

# Soo Min Lee

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## EDUCATION

**Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)**  
M.S., Major in Bio and Brain Engineering

Daejeon, Korea  
Sep 2020 – August 2022

**Handong Global University (HGU)**  
B.S., Double major in *Computer Science* and *Life Science*  
*Summa cum laude, Early graduation*

Pohang, Korea  
Feb 2017 – Jun 2020

**Allendale Columbia School**  
Studied abroad for high school in the United States

Rochester, NY, U.S.A.  
Jun 2016

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)**  
*Researcher, SBiE laboratory (prof. Kwanghyun Cho)*

Daejeon, Korea  
July 2020 – Feb 2023

**1. ‘Deep learning untangles the resistance mechanism of p53 reactivator in lung cancer cells’**  
(*Master Thesis & Journal publication & KOR/US patent*)

- **Problem:** Though TP53 mutations in lung cancer make p53 activator treatments essential, drug resistance limits their effectiveness.
- **Contributions:** Developed a novel computational approach using Generative adversarial networks and Graph neural networks to identify drug resistance mechanisms and therapeutic targets. Conducted *in vitro* validation, confirming the therapeutic potential of the identified gene targets.
- **Results:** Identified a key biomarker linked to p53 resistance, leading to a Korean/US patent application and publication in *Cell iScience*.

**2. ‘A systems biological study to investigate the fundamental principle and overcoming method of adaptive resistance to targeted anti-cancer therapy’**

- **Problem:** Overcoming the limitations of colon cancer treatment requires understanding adaptive resistance to targeted therapies, like MEK inhibitors, and developing strategies to combat it.
- **Contributions:** Performed drug concentration and timepoint screenings, established MEK inhibitor-resistant colon cancer cell lines, analyzed gene expression changes in key pathways, and produced RNA sequencing data.
- **Results:** Discovered significant resistance-related genes, supporting model construction and contributing to securing \$300K in funding from the *National Research Foundation of Korea*.

**Handong Global University (HGU)**  
*Researcher, Biodata laboratory (prof. Taejin Ahn)*

Pohang, Korea  
Jan 2019 – Jun 2020

**1. ‘Identification of Lifestyle Factors correlated with Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease’** (*Bachelor Thesis*)

- **Problem:** The increasing global incidence of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) is associated with unhealthy lifestyles, making it crucial to identify contributing lifestyle factors.
- **Contributions:** Collaborated with a physician from Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH) to analyze GERD risk factors using logistic regression, hierarchical clustering, and subgroup analysis.
- **Results:** Identified lifestyle factors contributing to GERD risk, which were presented in my bachelor’s thesis.

**2. ‘Diabetic Status Monitoring and Prediction using Electronic Health Record and Clinical Data’**

- **Problem:** Continuous monitoring of diabetes is essential, but challenging for patients to manage on their own, making the development of predictive tools important.
- **Contributions:** Developed predictive models for short-term and long-term blood glucose levels using deep neural networks and various regression methods (ridge, lasso, and stepwise multivariate). Analyzed clinical data from SNUH and the GWAS catalog.
- **Results:** Revealed key variables influencing blood glucose prediction, leading to a scholarship award through the Capstone project submission.

**Seoul National University (SNU)**  
*Research intern, Bioinformatics & Biostatistics laboratory (prof. Taesung Park)*

Seoul, Korea  
Jan 2020 – Feb 2020

**1. ‘Bio-synergy: Metabolites Data Analysis’**

- **Problem:** Metabolites are crucial for type 2 diabetic status prediction, but accurate predictions depend on effective data preprocessing and appropriate model selection.

- **Contributions:** Preprocessed LC/MS-based metabolite data from the Korea Basic Science Institute using Combat and quantile normalization to reduce non-biological variation. Improved a diabetes prediction model by applying elastic net regression.
- **Results:** Enhanced prediction accuracy and gained experience in handling metabolite data.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Inocras (Headquarter in San Diego, CA)

Computational Genomics center – Pipeline Development team

Daejeon, Korea  
March 2023 – Present

- **Integrated and refined The Clinical Knowledgebase (CKB) from Jackson Laboratory into the somatic pipeline,** enhancing data accessibility for actionable findings, precise on-label drug recommendations, and clinical trial matching based on patients' genetic variations. Collaborated with oncologists to develop a **Disease Checklist** for accurate on-label drug recommendations.
- **Improved Structural Variation (SV) detection** in somatic and germline pipelines by optimizing SV calling methods and post-processing, resulting in more accurate variant identification (e.g., detecting missing fusion variants, filtering false positives, and reducing short inversions, which decreased SV calls by up to 78%) and speeding up the process.
- **Contributed to an AI project** by developing an AI-driven deep mutation caller for small variants, enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of mutation detection.

PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS

Publications

- **Lee SM,** Han Y, Cho KH. Deep learning untangles the resistance mechanism of p53 reactivator in lung cancer cells. *iScience*. 2023 Nov 1;26(12):108377. doi: 10.1016/j.isci.2023.108377. PMID: 38034356; PMCID: PMC10682260.

Patents

- **USES OF THBS1 INHIBITOR FOR OVERCOMING DRUG RESISTANCE OF CANCER**
  - Application: 10-2023-0038078, 2023 March 23 (Republic of Korea), PCT/KR2023/003905, 2023 March 23 (PCT), 18/840,605, 2024 August 22 (USA)

AWARDS & OTHER EXPERIENCES

Awards

- Top honor in Life Science from Handong Global University (1%)

2020
- Academic Excellence Scholarship

2018, 2019, 2020
- Software Mileage Scholarship

2020
- Excellence prize at Software Festival held by Handong University; Convergence Research Contest & SW Problem-Solving Idea Contest.

2019

Other Experiences

- Compassion Mate Translation Volunteer

Sep 2016 – Dec 2020
- Machine Learning with Real World Data Camp, C++ Camp

Jul 2019
- Student Government – Scribe, Director, Treasurer

Feb 2019 – Jun 2019
- Translation Society – Co-Chair

Feb 2018 – Dec 2018
- National Undergraduate Symposium on Biology – Topic: Autoimmune Disease

Jun 2018 – Sep 2018
- World Friends ICT Volunteers Program in Kenya (National Information Society Agency)

Jul 2017 – Aug 2017

SKILLS & OTHERS

Languages: Native fluency in Korean, fluent in English

Programming Languages: Python, R, Java, C, C++

Laboratory Skills: Cell culture, DNA/RNA extraction and purification, recombinant DNA technology, PCR, qRT-PCR, Western blotting, gel electrophoresis, transfection, viral transduction

Coursework: Applied Genomics, Biodata Analysis, Molecular Biology, Machine Learning, Graph Machine Learning and Mining, Data Mining, Genome Bioinformatics

Test Scores: TOEIC (990/990), TOEFL (111/120, My Best Score)

Qualifications: Big Data Analyst (Issued by Ministry of Science and ICT / Statistics Korea)

Interests: Personalized Medicine, Machine Learning, Bioinformatics, Multi-omics, Drug Discovery, Cancer