: 3.481)
18. Zhang Y, Lin C, Wu J, Jiang X, Lee SWY, **Tam SY**, Wu VWC. A longitudinal evaluation of early anatomical changes of parotid gland in intensity modulated radiotherapy of nasopharyngeal carcinoma patients with parapharyngeal space involvement. **J Med Radiat Sci** 2017 Mar 4. Doi: 10.1002/jmrs.209
19. Wu VWC, Ying MTC, **Tam SY**, Kwong DLW. A study of the factors affecting radiation-induced temporomandibular joint changes in post-radiotherapy nasopharyngeal carcinoma patients. **J Radiat Oncol** 2016;5(1):41-6. Doi: 10.1007/s13566-015-0215-6

## II. Conference Papers

1. **Tam SY**, Law HKW, Wu VWC. Evaluation of oxygen level-driven autophagy regulators in radiosensitivity on colorectal cancer cell. ESTRO Meets Asia 2018, Singapore, 7-9 December 2018. (Abstract and Poster presentation)
2. Wu VWC, Zhang Y, Lin C, Wu J, Jiang X, Lee SWY, **Tam SY**. Monitoring of parotid gland changes in radiotherapy of NPC with parapharyngeal space involvement. ESTRO 36, Vienna, 5-9 May 2017. (Abstract and Poster presentation)
3. Wong MY, **Tam SY**, Lai CWK, Tang FH, Law HKW. Validation of a computer-aided diagnosis program in measuring thoracic curvature from routine chest radiographs. The First Hong Kong Radiographer and Radiation Technologist Conference, Hong Kong, 7-9 June 2013. (Abstract and Poster presentation)

## III. Oral Presentation

1. Invited speaker for Seminar in Department of Micro Engineering, Kyoto University, Japan  
(7 July, 2021, Kyoto, Japan)  
“Influence of Oxygen Level in the Tumorigenesis of Colorectal Cancer”

## **FUNDED GRANTS:**

- 2021.1-2022.12 **Investigation on the psychological needs of post-radiotherapy rectal cancer survivors and their direct caregivers in Hong Kong**  
Funded by Faculty Collaborative Research Scheme between Social Sciences and Health Sciences, FHSS, HKPolyU (Project ID: P0034758-ZVSX, HKD250,000, as Principal Investigator)
- 2021.2-2022.6 **Development of a new undergraduate subject in interdisciplinary cancer research**  
Funded by Strategic Plan Initiatives to Expand Research Elements in the Undergraduate Curriculum 2020-22, HKPolyU (HKD400,000, as Co-Project Leader)
- 2021.4-2023.3 **Deciphering of the role of low oxygen level and JNK pathway in colorectal cancer progression and treatment response**  
Funded by Start-up Fund for RAPs under the Strategic Hiring Scheme, HKPolyU (Project ID: P0035477-BD92, HKD250,000, as Principal Investigator)
- 2021.6-2021.8 **Visualization of tumor microenvironment and epithelial-mesenchymal transition by on-chip vessels (オンチップ血管網による腫瘍微小環境と上皮間葉転換の可視化)**  
Funded by Invitational Fellowships for Research in Japan, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Project ID: S21027, JPY1,230,000, as Invited Fellow)
- 2021.7-2023.6 **Evaluation of Treatment induced-ROS in TRAIL-mediated Pathway and Apoptosis in Colorectal Cancer Cells**  
Funded by Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scheme (URIS), HKPolyU (Project ID: P0038341-TA44, HKD58,000, as Chief Supervisor)
- 2021.12-2022.11 **Investigation of the role of JNK in chemoresistance in colorectal cancer (探索 JNK 在结直肠癌细胞化疗耐药中的作用)**  
Funded by “百城百園” 專項生命科學研究啟動基金, HKPolyU Shenzhen Research Institute (SZRI) (Project ID: P0035528, RMB225,000, as Principal Investigator)