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## **Highlights**

- >15 years of experience in bioinformatics, epigenomics, population genetics, and single-cell omics
- >50 publications (including >20 top-tier journal articles, e.g. Nature Genetics, NAR, JASN)
- >1900 citations (Google Scholar h-index: 26)
- Rich experience in population genetics (GWAS, meQTL, eQTL, Mendelian randomization, gene prioritization, etc)
- Good at handling various epigenomics data (WGBS, ChIP-seq, ATAC-seq, single-cell Multiome, etc)
- Editorial Board Member for Briefings in Functional Genomics
- Guest Associate Editor for Frontiers in Genetics
- Reviewer for >20 journals including Nucleic Acids Research, Human Molecular Genetics
- Developed >10 highly accessed bioinformatics tools or platforms
- National Scholarship for Doctoral Students, Ministry of Education of China

### **Academic Experience**

• 2018 – present	Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Genetics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA
• 2016 – 2018	Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Epigenetics, Van Andel Institute, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
• 2015 – 2016	Associate Professor College of Bioinformatics Science and Technology, Harbin Medical University, Harbin, China
• 2010 – 2012	Research Assistant College of Bioinformatics Science and Technology, Harbin Medical University, Harbin, China

## **Education**

<ul><li>2012 – 2015</li></ul>	Ph.D., Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China (Research Advisor: Prof. Qiong Wu)
• 2007 – 2010	MS, Harbin Medical University, Harbin, China (Research Advisor: Prof. Yan Zhang)
<ul> <li>2003 – 2007</li> </ul>	BS. Qufu Normal University, Qufu. China

### **Honors and Awards**

• 2022	Poster Prize in the Penn-Stanford CVI Symposium at the University of Pennsylvania
• 2019	Poster Prize in the Epigenetics Symposium at the Franklin Institute
• 2017	Science and Technology Award, Heilongjiang Province People's Government
• 2014	National Scholarship for Doctoral Students, Ministry of Education of China
• 2012	Science and Technology Award, Education Department of Heilongjiang Province
• 2011	Science and Technology Award, Science and Technology Department of Heilongjiang Province
• 2010	Outstanding Master's Degree Graduates, Heilongijang Province Office of Education

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#### **Research Interests**

- Genetic Architecture of Complex Diseases
  - Techniques: GWAS, meQTL, eQTL, fine-mapping, colocalization, Mendelian randomization, etc
- Cell Type-Specific Epigenetic Regulatory Elements
  - Techniques: WGBS, Shannon entropy-based bioinformatic tools, ChromHMM, etc
- Epigenetic Dynamics in Mammalian Development
  - Techniques: WGBS, Epigenetic clocks, enhancers, etc
- Epigenetic Regulation of Age-Related Chronic Diseases
  - Techniques: EPIC array, WGBS, ChIP-seq, ATAC-seq, RNA-seq, etc
- Cellular Origins of Age-Related Chronic Diseases
  - Techniques: snRNA-seq, snATAC-seq, Chromium Single Cell Multiome, etc

### **Publications**

(\* denotes equal contributors; # denotes corresponding author; grey numbers denote primary publications, defined as those on which I am a first author and/or co-first author and/or corresponding author)

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#### **Bioinformatic Tools or Platforms**

<ul><li>SMART</li></ul>	A Python package for deep analysis of DNA methylation by whole genome bisulfite sequencing

http://fame.edbc.org/smart

QDMR
 A Java Package for identifying differentially methylated regions across large-scale datasets

http://fame.edbc.org/qdmr

• QDCMR A Java package for quantifying chromatin modification difference from ChIP-seq data

https://github.com/hbliu/QDCMR

• SEA A comprehensive online archive and analysis platform for super-enhancers for 11 species

http://sea.edbc.org

DiseaseMeth A web-based resource and analysis platform for abnormal DNA methylation of human diseases

http://diseasemeth.edbc.org

MethyMarks
 A web-based resource platform for tissue-specific methylation marks in human

http://fame.edbc.org/methymark

EpiDiff
 Epigenetic Difference Analysis Tool based on adapting Shannon entropy

https://www.edbc.org/db/EpiDiff

• Kidney\_Epi\_Pri A pipeline for prioritization of disease-causal genes by integrating GWAS with the epigenome

https://github.com/hbliu/Kidney Epi Pri

• eGFR GWAS eGFRcrea GWAS and Prioritization Atlas based on 1.5 million individuals

https://susztaklab.com/GWAS

• Kidney\_meQTL Human kidney methylation QTL atlas based on 443 human kidneys

https://susztaklab.com/Kidney\_meQTL

Kidney\_eQTL Human kidney expression QTL atlas based on 686 human kidneys

https://susztaklab.com/Kidney\_eQTL

HKOCA Human kidney open chromatin atlas based on 57,282 cells from 12 cell types of human kidneys

https://susztaklab.com/Human\_snATAC

## Grants

• 2015 – 2017 National Natural Science Foundation of China, #61403112 (PI: Hongbo Liu)

• 2012 – 2014 Foundation of Education Department of Heilongjiang Province, #12521270 (PI: Hongbo Liu)

#### **Courses Taught**

• 2015 – 2016	Computational Epigenetics (Harbin Medical University)
• 2015 – 2016	Biomolecular Network Analysis (Harbin Medical University)
• 2015 – 2016	Combinatorics and Graph Theory (Harbin Medical University)
• 2011 – 2012	Database Principles and Applications (Harbin Medical University)

• 2010 – 2011 System Biology (Harbin Medical University)

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### **Undergraduate Students Trained** (Harbin Medical University)

<ul> <li>2015 – 2016</li> </ul>	Shanshan Zhang (current position: Graduate student at Case Western Reserve University)
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- 2014 2015 Shipeng Shang (current position: Assistant professor at Qingdao University)
- 2013 2014 Yunzhen Wei (current position: Assistant professor at Guangdong Medical University)
- 2012 2014 Rangfei Zhu (current position: CEO of Hangzhou Mugu Technology Co., Ltd)

### **Computing Skills**

R, Java, Python, C, HTML, Javascript, Linux shell, SQL.

### Scientific Society Member

- 2018 present American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)
- 2019 present American Society of Nephrology (ASN)
- 2022 present The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG)

#### **Journal Editorial Boards**

- 2016 present Briefings in Functional Genomics (Editorial Board)
- 2018 2019 Frontiers in Genetics (Guest Associate Editor)

### **Reviewer**

Nucleic Acids Research Human Molecular Genetics

Aging Quantitative Biology

Molecular Therapy - Nucleic Acids Genes

Briefings in Bioinformatics Briefings in Functional Genomics

Frontiers in Genetics Frontiers in Oncology

Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology PLOS ONE

Oncotarget Current Bioinformatics

Methods The International Journal of Molecular Sciences

## **Invited Talks**

• 10/07/2022	Lightning round presenter, 7th Annual MidAtlantic Bioinformatics Conference (Philadelphia, PA)
• 08/08/2022	Invited speaker, International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine (Philadelphia, PA)
• 05/19/2022	Invited speaker, Chinese Genomics Meet-up online (CGM online)
• 04/25/2022	Invited speaker, Penn Genetics 2022 Global Scientific Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 04/14/2022	Invited speaker, University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei, China)
• 03/06/2019	Invited speaker, Keystone symposia: Unraveling the Secrets of Kidney Disease (BC, Canada)
• 07/10/2016	Invited speaker. The International Symposium on the Frontier of Big Data in Science (Baotou, China)

## **Poster Presentation**

• 10/24/2022	Poster presenter and award, The Penn-Stanford CVI Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 06/02/2022	Poster presenter, Upenn Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day, (Philadelphia, PA)
• 06/02/2022	Poster presenter, HUP/CHOP Renal Research Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 03/15/2022	Poster presenter, Penn IDOM Spring Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 12/16/2019	Poster presenter and award, Fox Chase Cancer Center Epigenetics Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 11/05/2019	Poster presenter, Kidney Week 2019, American Society of Nephrology (Washington DC)
• 03/19/2019	Poster presenter, Penn IDOM Spring Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
• 12/17/2015	Poster presenter, 8th International Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Forum (Guangzhou, China)

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