Worldwide fungal infections have soared, including Coccidioides species responsible for pneumonia and disseminated mycosis known as Valley fever in the American Southwest. NIH has set forth a strategy plan to develop a human vaccine and therapies against this fungal infection. Dr. Hung co-leads an NIH funded Coccidioidomycosis Collaborative Research Center at UTSA as a central hub for this research endeavor. Hung’s laboratory takes a multidisciplinary approach to discover fungal antigens for vaccine development and characterizing immune mechanisms against Coccidioides infection. This information is harnessed to create vaccines against Valley fever, which is evaluated and deciphered in human immune cells and humanized mice. Furthermore, her laboratory collaborates with a team of medical mycologists to screen and repurpose novel antifungal drugs for Valley fever.

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