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Education background & professional career

- 1998-2002 Ph.D. MRC Virology Unit, University of Glasgow (Scotland, UK)
- 1995-1997 M.Sc. Graduate Institute of Veterinary Microbiology, National Chung-Hsing University (Taiwan)
- 1991-1995 B.V.M Department of Veterinary Medicine, National Chung-Hsing University
- 2014 (Feb-Aug) visiting scholar in Prof. Peter Palese Lab (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA)
- 2004 - 2005 Postdoctoral research fellow (University of Cambridge, UK)
- 2002 - 2004 Postdoctoral research fellow (Department of MMI, University of Alberta, Canada)

Honours

1. Overseas Research Student Award (ORS), UK: 1998-2001
2. Scholarship for Postgraduate Students (University of Glasgow):1998-2001
3. The outstanding young faculty of National Chung-Hsing University (2010, 2011)
4. Distinguished Professor, National Chung-Hsing University (2015-now)

Researches :

The major researches in my lab:

1. **Avian Influenza viruses (AIVs)** cause severe diseases in poultry worldwide. We aimed to investigate the impact of the viral NS1 protein on viral infection dynamics. By exchange of the NS segment, the replication of reassortant AIVs was significantly affected and that is significantly related to the modulatory effect of NS1 on host anti-viral responses and viral RdRp activity. These results indicate that NS1 is a critical factor responsible for the diverse traits of AIVs in Taiwan.
2. **Orf virus (ORFV)**, a parapoxvirus, causes endemic disease in goats. Since 2007, we initiated the ORFV studies, not only in molecular epidemiology but also in the pathogenesis aspect. In particular, we revealed the function and mechanism of OV20.0 protein on counteracting innate immune response and suppressing RNA interference machinery. Extending from the understanding of its distinct immune regulatory effect, we are currently exploring the oncolytic activity of ORFV in several cancer models.

3. Development of methods and identification of biomarkers for diagnosis of animal cancers and renal diseases.

Selected Publications (2020-2025)* corresponding author. #Co-first author

1. Chang, Y.C. H. Shimoda, H.W. Wen, K. Maeda, C.Y. Tseng, C.H. Tsai, **W.L. Hsu***. 2025. Enhanced Detection of Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus (SFTSV) Antibodies in Various Animal Species Using Oligomeric Nucleocapsid Protein-based Diagnostics. *Virology Journal*, 22, 210.
2. Lin, F.Y., H.Y. Tzeng, C.Y. Tseng, R.S. Tsai, M. Oba, T. Mizutani, Y. Yamada, H.Y. Chiou, S.T. Chuang*, and **W.L. Hsu***. 2025. Surveillance and genetic diversity of bovine viral diarrhea virus in dairy herds across Taiwan. *The Veterinary Journal*, 310 (2025) 106305.
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4. Wang, C.H., C.Y. Tseng, **W.L. Hsu***, and J.T.C. Tzen*. 2025. Nuezhenide of the fruits of *Nuzhenzi* (*Ligustrum lucidum* Ait.) is a functional analog of ghrelin. *Journal of Ethnopharmacology*. 339: 119108.(通訊作者)
5. Yamada, Y., Y.C. Wang, H.P. Liu, G. R. Gerongano, C.Y. Tseng, S.C. Liu, G.R. Liao, C.C. Chang, J.W. Liao, M.L. Wang, Y.Y. Chang, F.Y. Lin, **W.L. Hsu***. 2025. Development of attenuated Orf virus as a safe oncolytic viral vector for nasopharyngeal carcinoma treatment. *Virology Journal*. (2025) 22:50.
6. Lin, Z.C., Y.T. Lin , C.Y. Tseng , **W.L. Hsu*** , G.J. Wang* (2025, Jan). Antibody-free SERS Detection of Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus using Micron Bowl Array PDMS Substrates. *IEEE Sensors Journal*. (99):1-1.
7. Chang, Y.C., H. Shimoda, M.C. Jiang, Y.H. Hsu, K. Maeda, Y. Yamada, and **W.L. Hsu***. 2024, Apr. Gn protein expressed in plants for diagnosis of severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome virus. *Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology*, (2024) 108:303.
8. Chen, L.H., Y.W. Chen, F. Lee, **W.L. Hsu***, S.C. Ou*. 2024. Identification and genomic characterization of feline calicivirus from a leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) in Taiwan. *The Journal of Veterinary Medical Science.*, DOI: 10.1292/jvms.23-0522.
9. Kuan, C.Y., S.C. Ou, C.C. Chang, P.L. Kao, R.S. Tsai, P.Rattanapanadda, T.L. Lin, K. Maeda, T.L. Cheng, Y.J. Lee, S.T. Chuang, S.L. Lin, H.Y. Liu, F.Y. Lin, J.W. Lin, **W.L. Hsu*** and C.C. Chou*. 2023. Epidemiology of Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome in Dogs and Cats in Taiwan. *Viruses* 2023, 15(12), 2338.
10. Kuan C.Y., T.L. Lin, S.C. Ou, S.T. Chuang, J. P.W. Chan, K. Maeda, T. Mizutani, M.P. Wu, F. Lee, F.T. Chan, C.C. Chang, R.L. Liang, S.F. Yang, T.C. Liu, W.C. Tu, H.Y. Tzeng, C.J. Lee, C.F. Lin, H.H. Lee, J.H. Wu, H.C. Lo, K.C. Tseng, **W.L. Hsu***, and C.C. Chou*. 2023. The First Nationwide Surveillance of Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome in Ruminants and Wildlife in Taiwan. *Viruses* 15(2): 441.

11. Tu, E.C., **W.L. Hsu*** and J. T. C. Tzen*. 2023. Strictinin, a Major Ingredient in Yunnan Kucha Tea Possessing Inhibitory Activity on the Infection of Mouse Hepatitis Virus to Mouse L Cells. *Molecules*. 28(3): 1080.
12. Liu, Y.C., G.R. Liao, A. Y. Tsai, C.Y. Tseng, C.Y. Kuan, R.S. Tsai, R. A. Albrecht, R.L. Kuo, I.C. Cheng, W.T. Liang, S.C. Ou*, **W.L.Hsu***.2023. NS2 is a key determinant of compatibility in reassortant avian influenza virus with heterologous H7N9-derived NS segment. *Virus Research*. 324: 199028
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14. Wang, C.H., C.Y. Tseng, **W.L. Hsu***, J.T.C*. Tzen. 2022. Establishment of a Cell Line Stably Expressing the Growth Hormone Secretagogue Receptor to Identify Crocin As a Ghrelin Agonist. *Biomolecules* 2022, 12, 1813
15. Li, C.Z.[#], H.M. Chang[#], **W.L. Hsu[#]**, P. Venkatesan, H.C. Lin, and P.S. Lai. 2022. Curcumin-Loaded Oil-Free Self-Assembled Micelles Inhibit the Influenza A Virus Activity and the Solidification of Curcumin-Loaded Micelles for Pharmaceutical Applications. *Pharmaceutics* 14: 2422. (# Equal contribution.) (IF: 6.321)
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17. Li, T.H. [#], **W.L. Hsu[#]**, C.Y. Chen[#], Y.C. Chen, Y.C. Wang, M.A. Tsai, I.C. Chen, and C.C. Chang*. 2022. Preparation of Recombinant Glycoprotein B (gB) of Chelonid Herpesvirus 5 (ChHV5) for Antibody Production and Its Application for Infection Detection in Sea Turtles. *Scientific Reports*. 12:11022. (IF: 4.38)
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19. Chen, Y.C., W.Y. Chin, C.C. Chang, S.T. Chuang, and **W.L. Hsu***. 2021. Potential Risk Factors Associated with Infection with Bovine Leukaemia Virus in Dairy and Beef Cattle in Taiwan. *Pathogens* 10(12): 1553
20. Liao, G.R., Y.Y. Tseng, C.Y. Tseng, C.Y. Lo, **W.L. Hsu***. 2021. The orf virus (ORFV) protein OV20.0 interacts with the microprocessor complex subunit DGCR8 to regulate miRNA biogenesis and ORFV infection. *FEBS Letters*. 595 (2021) 2897-2908. (IF: 4.124)
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30. Lin, T.L#, S.C. Ou#, K. Maeda, H. Shimoda, Jacky P.W. Chan, W.C. Tu, **W.L. Hsu*** and C.C. Chou*. 2020. The First Discovery of Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome Virus in Taiwan. *Emerging Microbes and infections.* 9: 148-151.(IF: 7.163)
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Patterns:

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