

## **Controlling Lupus**

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Dr. Liang expresses the need for increased lupus research in pharmaceutical medicine. He identifies three factors that contribute to the lack of lupus research. Firstly, pharmaceuticals lack financial incentives to pursue research for small demographics. Second, due to medical distrust, government regulations have increased, making it difficult to conduct lab experiments to approve medication. Finally, there is a lack of lupus patients participating in research, so it is difficult to test the drugs. Dr. Liang addresses these obstacles, suggesting ways in which they can be overcome. He also commends individuals who have stepped up in place of institutions, to promote lupus research.