

**BIOSKETCH:**

Dr Benyi Li is a Full Professor (tenured) of Urology & Cancer Biology at the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) and the Director for Basic Research at the KUMC Department of Urology. Dr Li received his medical training from Tongji Medical University of China at 1992 and PhD of Tumor Biology from Fukui University of Japan at 1997. After postdoc trainings from Moffitt Cancer Center at Tampa and Baylor College of Medicine at Houston, he joined the KUMC Urology at the end of 2001.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

As a physician-scientist, Dr Li has been engaged in basic and translational research on several urological diseases including kidney stone disease, benign prostatic hyperplasia, bladder cancer, renal cancer and prostate cancer in addition to his clinical work in his early career period. Since 2002, Dr Li focused his career on prostate cancer research to identify critical signal pathways or therapeutic targets for therapy development. Multiple novel therapeutic approaches were developed from his group for human prostate cancer, such as PI3K/p110beta specific inhibitors and androgen receptor silencing RNAs. Very recently, Dr Li is using a novel RNA activation approach to develop a small RNA therapy for metastasis prevention by increasing DPYSL3 gene expression, which is a tumor metastasis suppressor gene in prostate cancers. Also, he is exploring a novel organic molecule Alternol as a new chemo-drug for a variety of human cancers.

**VISION:**

Dr Li has been a member of SBUR through AUA for a long time and he has numerous first-hand experiences in organizing scientific society. For example, he served as the Secretary, President-elect and then President of KUMC Chapter of the SigmaXi Society during 2005-2008. Dr Li has been actively involved in organizing local and national scientific meetings including SBUR 2014 fall symposium, 2016 Spring conference and the annual meetings of World Association of Chinese Urologists in last 8 years. Since the importance of the SBUR financial situation, the Treasure position is critical for our continuing success to serve our members and the academic society. It will be essential to work with other board members as a team to facilitate our efforts in fund-raising and to maximize our potential with resources available. We will also need to advocate loudly for research funding support for our members at all levels. For sure a hard work plus multiple clever approaches are the keys for our continuation as a successful society! Dr Li will dedicate his compassion and energy to the SBUR society.