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Researcher spotlight: Dr. Yingfei Wang of UT Southwestern to submit second year grant findings to Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease

Austin, April 5, 2017: Dr. Yingfei Wang of The University of Texas Southwestern will be submitting her second-year research report and findings to The Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease by December 2017. Dr. Wang was one of five carefully selected recipients of the 2015 DKR Fund research grant, receiving \$165,000 to fund her project, "The role of a novel A1F3 isoform in dementia."

"Neuronal cell death is a key feature in dementia and causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior," states Dr. Wang. "Unfortunately, so far no effective treatment is available. The continued support of the DKR Fund will ensure the successful completion of this project, which might yield a new therapeutic target for the treatment of dementia."

"We look forward to Dr. Wang's research results, as well as her continued commitment to finding advancements in dementia treatment," states DKR Fund President Debbie Hanna. "Our grantee's valuable and tireless work, including Dr. Wang's, represent the drive and dedication that Coach Royal would be so proud of; because of our grantee's research, Texas will be ahead of the game in fighting Alzheimer's and related diseases."

Dr. Yingfei Wang obtained her Ph.D. degree in Neuroscience at the University of Magdeburg in Germany and completed her postdoctoral training at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. In December 2014, Dr. Wang became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Neurology at UT Southwestern. Her overall goals are to identify novel therapeutic targets and translate the knowledge to develop therapeutic strategies to prevent or treat neurologic diseases.

About the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease

Established in 2012, the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease is building a legacy of lasting significance in honor of a man whose contributions to the lives of so many cannot be measured. The DKR Fund is taking a lead in providing a high profile and increased national awareness of Alzheimer's disease (AD), as well as Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and related diseases. With no cure or drugs currently available to alter the course of these diseases, the DKR Fund is helping advance the pace of research by funding researchers in the state of Texas. Coach Royal's legacy continues to give a voice and face to a disease that has long been hidden behind closed doors. For more information, visit www.dkrfund.org