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Qualifications

1997 B.S. (Medical Technology), Second Honorary

Faculty of Associated Medical Sciences

Chiang Mai University

2004 Ph.D. (Microbiology)

Faculty of Medicine Chiang Mai University

Certificateds and Awards

Certificate of honor to student who has had outstanding results during the entire course of studies, 2004.

Award of best thesis entitle "Cloning and analysis of genes encoding antigenic proteins from *Penicillium marneffei*", 2004.

Endeavor Research Award, April-September, 2009.

Field of study

Study several aspects in biology of *Penicillium marneffei*, particularly to understand the pathogenicity. The current projects aim to characterize genes important in host-pathogen interaction using molecular methods.

Publications

Aksarakorn Kummasook, **Patthama Pongpom**, Nongnuch Vanittanakom. Cloning, characterization and differential expression of an *hsp70* gene from the pathogenic dimorphic fungus, *Penicillium marneffei*. 2007. DNA sequence; 18. 385-394.

Monsicha Pongpom and Nongnuch Vanittanakom. Application of nested PCR to detect *Penicillium marneffei* in Serum Samples. 2009. Medical Mycology; 47, 549-553.

Nongnuch Vanittanakom, **Monsicha Pongpom**, Jutarat Praparattanapan, Chester R. Cooper Jr. and Thira Sirisanthana. Isolation and expression of heat shock protein 30 gene from *Penicillium marneffei*. 2009. Medical Mycology; 47, 521-526.