# **HONGYU (Dennis) FENG**

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INTEREST: Lipid Nanoparticles drug delivery, mRNA delivery, and Blood-brain barrier delivery

#### **EDUCATION**

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, MD

Master of Science Degree in Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering: Expected May, 2024 GPA: 3.93 / 4.00

• Departmental fellowship Fall 2023-2024.

CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SHENZHEN, Shenzhen, CHINA

Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering Degree: July, 2022

Dean's List: School of Medicine 2021-2022; Master List Award of Muse College 2019-2020; Bowen Scholarship (merit-

based scholarship); Outstanding Graduate Award (2022)

**Coursework**: (MS) Advanced Thermodynamics; Advanced Transport Phenomena; Supramolecular Materials & Nanomedicine; Interfacial Science Applications in Nanoscale Systems. (BS) Systems Bioengineering; Neural Systems;

Anatomy/Physiology; Genetic Engineering; Linear Algebra & Computational Programming.

#### **SPECIALIZED SKILLS**

- RiboGreen Assay; Luciferase Assay; BCA Assay; Zetasizer Operation; Cell Culture; Plasmid Construction; Protein Expression; Western Blot; HPLC; LNP Formulation; Microfluidics; Gel Electrophoresis; PCR;
- Python (including basic machine learning); MS-Excel; MS-PowerPoint; Training in MATLAB & COMSOL
- English (fluent); Cantonese (native); Mandarin (native); German(elementary).

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE, CENTER FOR NANO-MEDICINE, Baltimore, MD

## **Lipid Nanoparticle Student Research Assistant**

December 2022 - Present

- Formulate lipid nanoparticles (LNPs); characterized LNPs for size, zeta-potential, and encapsulation efficiency.
- Analyze LNPs penetration capability in human vaginal mucus samples via multiple-particle-tracking-analysis.
- Perform luciferase and BCA protein assays for homogenized animal tissues; and evaluate mRNA-LNPs delivery efficiency *in vivo*.
- Perform IVIS imaging on mice to obtain the drug distribution in the brain by fluorescence signal.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR LANGUAGE AND SPEECH PROCESSING, Baltimore, MD

#### **NIST Project Student Research Assistant**

June 2023 – August 2023

- Invent topics for performance evaluation of Chinese-English cross-language information retrieval project.
- Evaluate search engine performance on technical terminology and provide feedback.

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## **Cas Protein Expression Student Research Assistant**

September 2021 - May 2022

- Led expression and purification research of Cas12a in nucleic acid testing, utilizing Cas12a.
- Prepared experimental consumables and designed Cas12a expression vectors and primers.
- Executed plasmid vector construction, protein expression, purification, and concentration.
- Optimized Cas12a expression and purification.

#### **Protein Expression Student Research Assistant**

July 2019 - March 2021

- Used the Bacmid baculovirus protein expression or E.coli expression system to express the target protein.
- Purifies and evaluates products at each experimental stage and obtain purified protein for cryo-EM analysis.
- Participated in the expression and purification research of transferrin receptors (TfR2 & TfR3).

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Lian, K., Feng, H., Liu, S., Wang, K., Liu, Q., Deng, L., Wang, G., Chen, Y., & Liu, G. (2022). Insulin quantification towards early diagnosis of prediabetes/diabetes. *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*, 203, 114029.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### SHENZHEN CORE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY CO., Shenzhen, Guangdong

#### **R&D Engineer Intern**

June 2021 - August 2021

- Conducted battery charging/discharging system testing of left ventricular assist device (LVAD); screened samples that failed to meet standards and detected causes of errors.
- Designed test sequences and scenarios, performed usability tests of LVAD system, and simulated operations from the customer perspective; observed/recorded working conditions of the system.
- Simulated LVAD implantation surgery and executed usability tests of LVAD surgical instruments.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

# CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SHENZHEN, Shenzhen, Guangdong, CHINA

## **Student Organization Assistant**

July 2020 - August 2022

- Co-organized group activities and festivals; managed college inventories.
- Provided consultation for students and participated in group discussions on planning activities.

## **University Student Organization (Dance Club) Broad Member**

September 2018- December 2020

- Organize facilities, equipment, schedules, and additional on-site materials for dance club performances.
- Act as the treasurer of the organization, manage income and outcome of the organization and seek funding.
- Communicate with the university to arrange public performances and organize weekly dance classes that are open to all university affiliates.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Graduate Student Grader**

June 2023 - Present

- Grade assignments for the course "Software Carpentry" and provide detailed feedback for each of the assignments.
- Weekly meet with the lecturer to discuss any problems reflected in the assignment and support lab sessions.

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## **Undergraduate Student Teaching Fellow**

September - December 2021

- Led a tutorial session and office hour in the course "Biomedical Modeling and Design I" and assisted in solving homework problems and grading homework.
- Prepare presentations and introduced various research areas in biomedical engineering for sophomore or junior students and organized review material for exams.

#### **Cantonese Course Lecturer**

September 2018- May 2022

- Taught complimentary Cantonese courses to interested students and affiliates in the university.
- Organized weekly discussion materials including topics, materials, presentations, and discussion questions to introduce Cantonese language and culture.