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Research Interests:

- Clinical Phenotyping of Major Psychiatric Disorders
- Neurobiology of Psychotic and Mood Disorders
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Biography

Following completion of his postgraduate training in Psychiatry in Singapore, Dr Sim Kang spent a HMDP stint at MGH-McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School in 2004. Since then, he continues his research interests into the clinical characterization and subtyping of major psychiatric disorders and better understanding of the underlying neurobiology of these conditions using tools including clinical and cognitive assessments, genetics and neuroimaging. His interests in health professions education include pedagogies, better understanding of learning environment, and its inter-relationship with learner wellness. He has published over 300 research papers, contributed several book chapters as well as served as a reviewer for many international, peer reviewed journals. He is a previous recipient of several research and educational awards including the NHG NUHS Doctor Award at the NHG Annual Scientific Congress in 2009, Singapore Clinician-Investigator Award (Gold) at the Singapore Health and Biomedical Congress in 2011, IMH Clinical Mentorship Award in 2011 and the NHG Education Leader Award in 2014.

Selected Publications

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- Chew QH, Prakash KNB, Koh LY, Chilla G, Yeow LY, Sim K. **Neuroanatomical Subtypes of Schizophrenia and Relationship with Illness Duration and Deficit Status.** *Schizophr Res.* 2022; 248:107-113.

Notable Research Awards & Grants From Past 5 Years

Name of Awards & Grants	Year Obtained
"Epigenetics and Cognitive Functioning in Major Depressive Disorder with Psychotic Features"	2016
"Understanding the neurobiology of cognitive dysfunction in schizophrenia"	2016
"Cerebellar Calcium Channel Defects in Schizophrenia"	2020