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Education	1992 – 1996	B.S., Department of Biochemistry, Yonsei University, Korea	
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Biography

I have achieved MS at Yonsei University, Korea in 1996 and received Ph.D. at Division of Life Sciences, POSTECH, Korea in 2001. I went on to do my post-doctoral research at Emory University, USA, where I was trained by Dr. Rafi Ahmed from 2004-2008. I have joined Department of Biochemistry at Yonsei University in 2009 and is now working as a tenured professor at the same university.

The long-term goal of my laboratory is to develop approaches to rejuvenate the immune system in settings such as chronic infections and cancers. I have published more than 90 research and review articles and got more than 20 patents about host immune responses against chronic pathogen infection and cancers. Cancers and chronic pathogen infections suppress the host immune system, resulting in the failure to the protection against continuous infections by other types of pathogens as well as chronic diseases. Although it has been widely accepted that antigen-specific T cells are functionally impaired under chronic exposure to antigen, the roles of interaction between T cells and regulatory cells are still unknown. My laboratory is identifying and characterizing immune regulatory molecules expressed on dendritic cells and regulatory T cells specifically during cancer progression and chronic pathogen infection using flow cytometry system.

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