

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Current position

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### Professional Experience

**Mar, 2022-present - Research scientist in Yungki Park's lab**

**Jan 4, 2016-Feb, 2022 - Research technician in Yungki Park's lab**

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University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14203, USA**

I studied ubiquitination, phosphorylation and sumoylation of transcription factor Myrf in oligodentocyte differentiation. Besides, I investigated the interacting proteins of Myrf using TurboID and mass-spectrometry, as well as co-immunoprecipitation by which I proved Myrf protein complex is a homotrimer.

Further, we analyzed Olig2 and Sox10 gene enhancers which are important in oligodentocyte differentiation by silencing them with CRISPRi. We generated doxycycline inducible expression Oli-neu cell lines with CRISPR/Cas9 system and piggybac and sleeping beauty transposon/transposase system. DNA segment harboring sgRNA targeting enhancers, GFP and puromycin resistance gene was inserted into the genome of Oli-neu cells with hypBase. The positive cells are selected by puromycin. KRAB-dCas9 with doxycycline inducible promoter, blasticidin resistance gene, and rtTA gene were integrated into the genome of Oli-neu cells with SB100X, and the cells were selected with blasticidin. The effect of enhancer silencing was quantified with RT-qPCR of expressions of Olig2 or Sox10.

We also had generated inducible expression Oli-neu cell lines with inducible expression of shRNA and sleeping beauty transposon transposase system. Positive cells are selected with blasticidin.

**Nov 27, 2014 – Jan 3, 2016**

I took a break for 1 year to focus on personal development. I improved my English by reading, writing, and speaking. I read the English version books of biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, immunobiology, pathology, physiology, and latest biomedical literatures, to get ready for the future career.

**Nov 13, 2009 – Nov 26, 2014      Post-doctoral research**

Post-doctoral research associate in Dr Xinjiang Wang's lab  
Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

My research in this period focused on the mechanism of how the ubiquitin E3 ligases regulate the oncoprotein and tumor suppressor through ubiquitination in cancer cells.

- (1) Ubiquitin-dependent regulation of phospho-AKT dynamics by the ubiquitin E3 ligase, NEDD4-1, in the IGF-1 response
- (2) Ubiquitination of the Thoc1 Encoded Ribonucleoprotein by NEDD4-1 E3 Ubiquitin Protein Ligase
- (3) Ubiquitination of MDM2 by NEDD4-1 E3 Ubiquitin Protein Ligase
- (4) Role of NEDD4-1 in glucose metabolism in mammal cells
- (5) Novel chemotherapeutic drug development for Glioblastoma, lymphoma and pancreatic cancer in in vitro models
- (6) Novel mechanism of action of a potential anti-cancer drug FL118 induces p53-dependent senescence by targeting MdmX degradation in colorectal cancer cells

**Graduate student, School of Life Science (supervisor: Prof. Junying Miao),  
2003-2009 Shandong University**

- (1) Investigation of the mechanisms by which the complexes of copper and salicylaldehyde pyrazole hydrazone derivatives induces apoptosis in human umbilical vein endothelial cells and lung cancer cells;
- (2) Investigation of the autophagy induced by pyrazole hydrazide derivatives in human lung cancer cells;
- (3) Study on mechanisms underlying chloroquine inhibits cell growth and induces cell death in A549 lung cancer cells;

(4) Preliminary study of ion sensors for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$  and cysteine in living cells;

(5) Other duties:

Repairing some of the experimental apparatus in the lab;

In charge of lab safety works

**1992-2003 Shandong non-metallic geological engineering exploration academy (www.sinoma-shdd.cn), China National Materials Group Corporation (www.sinoma.cn), at Jinan city, China**

Geophysical exploration for non-metallic minerals and for foundation of buildings

- Engineer, August 1998- August 2003
- Assistant engineer, July 1992- July 1998

**1988-1992 Jilin University, Jilin, China**

- Mathematical model designing in geophysics
- Computational software designing using FORTRAN 77 language

## **Education**

Shandong University, Jinan, Shandong, China

Ph.D., 2003-2009, Cell Biology, Supervisor: Prof. Junying Miao

Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin, China

Bachelor's degree in Engineering, 1988-1992, Exploratory Geophysics

Doctoral thesis: “The molecular mechanisms of apoptosis and autophagy in lung cancer cells and vascular endothelial cells induced by novel copper-chelator complexes and pyrazole hydrazide derivatives”.

## **Honors and Awards**

Achievements in scientific research scholarship, 2008, by Shandong University

## **Working skills**

### **Cell biology techniques**

- Cell types that I had cultured:
  - ▶ Primary cells: HUVEC, MEF
  - ▶ Transformed cell lines: CG4, Oli-neu, HEK293, 293T, 293FT
  - ▶ Cancer cells: Glioblastoma cells (T98G, A172), lymphoma cells, breast cancer cell MCF-7, prostate cancer cell line PC3, pancreas cancer cells (BxPC-3, PANC-1), Liver cancer cell BEL7402, lung cancer cells (A549, H460, H322, H1299), sarcoma U-2 OS cells, PC12, HeLa, hybridoma cells, C2C12, etc.

► Insect cells: SF9

- Cell culture medium formulation for glucose metabolism research
- MTT, CCK-8 assay for cell growth
- Confocal microscopy
- Hoechst 33258, DAPI, acridine orange, neutral red, trypan blue staining
- TUNEL assay for cell apoptosis
- Lactate Dehydrogenase for cell necrosis
- Immunocytochemistry
- C2C12 differentiation to muscle cells
- CG4 and Oli-neu cell differentiation to oligodendrocyte-like cells
- Extraction of Sub-cellular fraction by using differential centrifugation, including membrane, cytoplasm, nuclei soluble part, and nuclei insoluble part
- De-contamination of microorganisms from mammalian cells

### **Biochemistry**

- Recombinant Protein extraction and purification from TNT Rabbit Reticulocyte Lysate System (Promega), Wheat Germ Extract (Promega), bacteria, SF9 cells, mammalian cells, and mouse brain and spinal cord
- Western blot (One of my top expertise, with ability to detect protein out of 100 ng of whole cell lysate proteins, experiences of more than 2,000 times)
- UV/Vis spectroscopy
- Glucose and Lactate assay
- Luciferase assay
- Fluorescence spectroscopy
- In vitro and in vivo ubiquitination assay (One of my top expertise, able to catch weak ubiquitination signal)
- Immunoprecipitation (One of my top expertise, able to perform sequential IP)
- TurboID: Proximity labeling of target protein (prey) with biotin by biotin ligase fused to bait protein, then followed by biotin based purification and protein analysis (often Mass spectrometry)
- Mass spectrometry (sample preparation, protein post-translational modification and protein interaction analysis)

### **Molecular biology techniques**

- Construction of plasmid and bacmid vector
- RNA and DNA extraction
- Regular PCR and RT-qPCR
- Gene microarray analysis
- RNA interference with siRNA or shRNA
- Over-expression of genes with transient transfection in mammalian cell
- Generation of inducible expression Oli-neu cell lines with sgRNA and

CRISPR/Cas9 system and transposon system (Regulating elements are integrated into the genome of cells, and then they are induced to express and target the genes of interest).

- Generation of stable expression cell lines with lentivirus vector

### **In vivo experiments**

- Completion of the IACUC Responsible Care and Use of Laboratory Animals Certification Program training (2016, 2019, 2022)
- Mouse breeding, genotyping, and tissue harvesting
- Immunoprecipitation, western blot, RT-qPCR with mouse tissue

### **Other skills**

- Maintenance, calibration or minor repair of experimental apparatus, including CO<sub>2</sub> incubator, microscope, electrophoresis apparatus, refrigerator, air-conditioner, balance, pipette
- Leadership Experience: having directed small teams of undergraduate students and graduate students doing life sciences research.

### **Publication list**

Posted at google scholar, 1137 citations as of April 5, 2023, link

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F Song, **C Fan**, X Wang, DW Goodrich. The Thoc1 Encoded Ribonucleoprotein Is a Substrate for the NEDD4-1 E3 Ubiquitin Protein Ligase. ***PloS one*** 2013, 8 (2), e57995.

**Fan CD**, Lum MA, Xu C, Black JD, Wang X. Ubiquitin-dependent regulation of phospho-AKT dynamics by the ubiquitin E3 ligase, NEDD4-1, in the IGF-1 response. ***J Biol Chem.*** 2013, 288(3):1674–1684. (**My representative publication**)

**ChuanDong Fan**, Hua Su, Jing Zhao, BaoXiang Zhao, ShangLi Zhang, JunYing Miao. A novel copper complex of salicylaldehyde pyrazole hydrazone induces

apoptosis through up-regulating integrin beta4 in H322 lung carcinoma cells.

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## **Peer review works**

**I am an active peer reviewer of these journals**

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OncoTargets and Therapy.

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BMC Molecular and Cell Biology  
Current Biomarker Findings  
International Journal of Biological Sciences