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Prof. Dr. Gordon Harold Williams

Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, USA

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10.30 am - 11.00 am Plenary Lecture 1

Prof. Dr. Wayne Hodgson Monash University, Australia

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Title: Developing and Incorporating Learning Resources to Facilitate Active Learning in Pharmacology

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Invited speaker:

Prof. Dr. Ong Chin Eng International Medical University

Title: Structure-Function Analysis of Cytochrome P450 Enzymes: Kinetic and Computational Modelling for Drug Clearance Prediction

Symposium 2: Natural Products and Integrative Medicine

Invited speaker:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Wan Amir Nizam Wan Ahmad Universiti Sains Malaysia

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10.15 am - 11.15 am Finalist 1: Oral presentations

Finalist 2: Oral presentations

11.15 am - 11.30 am Break

11.30 am - 12.30 pm Finalist 1: Shortlisted Poster presentations

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Invited speaker:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Satirah Zainalabidin Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Title: The Action of SAC on Cardiac Remodelling in Myocardial Injury

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Invited speaker:

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Title: Exploration of the Tumor Suppressor

Function of Semaphorin 5A in Brain

Cancer Treatment

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Finalist 4: Shortlisted Poster presentations



Day 3: 17th July 2021

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Prof. Dr. Michael Fenech

University of South Australia, Australia

Title: Nutrigenomics from Laboratory to

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Invited speaker:

Prof. Dr. Renu Agarwal International Medical University

Title: Glaucoma and Neuroinflammation: Role of Magnesium-Based Compounds as

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Symposium 6: Metabolic Diseases

Invited speaker:

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PNPIM-06

Sperm morphology and testis histological changes in 12% high cholesterol diet administered rats following tualang honey supplementation and diet modifications

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Hypercholesterolaemia is recognized as a factor associated with male infertility. However, currently, there is limited therapy available. Tualang honey (TH) is a type of Malaysian polyfloral wild honey produced by the rock bee (Apis dorsata) proven to exert both anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidative effects. This study aimed to determine the effects of TH coupled with diet modification on sperm morphology and testis histology of 12% high cholesterol diet (HCD) administered rats. Fifteen rats were fed with HCD for 16 weeks. They were then divided into 3 groups. Group A rats were not treated and continued HCD as control. Group B rats were supplemented with TH (3.0g/kg) and continued HCD, while group C was given TH (3.0g/kg) but was changed to a normal diet for 4 weeks. Group B and C demonstrated significant improvement in sperm morphology compared to group A (p<0.001). Group C (TH and diet modification) showed significant improvement in sperm morphology compared to Group B which was given only TH (p<0.05). However, there is no significant improvement in Johnsen testicular scoring. Diet modification in addition to TH supplementation may further improve male fertility in HCD rats as compared to TH alone. Based on our findings, there is a need to further explore the potential of TH in improving male infertility associated with hypercholesterolaemia.

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