The Winners of The 8th Kobayashi Foundation Award

Part 1 (Researchers)

(in alphabetical order)

Title of Research	Applicant					
	Institution	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Country/Region	
Individualized treatment of gastric cancer	Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, Affiliated Hospital of Medical School, Nanjing University	Jia		Wei	China	
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Selection Reason

Dr. Wei established a next-generation sequencing platform that enables the prediction of valid neoantigens and identified highly immunogenic neoantigens in gastric cancer patients. Clinical trials of the nano vaccines of those neoantigens showed a higher relapse-free survival rate compared with standard treatment in Chinese gastric cancer patients. Her outstanding achievements are shared through her remarkable publications in journals such as Nature Communications.

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Investigating biomarkers and tumor microenvironment of immunotherapy in gastrointestinal cancer	Taipei Veterans General Hospital	Ming-Huang		Chen	Taiwan

Selection Reason

Dr. Chen successfully identified and validated biomarkers for immunotherapy response. Through integrating clinical trials and translational research, he has successfully elucidated the reaction of various tumor types to immunotherapy. Dr. Chen conducts extensive clinical trials to evaluate novel treatment approaches and provides clinicians with more precise diagnostic and treatment guidelines. His contribution made an advanced understanding of cancer treatment and personalized medicine.

Part 2 (Healthcare Professionals and/or Medical Teams)

Subject for Medical Services	Applicant					
	Institution	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Country/Region	
It ancer nationis and their families	Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy	ChauDuc		NguyenHuu	Viet Nam	
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Selection Reason

To improve the clinical situation in Vietnam, where cancer patients and medical professionals currently struggle to share sufficient information regarding cancer treatment, Dr. Chau Duc and his group have established a multi-disciplinary network through international collaboration. Additionally, Dr. Chau Duc's group organizes webinars and utilizes social media platforms to create an environment where patients and their families can share a variety of information. These efforts are expected to enhance cancer literacy among patients and the general public