



Longhua Chinese Medicine: inherit and improve global influence of Chinese Medicine

With a history of more than 2,000 years, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) is seen by many as a national treasure in China for its unique theories and practices, and plays an important role in Chinese healthcare system today. In recent years, TCM has finally proven its value in the international stage. Never did we ever see anything related to the traditional medical studies that have been caught on radar for the Nobel Prize's prospect, the tables are turned now. We are not surprised by name of Youyou Tu, a pharmacologist of the China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, being one of the winners of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Professor Tu, who dedicated her lifetime studying into TCM, has discovered a novel therapy against malaria, as known as Artemisinin. She is the very first scholar to explicitly clarify on how the biologically active component of Artemisinin worked, which then paved the way for Artemisinin to save millions of lives from malaria. This is a perfectly proven example of how Chinese medicines can be applied to become modern drugs towards effective healing.

In order to expand the international influence of TCM, the new journal—*Longhua Chinese Medicine (LCM)* is launched. *LCM* is created under its cooperation with Longhua Hospital Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, which is one of the four earliest national clinical centers of Chinese medicine in China. It has been officially recognized as a Grade 3A (highest level) hospital, and “rich in Chinese characteristics with outstanding advantages of Chinese Medicine” in Shanghai. Since December 2008, it was confirmed by the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine as a unit of national TCM clinical research base to undertake research on malignant tumors and bone degenerative diseases.

LCM is an international, open access journal that focuses on the fundamentals, transformational and clinical research of Chinese Medicine. The stance of *LCM* is adhering to the integration of Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine: Inheritance of Chinese Medicine. *LCM* looks up to a far-reaching goal of becoming an authoritative and internationally influential journal, and promotes Chinese Medicine to the world and beyond.

We have an ambition to provide a platform for promoting all facets of research relating to Chinese medicine via *LCM*. It ensures the researches meet with high standard of ethics and conducts, which are approved after the peer review. Published articles include Invited Articles and Submitted Papers, e-Comments on all published articles, and Editorials in field of Chinese Medicine. On this note, all submissions relating to clinical and translational science will be considered.

Ahead of us, there are still a lot of discoveries and challenges. Our ultimate goal is to make our studies more visible and bring it to the international arena. Here, we welcome you to join and grow along with *LCM*. Only by standing together, we will see a brighter future of *LCM*!

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