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## Education

Ph.D. Graduate Institute of Life Sciences, National Defense Medical Center, 09/10–10/17  
Taiwan

M.S. Institute of Molecular Biology, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan 09/05 – 07/08

B.S. Chemistry, National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan 09/00 – 06/04

## Research experience

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, U.S.

07/21 – present Postdoctoral Research Fellow under Dr. [Hongjie Li](#)

- Employed scRNA-seq methodologies for cross-species analysis
- Delved into the cellular-level transcriptomics of aging and disease

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Taipei, Taiwan

10/17 – 07/21 Research Fellow under Dr. [Ao-Lin Allen Hsu](#)

- Spearheaded scRNA-seq projects focusing on worm samples
- Investigated mTOR pathway's translational regulation in mice
- Assessed potential lifespan-extending natural compounds
- Explored HSF-1's role in mediating worm longevity

Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

09/10 – 09/17 Ph.D. Candidate mentored by [Wen-chang Lin](#) and [Jun-Yi Leu](#)

- Uncovered *de novo* gene origins within the *Saccharomyces sensu stricto* genus
- Highlighted the rapid evolution of essential genes in *Saccharomycetaceae*

07/09 – 08/10 Research assistant under Wan-Sheng Lo

- Studied the regulatory role of Jhd2 in heterochromatin silencing in yeast

National Chung Cheng University, Chiayi, Taiwan

02/03 – 06/09 Research assistant, graduate student, and undergraduate student mentored by Hau-Ren Chen

- Investigated the interaction between the RNF2 protein and the coat protein of the Nervous Necrosis Virus (NNV)

## Awards

- 2023 Roy M. Huffington Distinguished Lecture & Estella E. Medrano Award for Excellence in Aging Research
- 2017 National Defense Medical Center Research Poster Outstanding Award
- 2017 SMBE Conference Travel Grant
- 2014 IBMS, Academia Sinica Conference Travel Grant

## Invited talks

- 2023 Aug. 10 PharmiGENE seminar, Taiwan (virtual)
- 2023 June 21 National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University College of Life Sciences, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2023 June 15 Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2023 June 9 Department of Biomedical Sciences, National Chung Cheng University, Chiayi, Taiwan
- 2023 June 7 Department of Biological Science and Technology, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan
- 2020 Dec. 14 HGT Bioinformatics Symposium and Workshop, Taipei, Taiwan

## Publications

- Ye-Jin Park\*, **Tzu-Chiao Lu\***, Tyler Jackson, Lindsey D. Goodman, Lindsey Ran, Jiaye Chen, Chung-Yi Liang, Erin Harrison, Christina Ko, Ao-Lin Hsu, Shinya Yamamoto, Yanyan Qi, Hugo J. Bellen<sup>#</sup>, Hongjie Li<sup>#</sup>. Whole organism snRNA-seq reveals systemic peripheral changes in Alzheimer's Disease fly models. **bioRxiv** **2024**
- Nadja S Katheder, Kristen C Browder, Diana Chang, Ann De Maziere, Pekka Kujala, Suzanne van Dijk, Judith Klumperman, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Hongjie Li, Zijuan Lai, Dewakar Sangaraju, Heinrich Jasper. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor signaling maintains epithelial barrier integrity. **Elife** **2023**
- Akira Mamiya, Anne Sustar, Igor Siwanowicz, Yanyan Qi, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Pralaksha Gurung, Chenghao Chen, Jasper S. Phelps, Aaron T. Kuan, Alexandra Pacureanu, Wei-Chung Allen Lee, Hongjie Li, Natasha Mhatre, John C. Tuthill. Biomechanical origins of proprioceptor feature selectivity and topographic maps in the *Drosophila* leg. **Neuron** **2023**
- **Tzu-Chiao Lu\***, Maria Brbić\*, Ye-Jin Park, Tyler Jackson, Jiaye Chen, Sai Saroja Kolluru, Yanyan Qi, Nadja Sandra Katheder, Xiaoyu Tracy Cai, Seungjae Lee, Yen-Chung Chen, Niccole Auld, Doug Welsch, Samuel D'Souza, Angela Oliveira Pisco, Robert C Jones, Jure Leskovec, Eric C Lai, Hugo J Bellen, Liquan Luo, Heinrich Jasper<sup>#</sup>, Stephen R Quake<sup>#</sup>, Hongjie Li<sup>#</sup>. Aging Fly Cell Atlas Identifies Exhaustive Aging Features at Cellular Resolution. **Science** **2023** 380 (6650), eadg0934
- Chiao-Yin Lim, Huan-Ting Lin, Caroline Kumsta, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Feng-Yung Wang, Yun-Hsuan Kang, Malene Hansen, Tsui-Ting Ching, Ao-Lin Hsu. SAMS-1 coordinates HLH-30/TFEB and

PHA-4/FOXA activities through histone methylation to mediate dietary restriction-induced autophagy and longevity. **Autophagy** **2023** 19 (1), 224-240.

- Baiping Wang, Heidi Martini-Stoica, Chuangye Qi, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Shuo Wang, Wen Xiong, Yanyan Qi, Yin Xu, Marco Sardiello, Hongjie Li, Hui Zheng. TFEB-vacuolar ATPase signaling regulates lysosomal function and microglial activation in tauopathy. **Nature Neuroscience**. **2023**
- Elisa M Crombie, Seonyoung Kim, Stuart Adamson, Han Dong, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Yiju Wu, Yajun Wu, Yotam Levy, Nolan Stimple, Wing Moon R Lam, Hwee Weng D Hey, Dominic J Withers, Ao-Lin Hsu, Boon Huat Bay, Julien Ochala, Shih-Yin Tsai. Activation of eIF4E-binding-protein-1 rescues mTORC1-induced sarcopenia by expanding lysosomal degradation capacity. **Journal of Cachexia** **2022**, Sarcopenia and Muscle
- Margaret Herre, Olivia V Goldman, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Gabriela Caballero-Vidal, Yanyan Qi, Zachary N Gilbert, Zhongyan Gong, Takeshi Morita, Saher Rahiel, Majid Ghaninia, Rickard Ignell, Benjamin J Matthews, Hongjie Li, Leslie B Vosshall, Meg A Younger. Non-canonical odor coding in the mosquito. **Cell** **2022** 185 (17), 3104-3123. e28
- Hongjie Li, Jasper Janssens, Maxime De Waegeneer, Sai Saroja Kolluru, Kristofer Davie, Vincent Gardeux, Wouter Saelens, Fabrice PA David, Maria Brbić, ..., **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, ..., Norbert Perrimon, Bart Deplancke, Stephen R Quake, Liqun Luo, Stein Aerts. Fly Cell Atlas: A single-nucleus transcriptomic atlas of the adult fruit fly. **Science** **2022** 375 (6584), eabk2432
- Po-Chen Hsu, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Po-Hsiang Hung, Yu-Ting Jhou, Ahmed A A Amine, Chia-Wei Liao, Jun-Yi Leu. Plastic rewiring of Sef1 transcriptional networks and the potential of non-functional transcription factor binding in facilitating adaptive evolution. **Mol Biol Evol** **2021** 38 (11), 4732-4747
- Surojit Sural, **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Seung Ah Jung and Ao-Lin Hsu: HSB-1 Inhibition and HSF-1 Overexpression Trigger Overlapping Transcriptional Changes To Promote Longevity in *Caenorhabditis elegans*. **G3 (Bethesda)** **2019**, 9:1679-1692.
- **Tzu-Chiao Lu**, Jun-Yi Leu, Wen-chang Lin: A Comprehensive Analysis of Transcript-Supported *De Novo* Genes in *Saccharomyces sensu stricto* Yeasts. **Mol Biol Evol** **2017**, 34:2823-2838.