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WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

12 pm – 2 pm > Registration and lunch buffet

2 pm > Opening address by the universities co-organisers

Prof. Chong Yap Seng, *National University of Singapore*
Prof. Matthieu Resche-Rigon, *Université Paris Cité*

2:15 pm > Keynote Lecture

What is specific about cardiovascular disease in women?

Karen Sliwa, *World Heart Foundation and University of Cape Town*

2:45 pm > Presentation of Chairs and tasks of the 2 workshops

Zhang Cuilin, *National University of Singapore*
Alexandre Mebazaa, *Université Paris Cité*

3 pm – 5 pm > WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 : BREAKING BARRIERS - BRIDGING THE GENDER GAP IN HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTING PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Co-chairs: Zhang Cuilin (NUS), Alexandre Mebazaa (Université Paris Cité), Florence Thibaut (Université Paris Cité)

IMPROVING CHANNELS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH EDUCATION

Chaired by Xavier Jouven, *Université Paris Cité*

Roles of the State and the communities: A Comparison between Asia & Africa

Dr. Ibrahim El-Ziq, *World Health Organization*

Women's education to ensure healthy practices

Rebecca Gordon, *University of the West of Scotland*

The Circle U. European University Alliance position on Global Health and education

Jean-Philippe Empana, *Université Paris Cité - Circle U.*

> *Discussion*

FROM EDUCATION TO ACTION

Chaired by **Mariana Losada**, *Université Paris Cité - National University of Singapore*

Nutrition and Women's Health

Babette Simon, *Université Paris Cité*

Fostering Health through Nutrition Education in Africa

Sabou Haoua Seini, *Pasteur Network - Niger*

Oral Hygiene as Preventive Measure

Tchilalo BoukpeSSI, *Université Paris Cité*

> *Discussion*

WORKSHOP 2 : SHIFTING THE NARRATIVE - ENABLING PREVENTION OVER TREATMENT

Co-chairs: **Karen Sliwa** (*University of Cape Town*), **Mariell Jessup** (*American Heart Association*), **Wilfred Ngwa** (*Johns Hopkins*)

INTEGRATING PREVENTION: CHANGING THE FOCUS OF GUIDELINES

Chaired by **Victoire de Lastours**, *Université Paris Cité*

Embracing Preventative Measures in Asia

Sim Hui Wen, *National University of Singapore*

The Importance of Establishing Local Guidelines

Karen Sliwa, *World Heart Foundation, University of Cape Town*

> *Discussion*

OVERCOMING BARRIERS IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Chaired by **Matthieu Resche-Rigon**, *Université Paris Cité*

Cardiovascular Diseases in Pregnancy

Karen Sliwa, *World Heart Foundation, University of Cape Town*

2023 Evidences in Tunisia

Salem Abdesslem, Wafa Fehri, Leila Abid, *STCCCV*

> *Discussion*

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

8:30 am > Registration and coffee

9 am > Keynote lectures

Institutes of Women's Health are mandatory

Zhang Cuilin, *National University of Singapore*

Vassilis Tsatsaris, *Université Paris Cité*

Role of NGOs in prevention: access to women is challenging

Claire Rieux, *Médecins sans frontières*

How different are women's health challenges between CD and NCD?

Philippe Guérin, *University of Oxford*

10h30 > Coffee break

10:30 am – 12:30 pm > WORKSHOPS

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Florence Thibaut (Université Paris Cité)

CONQUERING GENDER INEQUALITY

Chaired by Chong Yap Seng, *National University of Singapore*

Access to national resources and novel technologies

Constance Akurugu, *Simon Diedong Dombo, University of Business and Integrated Development Studies*

Embarking men in the prevention cycle

Monique Clesca, *Journalist and Development Specialist*

> Discussion

DEALING WITH PERSONAL CHALLENGES: OVERCOMING INDIVIDUAL OBSTACLES

Chaired by **Alexandre Mebazaa**, *Université Paris Cité*

**Prevention and an anthropological analysis of consent ?
Lessons from maternities and birth dose vaccination**

Tamara Giles-Vernik, *Institut Pasteur*

Leveraging Mobile Technology for Strengthening Maternal and Child Health Services: Evidence from Low and Middle Income Countries

Anneliese Depoux, *Centre Virchow-Villermé - Université Paris Cité*

> Discussion

> Time to set up the recommendations

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

Chaired by **Xavier Jeunemaître**, *Université Paris Cité*

Epidemiology in Africa

Wilfred Ngwa, *Johns Hopkins*

Epidemiology and unmet needs of patients with gynecological cancers in Asia

David Tan, *National University of Singapore*

> Discussion

PREVENTION MATTERS

Chaired by **Vassilis Tsatsaris**, *Université Paris Cité*

Prevention of Cervical Cancer

Cécile Badoual, *Université Paris Cité*

Role of genomics in prevention of women cancer

Yosr Hamdi, *Pasteur Network, Tunis*

Challenges on Preventive Action in Asia

Lee Soo Chin, *National University of Singapore*

> Discussion

> Time to set up the recommendations

12:30 pm - 2 pm > Lunch break

2h15 > Welcome addresses

Prof. Ali Mrabet, *Minister of Health of Tunisia*,

Mr Ong Ye Kung, *Minister of Health of Singapore*,

Mr Aurélien Rousseau, *Minister of Health of France*,

Mrs Anne-Claire Amprou, *Ambassador of France for Global Health*,

Dr. Jérôme Salomon, *ADG Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases*,

Prof. Xavier Jeunemaître, *Faculty of Health, Université Paris Cité*.

2:45 pm > Keynote lectures

Prevention in Global Health: the Weakest Link

Stuart Spencer, *The Lancet*

Global Health Threats 2050: Lancet Commission

Hechmi Louzir, *Pasteur Network Tunis*

> Coffee break

4 pm > Recommendations from the workshops

Workshops 1

Zhang Cuilin, *National University of Singapore*

Alexandre Mebazaa, *Université Paris Cité*

Workshops 2

Karen Sliwa, *University of Cape Town*

Mariell Jessup, *American Heart Association*

5 pm > Summary & Conclusions

Zhang Cuilin, *National University of Singapore*

Alexandre Mebazaa, *Université Paris Cité*

> Reception at the Pan African Cardiology association

PARTICIPANTS

ALEXANDRE MEBAZAA

Alexandre Mebazaa is Professor of Anesthesia and Critical Care at Université Paris Cité and Chair of a Department in Paris, France. He is Head of the research group MASCOT granted by Inserm and Université Paris Cité, dedicated on novel therapies in critically ill patients. He is also Vice-Dean of International Affairs at the Faculty of Health. Professor Alexandre Mebazaa, Professor Chong Yap Seng, Dean of NUS Medicine, and Dr Mariana Losada, representative of Université Paris Cité in Southeast Asia, launched the Annual Joint Conference UPCité-NUS cycle on Prevention of NCD in Women. The inaugural meeting is held in Djerba, Tunisia, on 20-21 September 2023.

ALI MRABET

Ali Mrabet is the Tunisian Minister of Health graduated from the Medicine School of Tunis where he is university hospital lecturer in preventive and community medicine. He also coordinates the Masters in Public Health, and chairs the College of Preventive and Community Medicine. He has a long career at the Directorate General of Military Health, where he was Director of Technical Action, Training and Medical Research, Director of Medical Inspection, Audit and Quality, and Director of the University Centre for Hygiene and Environmental Protection.

ANNELIESE DEPOUX

Dr. Anneliese Depoux, director of Centre Virchow-Villermé, specializes in global and planetary health. With a doctorate in Information and Communications Sciences, she leads collaborative projects, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches to address global health issues. Her publications in renowned journals like The Lancet highlight the crucial role of effective communication in tackling global health challenges. She envisions the Centre as a platform for dialogue between research and policy, integrating sanitary and ecological emergencies.

BABETTE SIMON

Babette Simon is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Health of Université Paris Cité and has wide national and international experience across the health system in non-private and private organisations with a strong focus on sustainability, innovation and value in health. Prior she has held the position of the Regional Vice President of Medtronic Germany, served many years as Chief Medical Officer and Chairwomen at the University Medical Centre Mainz and is former President of the Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg.

CECILE BADOUAL

Professor Cécile Badoual is head of the anatomopathology department at the HEGP and specialises in ENT, with a particular focus on HPV-induced cancers. She is one of the WHO classification and ICCR experts. She heads an INSERM U 970 group dedicated to improving understanding of immunity in these cancers. She has developed multiplex in situ marking techniques and AI algorithms for these diseases. She has set up a consultation dedicated to patients with HPV-related cancers - CoMPap. She was Vice President of Academic Affairs at Université Paris Cité.

CHONG YAP SENG

Since Chong Yap Seng assumed the role of Dean of NUS Medicine, one of the leading medical schools in Asia, the School has risen to rank 14th on the 2023 Times Higher Education World University rankings and 20th on the 2023 QS World University Rankings for Medicine. He has co-authored more than 500 research publications in top journals to date and his energies for the past few years have been focused on helping develop national strategies to advance child and maternal health and well-being, promoting healthy living for families, and improving health resources equity in Singapore.

CLAIRE RIEUX

Claire Rieux is a haematologist with a degree in Public Health and Epidemiology. From an early age, she had a strong humanitarian vocation and joined the ranks of Médecins Sans Frontières. Working as a field doctor and country medical coordinator, she embarked on a journey across Africa that took her to many countries: Sierra Leone, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, etc. Between 2004 and 2010, she also travelled to Indonesia and Haiti to help the victims of the tsunami and earthquake that hit those two countries.

CONSTANCE AKURUGU

Constance Akurugu is a Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies and Sociologist at the SDD University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, Wa, Ghana. I have gathered a lot of experience researching gender and power relations across sub-Saharan Africa. I was at the 2022 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Bali, where I spoke as an expert on mainstreaming gender into disaster risk reduction at a gender side event. I am the gender advisor on "INTERFACES", a project sponsored by BMBF of Germany. I am also involved in mentoring young women and supporting victims of S/GBV in northern Ghana.

DAVID TAN

Dr Tan is a senior consultant medical oncologist at the National University Cancer Institute, Singapore and an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore and Principal Investigator at the Cancer Science Institute, National University of Singapore. He graduated from Guy's, King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine in London, UK and trained in internal medicine at Hammersmith and Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals. He obtained his PhD in Oncology at the Institute of Cancer research in London and trained in Medical Oncology at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto.

FLORENCE THIBAUT

Florence Thibaut, MD, PhD, is Professor of Psychiatry at the University Hospital Cochin Paris and the University of Paris Cité, France. Psychiatrist and Endocrinologist, PhD in Neurosciences. Her main interests are in addictive disorders, sexual violence and in women's mental health. She is Member of INSERM U1266, Institute for Psychiatry and Neurosciences.

SINA HAJ AMOR

Sina Haj Amor is Director General of the International Cooperation Unit at the Ministry of Health of Tunisia. In this role, she serves as Head of Delegation for Tunisia in the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean. As the decision-making body for the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region, the Regional Committee provides a unique opportunity to reinforce WHO's role as the trusted global health authority and to share evidence-based health information on the region. Prior to her appointment, she provided training to health professionals in the private and public sectors on measures to protect against the spread of Covid-19.

HECHMI LOUZIR

Hechmi Louzir is Professor of medicine, specialist in immunology. He works at the Faculty of Medicine of El Manar University, Tunis. He is also general director of the Pasteur Institute of Tunis and coordinator of the International Network of Pasteur Institute in Maghreb and Iran. Over the course of his career, he had the opportunity to visit many foreign universities and research centres in the United States and Europe. These experiences have allowed him to gradually broaden the scope of his expertise, which now extends to health research, biotechnology and organisational development.

IBRAHIM EL ZIQ

Almost 30 years of experience in development, emergency and humanitarian work including public health, health policy, planning and management in many countries including UK, West Bank and Gaza, Egypt, Bulgaria, Lebanon, Philippines, Pakistan, Denmark and the Gulf countries. Worked very closely with senior government officials in different countries guiding, supporting and facilitating health policy development including health care reforms, health system strengthening, non-communicable diseases, health emergencies through the implementation of different development programmers. Managed strategic partnerships with key donors such as the EU, DFID, IDB, USAID and Gulf donors. Prior to this, worked as WHO Representative KSA, KUW, BH, UNICEF regional representative in the Gulf countries, UNICEF Chief of Immunization in Denmark, Chief Health and Nutrition at UNICEF Pakistan, senior Health Advisor to the European Union, Deputy Director at Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard university, Senior Health Advisor to DFID. In addition to overseas experience, worked as a clinician and a medical manager in several London teaching hospitals.

JEAN-PHILIPPE EMPANA

Dr Jean-Philippe Empana is an INSERM Research Director, and is the co-leader of team 4, a 40 staff member team that is dedicated to the epidemiology of cardiovascular disease. He has acquired long experience in the conduct and coordination of multicentre studies in the field of cardiovascular epidemiology. He is a recognized expert in the field of blood and imaging biomarkers and their respective benefit for risk prediction. He is currently the principal investigator (PI) of the Paris Prospective study 3, a longitudinal cohort of 10,000 volunteers' subjects on the value of novel biomarkers for risk prediction. He is also an active member of the Paris Transplant group (PTG) a multidisciplinary group investigating the multifactorial determinants of solid organ (renal and cardiac) transplant rejection.

KAREN SLIWA

Professor Karen Sliwa, MD, PhD, FESC, FACC, DTM&H Director: Cape Heart Institute Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town, South Africa Professor: Division of Cardiology, Department of Medicine, Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa Prof. Karen Sliwa is the Director of the Cape Heart Institute, a translational cardiovascular research Institute with 8 distinct research groups. She is widely recognized as a world expert in cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), with a special interest in heart disease in peripartum women and acute heart failure.

LEILA ABID

Leila Abid is professor in cardiology at the FMS and in the Cardiology Department of CHU Hedi Chaker of Sfax. She is President of the Tunisian College of Cardiology and CV Surgery and Past President of the Tunisian Society of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery (STCCCV). She is President of the Sfax and south Tunisia Cardiovascular Medical Association and Head of the Cardiology department at the Hedi Chaker Hospital-Sfax (Tunisia). She is Coordinator and creator of the echocardiography Doppler echo -Coordinator of the Master of Research in Medicine, co-coordinator of the HTA Masters at the FMS. Coordinator and creator of heart failure research unit. Member of the French Society of Cardiology Member of the European Society of Cardiology and member of the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.

LEE SOO CHIN

Prof Lee obtained her medical degrees from NUS and the Royal College of Physicians, UK & completed a fellowship in cancer genetics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, USA. She is the ex-Chairperson of the Chapter of Medical Oncologists, Academy of Singapore, & is a member of the Singapore Ministry of Health Cancer Drug Subcommittee. Her research focus is on breast cancer, pharmacogenetics & cancer genetics & has been the Principal Investigator of more than 60 industry-sponsored & investigator-initiated breast cancer clinical trials. She has more than 230 peer-reviewed scientific publications.

MARIANA LOSADA

Mariana Losada is Paris-NUS Program Director and Senior Fellow at NUS College. In her role, Mariana facilitates the research and teaching collaborations between Université Paris Cité, Sciences Po, Inalco and NUS. She is also in charge of representing these institutions in Southeast Asia, identifying opportunities to develop new partnerships and alliances with

other organizations in the region. Mariana holds a PhD in Political Science from Sciences Po, where she specialized in the internationalization of Higher Education and Research. Visiting Fellow at the Universities of Oxford and Chicago.

MARIELL JESSUP

Dr. Jessup is Chief Science and Medical Officer of the American Heart Association and an Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She was the Chief Scientific Officer of the Leducq Foundation from January 2017 through August of 2018, before moving to the American Heart Association role. She practiced heart failure and transplant cardiology for 30 years at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where she served in a variety of administrative roles, including Medical Chief of the Heart and Vascular program, and Clinical Chief of Cardiology.

MATTHIEU RESCHE-RIGON

Matthieu Resche-Rigon is Dean of the Faculty of Health of Université Paris Cité. He is also Professor of Public Health at Université Paris Cité, an emergency doctor and head of the Clinical Research Unit at Saint-Louis Hospital. He has conducted research in biostatistics as part of the Epidemiology and Clinical Statistics for Tumour, Respiratory, and Resuscitation Assessments (ECSTRRA team) at the Centre of Research in Epidemiology and Statistics (CRESS). Between 2019 and 2023, he was vice-dean in charge of faculty strategy at the Faculty of Health.

MONIQUE CLESCA

Monique Clesca is currently an international consultant after a career of more than 25 years specializing in high-level policy dialogue, human rights, youth and women programming, and development. A feminist pro-democracy, pro-social justice activist, she is also a member of the civil society Commission to find a Haitian solution to the crisis and of Haiti Think Tank. Ms Clesca was appointed Representative of the United Nations Population Fund in Niger in 2012, after serving as its Regional Adviser for Africa in New York. A Haitian national, she is a widely published journalist and writer.

OLFA SAIDI

Olfa Saidi is a graduate of the Medicine School of Tunis. She is a statistical engineer and is currently in charge of the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and mental health at the Tunisian WHO Office.

PHILIPPE GUERIN

Philippe Guérin is Director of the Infectious Diseases Data Observatory (IDDO) at the Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health, University of Oxford. He is a medical doctor specialised in public health, Professor of Epidemiology and Global Health at the University of Oxford. His research interests focus on the feasibility, challenges and impact of establishing global data platforms for poverty related infectious diseases and emerging infections. He has been leading the development of WorldWide Antimalarial Research Network (WWARN) - the prototypic model for IDDO - IDDO, which is to date.

REBECCA GORDON

Rebecca's work has primarily focused on gender and sexuality, social inclusion, education and livelihoods. In particular, she has focused on the implications of barriers to access to education for women and girls through global research. More recently, Rebecca's work has focused on the health-related challenges for women in relation to government policy, particularly focusing on gender-based violence. She has also written about women's health inequalities and women's activism and education to address gendered health inequalities.

SABOU HAOUA SEINI

Sabou Haoua Seini has been appointed as General Director of CERMES and started her new position on 11th August 2021. First and only woman Doctor in Biochemistry in Niger, second woman CAMES Full Professor of Niger, her journey through Niger, Africa and the 5 continents allowed her to also be Secretary General of the Ministry of Higher Education of Research and Innovation. Sabou Haoua Seini succeeds Rabiou Labbo, replacement of Halima Boubacar as acting director since February 2019.

SIM HUI WEN

Dr. Sim Hui Wen is a consultant cardiologist at the National University Heart Centre, Singapore. She completed her medical studies at the University of Malaya, Malaysia in 2009 and cardiology residency in 2018. She is the first female interventionist in her institution, where she contributes significantly to the women's heart clinic. Dr. Sim has a particular interest in understanding the unique aspects of female heart disease, especially ischemia in non-obstructive coronary arteries and microvascular dysfunction

STUART SPENCER

Stuart joined The Lancet in 1999 and throughout his time, there has led the Fast Track team that aims to select, review and publish prestigious manuscripts within 4 weeks of receipt. Before joining The Lancet Stuart was a full-time researcher leading various research teams in, scoliosis, growth, neuroendocrinology, immunology, fetal development and bioethics. He has held posts in academia and industry in UK, Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium and New Zealand. He has had visiting professorships at King's College, London and Hong Kong University, and a doctorate of medicine from Umea University.

TAMARA GILES-VERNICK

Dr. Tamara Giles-Vernick is Director of Research and Unit head of the Anthropology and Ecology of Disease Emergence Unit. Dr. Giles-Vernick coordinates SoNAR-Global, a European Commission-funded global social sciences research network for preparedness and response to infectious threats, now part of ISIDORE, and the European research infrastructure providing research services for epidemics. A specialist in the medical anthropology and history of central and West Africa, her current research focuses on zoonotic disease emergence and epidemics, viral hepatitis, and health and social vulnerabilities.

VASSILIS TSATSARIS

Vassilis Tsatsaris is Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Cochin Hospital (Port-Royal Maternity). He heads the Women's Health Institute at Université Paris Cité, as well as the PREMA hospital-university federation dedicated to prematurity. His clinical work focuses on the management of maternal and foetal pathologies. He coordinates the Centre Pluridisciplinaire de Diagnostic Prénatal (CPDPN) and the Centre Expert des Maladies Maternelles (CEMAM) at Cochin Hospital.

VICTOIRE DE LASTOURS

Victoire de Lastours is a clinical physician, internist and infectiologist working at the Beaujon Hospital in Paris. Her research focuses on bacterial resistance to antibiotics, the impact of antibiotics on microbiota and faecal microbiota transplantation. She has been in charge of international relations at the Medicine department of the Faculty of Health of Université Paris Cité since 2021, responsible for coordinating student mobility and international cooperation. She is also a member of the international commission at the Faculty of Health.

WAFI FEHRI

Wafi Fehri is Professor of cardiology. She is head of the cardiology department at the military hospital of Tunis. She is Vice-President of the Tunisian Society of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery (STCCCV).

WAFI KAMMOUN

Wafi Kammoun holds a PhD in biology from the Faculty of Health in Tunis. She was project manager at the Pasteur Institute of Tunis and is currently assistant professor and director of medical research at the Tunisian Ministry of Health.

WILFRED NGWA

Professor of Global Health and Oncology, Director of the Global Health Catalyst at Johns Hopkins and Harvard, Chair of the Lancet Oncology Commission for sub-Saharan Africa and one of the leaders of the USA Cancer Moonshot Lancet Commission, Rutgers Presidential Faculty Scholar and ICTU Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Has held visiting professorships at the Universities of Heidelberg Germany and University of Pennsylvania and is Adjunct Professor at University of Massachusetts, Founder of the Global Oncology University.

XAVIER JEUNEMAÎTRE

Xavier Jeunemaitre, University Professor-Hospital Practitioner at the Medicine Department, was Dean of the Faculty of Health of the new Université Paris Cité from 2019 to 2023. Since its creation in 2000, he has directed the Genetics Department at the Georges Pompidou European Hospital in Paris and the Centre de Référence des Maladies Vasculaires Rares at the same hospital. Since 1997, he has headed an INSERM research unit or team focusing on the molecular pathophysiology of cardiovascular diseases. He performs or has performed a number of cross-disciplinary functions and missions.

XAVIER JOUVEN

Xavier Jouven is PhD in Statistics. He is Professor in Cardiology and Epidemiology at the Faculty of Health of Université Paris Cité. He directs the medical and surgical department of cardiology, nephrology and metabolism Hospital European Georges Pompidou. He manages the INSERM research unit of integrative epidemiology is founder of the Sudden Death Expertise Centre of Paris.

YOSR HAMDI

Yosr Hamdi is a biologist and researcher at Pasteur Institute of Tunis, Tunisia. She is a specialist in cancer genomics and precision oncology. Dr. Hamdi is a member of several international Consortia including BCAC, CIMBA, H3ABioNet, and H3Africa. Dr. Hamdi started in the field of human genetics in 2004 with the Human Genome Project, at Laval University, Quebec, Canada. Then, she had a Master degree in Cellular & Molecular Biology at the Faculty of Medicine, Laval University, Canada. In 2009, she joined the Genomics Centre of the Centre de Recherche du Centre Hospitalier de l'Université Laval.

ZHANG CUILIN

Prof. Zhang is a physician scientist and clinical epidemiologist whose work unites nutrition, biochemistry, genetics, clinical medicine, and public health, and is at the interface of disease etiology and prevention strategies in the arena of women's and children's health over lifespan and across generations. She is leading a multi-disciplinary research program at GloW focusing on the improvement of women's health and human potentials through diet and lifestyle modification, omics research, and early screening in general.

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