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## EDUCATION

- **PhD** (*Infectious Disease*), The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China Sep. 2016 – Oct. 2020
- **BMed** (*Preventive Medicine*), Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China Sep. 2011 – Jun. 2016

## EXPERIENCE

- Postdoctoral fellow (*School of Public Health*), The University of Hong Kong Oct. 2020 – Present
- Intern (*AIDS Control, Environmental Health*), Zhongshan CDC Oct. 2015 – Jan. 2016
- Clinical intern, Huizhou Municipal Central Hospital Jul. 2015 – Sep. 2015  
*Department of cardiovascular medicine, Gastroenterology and Infectious disease*
- Clinical intern, The Sixth Affiliated Hospital of Sun Yat-sen University Sep. 2014 – Nov. 2014  
*Department of Nephrology, Gastroenterology, Paediatrics, Neurology and Infectious diseases*
- Intern (*Infectious Disease Prevention and Control*), Guangzhou CDC Aug. 2014 – Sep. 2014
- Intern (*Health Education*), Panyu (Guangzhou) CDC Aug. 2013 – Sep. 2013

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Outstanding project team on COVID-19 research award*, Food and Health Bureau (Hong Kong) Nov. 2021
- *Postgraduate Scholarship*, The University of Hong Kong 2016–2020
- *Best student poster*, International Symposium for One Health Research (Guangzhou) 2014  
*Predicting the risk area of human infection with H7N9 in China*
- *Individual Scholarship*, Sun Yat-sen University 2013
- *The Third Prize Scholarship*, Sun Yat-sen University 2012
- *Gold Medal*, Chinese National Olympiad in Biology Sep. 2010  
*with guaranteed admission to Sun Yat-sen University*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Summary

Papers in peer-reviewed journals: 24 (citations: 852; h-index: 12)  
- first-authored papers 11  
Papers under review: 5  
Presentations on conferences: 5

### Journal papers (in reverse chronological order):

1. Janice Jia, Chee Wah Tan, Samuel Cheng, **Haogao Gu**, Aileen Yeoh, Chris Ka Pun Mok, Yanqun Wang, Jincun Zhao, Nancy Leung, Benjamin Cowling, Leo Poon, David Hui, Lin-Fa Wang, Malik Peiris, Sophie Valkenburg. *Priming conditions shape breadth of neutralizing antibody responses to sarbecoviruses*. **NATURE COMMUNICATIONS**, accepted. (2022) (**IF: 17.694**)
2. Kenrie Hui, Ka-Chun Ng, John CW Ho, Hin-Wo Yeung, Rachel HH Ching, **Haogao Gu**, Joseph CK Chung, Velda LY Chow, Ko-Yung Sit, Michael KY Hsin, Timmy WK Au, Leo Poon, JS Peiris, John Nicholls, Michael Chan. *Replication of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron BA. 2 Variant in Ex Vivo Cultures of the Human Upper and Lower Respiratory Tract*. **EBIOMEDICINE**, vol. 83: 104232. (2022) (**IF: 11.205**)

3. Wen Su, Ka Tim Choy, **Haogao Gu**, Sin Fun Sia, Ka Man Cheng, Sarea Islam Nuha Nizami, Pavithra Krishnan, Yuet Mai Ng, Lydia Chang, Yingzhi Liu, Samuel Cheng, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon, John Nicholls, Hui-Ling Yen. *Reduced Pathogenicity and Transmission Potential of Omicron BA.1 and BA.2 Sublineages Compared with the Early Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 D614G Variant in Syrian Hamsters*. **THE JOURNAL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, jiac276. (2022) (IF: 7.759)
4. Wanying Sun, Samuel Cheng, Kristy Lam, Tsz Kwan, Ricky Wong, Leo Lau, Gigi Liu, Leo Luk, John Li, **Haogao Gu**, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Natural Reassortment of Eurasian Avian-Like Swine H1N1 and Avian H9N2 Influenza Viruses in Pigs, China*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 28.7: 1509. (2022) (IF: 16.126)
5. Maireid B Bull, **Haogao Gu**, Fionn Ma, Liyanage Perera, Leo Poon, Sophie Valkenburg. *Next Generation T cell-activating vaccination increases influenza virus mutation prevalence*. **SCIENCE ADVANCES**, 8(14), eabl5209. (2022) (IF: 14.972)
6. Asmaa Hachim, **Haogao Gu**, Otared Kavian, Masashi Mori, Mike Kwan, Wai Hung Chan, Yat Sun Yau, Susan Chiu, Owen Tsang, David Hui, Chris Mok, Fionn Ma, Eric Lau, Gaya Amarasinghe, Abraham Qavi, Samuel Cheng, Leo Poon, Malik Peiris, Sophie Valkenburg, Niloufar Kavian. *SARS-CoV-2 accessory proteins reveal distinct serological signatures in children*. **NATURE COMMUNICATIONS**, 13: 2951. (2022) (IF: 17.694)
7. Hui-Ling Yen, Thomas Sit, Christopher Brackman, Shirley Chuk, **Haogao Gu**, Karina Tam, Pierra Law, Gabriel Leung, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon, Samuel Cheng, Lydia Chang, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Mani Hui, Sin Ying Ho, Wen Su, Sin Fun Sia, Ka-Tim Choy, Sammi Cheuk, Sylvia Lau, Amy Tang, Joe Koo, Louise Yung. *Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 delta variant (AY. 127) from pet hamsters to humans, leading to onward human-to-human transmission: a case study*. **THE LANCET**, 399.10329: 1070-1078. (2022) (IF: 202.731)
8. **Haogao Gu\***, Ruopeng Xie\*, Dillon Adam\*, Joseph Tsui\*, Daniel Chu\*, Lydia Chang, Sammi Cheuk, Shreya Gurung, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Carrie Wan, Samuel Cheng, Kimberly Edwards, Kathy Leung, Joseph Wu, Dominic Tsang, Gabriel Leung, Benjamin Cowling, Malik Peiris, Tommy Lam, Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran, Leo Poon. *Genomic epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 under an elimination strategy in Hong Kong*. **NATURE COMMUNICATIONS**, 13, 736 : 1-10. (2022) (IF: 17.694)
9. Kenrie Hui, John Ho, Man-chun Cheung, Ka-chun Ng, Rachel Ching, Ka-ling Lai, Tonia Kam, **Haogao Gu**, Ko-Yung Sit, Michael Hsin, Timmy Au, Leo Poon, Malik Peiris, John Nicholls, Michael Chan. *SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant replication in human respiratory tract ex vivo*. **NATURE**, 603: 715–720. (2022) (IF: 69.504)
10. **Haogao Gu**, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Samuel Cheng, Pavithra Krishnan, Lydia Chang, Sammi Cheuk, Mani Hui, Tommy Lam, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Recombinant BA. 1/BA. 2 SARS-CoV-2 Virus in Arriving Travelers, Hong Kong, February 2022*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 28 (6) : 1276. (2022) (IF: 16.126)
11. **Haogao Gu**, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Lydia Chang, Gigi Liu, Samuel Cheng, Mani Hui, Mathew Fan, Jacob Wan, Leo Lau, Benjamin Cowling, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Probable Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant in Quarantine Hotel, Hong Kong, China, November 2021*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 28 (2): 460. (2022) (IF: 16.126)
12. **Haogao Gu**, Samuel Cheng, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Lydia Chang, Gigi Liu, Sammi Cheuk, Mani Hui, Mathew Fan, Jacob Wan, Leo Lau, Daniel Chu, Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Monitoring International Travelers Arriving in Hong Kong for Genomic Surveillance of SARS-CoV-2*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 28(1): 247–250. (2022) (IF: 16.126)
13. **Haogao Gu**, Daniel Chu, Lydia Chang, Sammi Cheuk, Shreya Gurung, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Carrie Wan, Ruopeng Xie, Samuel Cheng, Benjamin Cowling, Dominic Tsang, Malik Peiris, Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran, Leo Poon. *Genetic Diversity of SARS-CoV-2 among Travelers Arriving in Hong Kong*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 27(10): 2666–2668. (2021) (IF: 16.126)
14. Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran, Kimberly Edwards, Ruopeng Xie, **Haogao Gu**, Dillon C Adam, Lydia Chang, Sammi Cheuk, Shreya Gurung, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Carrie Wan, Samuel Cheng, Dominic Tsang, Benjamin Cowling, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Air travel-related outbreak of multiple SARS-CoV-2 variants*. **JOURNAL OF TRAVEL MEDICINE**, taab149. (2021) (IF: 39.194)
15. Daniel Chu\*, **Haogao Gu\***, Lydia Chang, Sammi Cheuk, Shreya Gurung, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Carrie Wan, Dominic Tsang, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *SARS-CoV-2 superspread in fitness center, Hong Kong, China, March 2021*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 27(8): 2230–2232. (2021) (IF: 16.126)

16. Daniel Chu\*, Kenrie Hui\*, **Haogao Gu**, Ronald LW Ko, Pavithra Krishnan, Daisy Ng, Gigi Liu, Carrie Wan, Man-Chun Cheung, Ka-Chun Ng, John Nicholls, Dominic Tsang, Malik Peiris, Michael Chan, Leo Poon. *Introduction of ORF3a-Q57H SARS-CoV-2 variant causing fourth epidemic wave of COVID-19, Hong Kong, China*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**, 27(5): 1492–1495. (2021) (IF: 16.126)
17. **Haogao Gu**, Daniel Chu, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Multivariate analyses of codon usage of SARS-CoV-2 and other beta-coronaviruses*. **VIRUS EVOLUTION** 6, no. 1: veaa032. (2020) (IF: 5.614)
18. Sah Ranjit, Alfonso J. Rodriguez-Morales, Runa Jha, Daniel Chu, **Haogao Gu**, Malik Peiris, Anup Bastola, Bibek Kumar Lal, Hemant Chanda Ojha, Ali A Rabaan, Lysien I Zambrano, Anthony Costello, Kouichi Morita, Basu Dev Pandey, Leo Poon. *Complete genome sequence of a 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) strain isolated in Nepal*. **MICROBIOLOGY RESOURCE ANNOUNCEMENTS** 9, no. 11. (2020) (IF: NA)
19. **Haogao Gu**, Rebecca Fan, Di Wang, Leo Poon. *Dinucleotide evolutionary dynamics in influenza A virus*. **VIRUS EVOLUTION** 5, no. 2: vez038. (2019) (IF: 5.614)
20. Al-Ghadeer Hussain, Daniel Chu, Ehab MA Rihan, Ehab M. Abd-Allah, **Haogao Gu**, Alex Chin, Ibrahim A Qasim, Ali Aldoweriej, Sanad S Alharbi, Marshad A Al-Aqil, Ali Al-Sahaf, Salah S Abdel Rahman, Ali H Aljassem, Ali Abdul-Al, Mohammed R Aljasir, Yousef MO Alhammad, Samy Kasem, Malik Peiris, Ahmed ZSA Zaki, Leo Poon. *Circulation of Influenza A (H5N8) Virus, Saudi Arabia*. **EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES** 24, no. 10: 1961. (2018) (IF: 16.126)
21. **Haogao Gu**, Ross Ka-Kit Leung, Qinlong Jing, Wangjian Zhang, Zhicong Yang, Jiahai Lu, Yuantao Hao, Dingmei Zhang. *Meteorological Factors for Precise Dengue Fever Control and Prevention in South China*. **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC HEALTH**, 13(9), 867. (2016) (IF: 4.614)
22. Tianmu Chen\*, **Haogao Gu\***, Ross Ka-Kit Leung, Ruchun Liu, Qiuping Chen, Ying Wu, Yaman Li. *Evidence-Based interventions of Norovirus outbreaks in China*. **BMC PUBLIC HEALTH**, 16(1): 1072. (2016) (IF: 4.135)
23. **Haogao Gu**, Wangjian Zhang, Hao Xu, Pengyuan Li, Luolin Wu, Pi Guo, Yuantao Hao, Jiahai Lu, Dingmei Zhang. *Predicating risk area of human infection with avian influenza a (H7N9) virus by using early warning model in China*. **CHINESE JOURNAL OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**, 36(5): 470-475. (2015) (IF: NA)
24. Pengyuan Li, Hao Xu, **Haogao Gu**, Mengmeng Ma, Jiahai Lu, Yuantao Hao, Dingmei Zhang. *Epidemiological Characteristics of Influenza Virus H7N9 and Evolutionary Analysis of Hemagglutinin and Neuraminidase Genes*. **JOURNAL OF SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY (MEDICAL SCIENCES)**, 06. (2014) (IF: NA)

#### Journal papers (under review):

1. **Haogao Gu**, Ahmed Abdul Quadeer, Pavithra Krishnan, Lydia Chang, Gigi Liu, Daisy Ng, Samuel Cheng, Tommy Lam, Malik Peiris, Matthew McKay, Leo Poon. *Within-host diversity of SARS-CoV-2 lineages and effect of vaccination*. **UNDER REVIEW**.
2. Nathaniel Leong, **Haogao Gu**, Yuet Mei Ng, Lydia Chang, Pavithra Krishnan, Samuel Cheng, Malik Peiris, Leo Poon. *Development of multiplex RT-ddPCR assays for detection of SARS-CoV-2 and other common respiratory virus infections*. **UNDER REVIEW**.
3. Julie TS Chu, **Haogao Gu**, Wanying Sun, Rebecca LY Fan, John M Nicholls, Sophie A Valkenburg, Leo Poon. *Heterosubtypic immune pressure accelerates emergence of influenza A virus escape phenotypes in mice*. **UNDER REVIEW**.
4. Dillon Adam, Mario Martín-Sánchez, **Haogao Gu**, Peng Wu, Eric Lau, Gabriel Leung, Leo Poon, Benjamin Cowling. *Within-hotel transmission of SARS-CoV-2 during on-arrival quarantine in Hong Kong*. **UNDER REVIEW**.
5. Ruopeng Xie, Kimberly M. Edwards, Dillon C. Adam, Kathy S.M. Leung, Tim K. Tsang, Shreya Gurung, Weijia Xiong<sup>1</sup>, Xiaoman Wei, Daisy Y.M. Ng, Gigi Y.Z. Liu, Pavithra Krishnan, Lydia D.J. Chang, Samuel M.S. Cheng, **Haogao Gu**, Gilman K.H. Siu, Joseph T. Wu, Gabriel M. Leung, Malik Peiris, Benjamin J. Cowling, Leo L.M. Poon, Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran. *Heterosubtypic immune pressure accelerates emergence of influenza A virus escape phenotypes in mice*. **UNDER REVIEW**.

## Conferences:

1. **Haogao Gu**, Rebecca Fan, Leo Poon. *Dinucleotide evolutionary dynamics in influenza A virus*, **OPTIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF INFLUENZA CONFERENCE**. (2019)
2. **Haogao Gu**, Rebecca Fan, Leo Poon. *Dinucleotide evolutionary dynamics in influenza A virus*, **23RD RESEARCH POST-GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM (RPS)**. (2018)
3. **Haogao Gu**, Wangjian Zhang, Hao Xu, Pengyuan Li, Luolin Wu, Pi Guo, Yuantao Hao, Jiahai Lu, Dingmei Zhang. *Assessment of models, static and dynamic factors for predicting H7N9 epidemics in China*, **10<sup>TH</sup> ASIA-PACIFIC CONGRESS OF MEDICAL VIROLOGY**. (Oral presentation) (2015)
4. **Haogao Gu**, Wangjian Zhang, Hao Xu, Pengyuan Li, Luolin Wu, Pi Guo, Yuantao Hao, Jiahai Lu, Dingmei Zhang. *Modelling the outbreak of H7N9 with spatial auto regression and generalized additive model*, **CEID 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING STUDENT EXCHANGE SESSION**. (2015)
5. **Haogao Gu**, Wangjian Zhang, Hao Xu, Pengyuan Li, Luolin Wu, Pi Guo, Yuantao Hao, Jiahai Lu, Dingmei Zhang. *Predicting the risk area of human infection with H7N9 in China*, **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR ONE HEALTH RESEARCH**. (Best student poster) (2014)

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### Reviewer of journals:

- EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- INFECTION, GENETICS AND EVOLUTION
- BMC MICROBIOLOGY

### Contribution to the open-source community:

- *Author*, `SynMut`, *Synonymously Mutated Sequences with Different Genomic Signatures* (DOI: 10.18129/B9.bioc.SynMut)
- *Author*, `GEII`, *Host Gene Expression under Influenza virus infection or Interferon stimulation* (<https://github.com/Leo-Poon-Lab/GEII>)
- *Author*, `epitope_diversity`, *Estimating epitope diversity at haplotype level using NGS reads*. ([https://github.com/Koohoko/epitope\\_diversity](https://github.com/Koohoko/epitope_diversity))
- *Author*, `fasta_filter`, *Filtering fasta sequences with threshold of specific bases* ([https://github.com/Koohoko/fasta\\_filter](https://github.com/Koohoko/fasta_filter))
- *Contributor* of Chinese translation, `data.table`, *High-performance R package* (<https://github.com/Rdatatable/data.table>)

## CERTIFICATE & SKILLS

- **Teaching Aptitude:** Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education issued by CETL, HKU.
- **Specializations and Certificates:**
  - *Data Structures and Algorithms*, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO
  - *Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science*, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO
  - *Bayesian Statistics and Modelling*, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ
  - *Mathematics for Machine Learning*, IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
  - *Python 3 Programming*, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
- **Programming Tools:** R; Python; Rust; Unix tools;  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- **Bioinformatic workflows:** Illumina NovaSeq/HiSeq/iSeq; Pacbio RSII/Sequel; Nanopore MinIon.