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Education

Zhejiang University (ZJU)	**Sep. 2020 – Jul. 2024 (Expected)**
Bachelor of Statistics & Medicine, Minor in Computer Science	*GPA: 3.88/4.00, Top 15%*

Relevant Coursework

- Data Structures & Algo
- Database System
- Computer Organization
- Statistical Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Optimization Algorithms
- Linear Algebra & Calc
- Multivariate Statistics
- Numerical Analysis
- Medical Genetics
- Molecular Biology
- Biochemistry

Research Experience

Zhejiang University, Department of Animal Genetics   **Oct. 2023 – Present**

Research Assistant   *Hangzhou, China*

- Conducted a comprehensive study using WGCNA to explore underlying mechanisms in heart failure heterogeneity.
- Identified significant modules associated with ICM/DCM through the construction of gene co-expression networks.
- First-authored and led the research paper manuscript, currently under review for publication in an SCI-indexed journal.

Zhejiang University, Department of Veterinary Medicine   **Sep. 2020 – Dec. 2021**

Research Assistant   *Hangzhou, China*

- Performed phylogenetic analysis on gene family *ADTRP*, mining their evolutionary relation by maximum likelihood.
- Performed RNA-seq analysis on Ischemic Cardiomyopathy samples and recognized potential transcriptional regulators.
- Automated RNA-seq workflows using bash scripting and Python, enhancing laboratory data processing efficiency.
- Characterized *Liver Enriched Gene 1 (LEG1)* from expression profile, glycosylation type, and secretion characteristics.

Zhejiang University, School of Medicine   **Sep. 2020 – Jun. 2021**

Student Research Training Program (SRTP), rated as national-level   *Hangzhou, China*

- Contributed to the building of a diagnostic grading system for IgA Nephropathy using Convolutional Neural Networks.
- Preprocessed biopsy images, applying data augmentation & feature extraction methods to optimize model performance.
- Implemented algorithms for detection, segmentation, and classification of glomeruli in various stages of degeneration.

Selected Publications

- Yang Ye, Qiao Jin, Qian Gong, Aoqi Li, **Alexander Suen**, et al. Bioinformatics and Experimental Analyses Reveal NFIC as An Upstream Transcriptional Regulator for Ischemic Cardiomyopathy. *Genes (Basel).* 2022 Jun 13;13(6):1051.

- **Alexander Suen**, HUANG Yuqi, DANG Yanna, et al. Molecular characterization of pig LEG1a protein[J]. *Journal of Zhejiang University (Agriculture & Life Sciences)*, 2022, 48(2): 261-268.

- Huang Yuqi[#], **Alexander Suen**[#], Lenan Zhuang, and He Jin. Molecular Phylogenetic Analysis of the AIG Family in Vertebrates. *Genes (Basel).* 2021 Jul 30;12(8):1190. ([#] denotes equal contribution, sort in alphabetic order)

Projects

Machine Learning for Identification of Genomic Biomarkers in Ischemic Cardiomyopathy (ICM) | *ML, Genomics*

- Analyzed extensive genomic datasets to identify key differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in ICM progress.
- Implemented and evaluated five machine learning classification methods (SVM, LASSO, GBM, DT, CNN) to filter and assess candidate diagnostic genes based on classification accuracy and overall weights (a multi-model approach).
- Identified 3 key genes with significant diagnostic potential in ICM and conducted functional enrichment analysis.

Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor Bioactivity Prediction APP | *Python, ML, Drug Discovery*

- Predicted the target protein bioactivity towards inhibiting ACE, which is a drug target for ICM.
- Developed regression models based on Random Forest and conducted comparative analysis of several ML algorithms.
- Engineered a user-friendly bioactivity prediction APP for efficient QSAR modelling and potential candidates analysis.

Multimodal Single-Cell Integration - Kaggle HPCs Maturation Prediction | *Python, Deep Learning, Multi-modality*

- Integrated multimodal genomic data (DNA, RNA and protein) to unravel genetic interactions.
- Employed Truncated SVD and UMAP for dimensionality reduction, realizing efficient processing of large-scale genomic datasets in hierarchical format. Applied Group K-Fold cross-validation to ensure robust and unbiased model training.

Teaching Assistant Experience

Animal Biostatistics (2021-2022-2)
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Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Competent in Python, experience in R, C/C++, Java, HTML, MATLAB, Verilog, Assembly
Libraries/Frameworks/Database: PyTorch, SQL, NumPy, Pandas, Tensorflow, Matplotlib, SciPy
Development Tools: Git, CUDA, LaTeX, Linux, Google Colab, Google Cloud Platform

Selected Honors and Awards

Kaggle Competition — Evaluate Student Summaries - Bronze Medal   **Oct. 2023**
Top 7%, 138th out of 2064 Participants   *The Learning Agency Lab, CommonLit*

Kaggle Competition — LLM Science Exam - Bronze Medal   **Oct. 2023**
Top 9%, 231th out of 2664 Participants   *Kaggle*

Kaggle Competition — Mircobusiness Density Forecasting - Bronze Medal   **Jun. 2023**
Top 9%, 297th out of 3547 Participants   *GoDaddy*

Scholarship for Excellence in Special Major   **2020 − 2023**
Top 15% students in specialized and interdisciplinary fields, won consecutively for three years   *Hangzhou, China*

Zhejiang University Scholoarship — Second Prize   **2020 − 2021; 2022 − 2023**
Top 8% students in Zhejiang University   *Hangzhou, China*

Zhejiang University Scholoarship — Third Prize   **2021 − 2022**
Top 20% students in Zhejiang University   *Hangzhou, China*

Student Leadership Award   **2020 − 2021**
Awarded for significant contributions to student-led initiatives/activities on campus   *Hangzhou, China*

Internship

Research Intern — Alibaba DAMO Academy, NLP Research Team   **Jul. 2023 − Oct. 2023**
Focused on sentiment analysis and transfer learning based on large-scale pre-trained models.   *Hangzhou, China*

Extracurricular

Certified First Aider — Red Cross Society of China   **2021 − Present**
Administered immediate first aid for everyday injuries and during major sports events.   *Hangzhou, China*

Zhejiang University Youth Volunteer Service — 5-Star Honor Award   **2020**
Dedicated over 300 hours to diverse community service including community hospital volunteer service.   *Hangzhou, China*

Club Activities — Student Association of Science & Technology (SAST)   **2020 - 2022**
Vice President (2020 − 2021) *& Member* (2021 − 2022)   *Zhejiang University*

- SAST's club tier ranking increased from 4-star to 5-star (highest possible association ranking) during my tenure.
- Orchestrated key events and activities such as the Lazy Man's Innovation Competition and the SAST anniversary.
- Directed a team of over 20 members to serve and promote innovation & entrepreneurship competitions.