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Ming Zhou was born on 21 October, 1975, in Qingdao, China.

His career started from his medical training at Medical College of Qingdao University, China. After finishing the internship he received his medical degree in 1999.

The curiosity to understand the nature of diseases and the interaction between living organisms and drugs motivated him then into the study of clinical medicine for his master degree. In his last year, he went to Japan as an international visiting scholar to expand his academic training in Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, Japan. There, the enthusiasm for research was further fueled up by his supervisor Prof. Kenichi Shimamura, whose passion for science deeply inspired him and let him continue working on the path of scientific research later on in Medical College of Qingdao University as a lecturer.

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