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A postmortem study
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Lin Zhang has been associated with the neuropathology of suicide since 2010. After she obtained her Bachelor's degree of Medicine in Xiangya School of Medicine (established by Yale Mission in China in 1913), Central South University (China), she was recommended to the Department of Forensic Science for a master study with full scholarship (2010). In 2013, she obtained her Master's degree of Forensic Science and gained her National Scholarship from the Ministry of Education of China and full scholarship from the Department of Forensic Science, Tongji Medical College (founded by Dr. Erich Paulun as German Medical School in 1907), Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China), where she completed her three-year training as a forensic pathologist and obtained her Doctoral degree of Medicine. From 2010 to 2016, Lin participated in over 500 forensic autopsies, which has inspired her interest to study the pathology of suicide as objective evidence in forensic investigation. At the end of 2016, she moved to Netherlands for her PhD studies in the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience and Netherlands Brain Bank, worldwide the first human brain bank founded by Prof. dr. Dick F. Swaab, under the supervision of Prof. dr. Dick F. Swaab and Prof. Paul J. Lucassen. Lin is worldwide the first person who clarified the significance of using human bio-samples from donors who died by legal euthanasia in suicide research.

Lin is now living in Amsterdam as a neuroscientist.
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