

Biography



Li Li Ji is Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He was Director of the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene and Exercise in the School of Kinesiology from 2011-2024 and the Director of School of Kinesiology during 2011-2017. Prior to that, he served as assistant and associate professor in Exercise Physiology and Nutritional Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during 1987-1993 and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison during 1994 to 2011 including 10 years as Chair of Kinesiology Department. Dr. Ji's research expertise is cellular and molecular exercise physiology, especially the role of free radicals and antioxidants in muscle function, adaptation to exercise, pathogenesis and prevention, cell signaling and aging. Dr. Ji has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and given over 180 invited international and domestic lectures. His recent research focuses on mitochondrial quality control and its relationship with redox signaling, exercise adaptation, muscle atrophy, and aging. Dr. Ji has served over a dozen editorial boards of scientific journals and many study sections of public and private funding agencies. He has been a member of the *National Academy of Kinesiology* (NAK) since 2006, Fellow of the *American College of Sports Medicine* (ACSM) since 1990, and Fellow of the international *Society for Redox Biology and Medicine* (SfRBM). Dr. Ji's scholarly work has received 25,000 citations and earned a *Google Scholar h-index* of 80. Dr. Ji received an *Honorary Doctorate Degree* from the National University of Sport Science in Hungary in 2020. He was honored the *2023 ACSM Citation Award*. Dr. Ji has broad collaborations with universities and research institutions in China and holds several adjunct positions including Shanghai Jiao Tong University, East China Normal University, Beijing Sport University, Tianjin Sport University and National Sport Science Research Institute. In July 2023 Dr. Ji received a *Special Contribution Award* from the *Chinese Physiological Society* for his decades-long collaboration with China in Exercise Physiology.