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Curriculum Vitae

Summary

Mostly interested in computational approaches to understand host-pathogen interactions. Trained in Genomic Sciences, I soon got into Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. In 2013 I started a Master's degree at the University of Basel and completed my thesis at the National University of Singapore working with lipidomics of malaria. I defended my PhD thesis at the University of Heidelberg after working with Short Linear Motifs at the host-pathogen interface at EMBL Heidelberg. In 2020, I joined the Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute in China, where I am currently Assistant Professor working on Computational Structural Biology of Host-Microbe Interactions.

Education

- 10/15 - 12/19 **Ph.D. in Molecular Biology**, European Molecular Biology Laboratory / University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany.
Magna cum laude.
- 09/13 - 02/15 **Joint Master Programme in Infectious Diseases, Vaccinology and Drug Discovery**, University of Basel, Switzerland and the National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- 08/07 - 06/11 **B.Sc. in Genomics Sciences**, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Cuernavaca, Mexico.
With honours.

Specific Training

- November 2019 **ELIXIR Instructor Training workshop**, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany.
- January 2019 **EICAT Complementary Scientific Skills Training: Scientific Presentations**, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany.

Professional Experience

- 10/24 - current **Assistant Professor**, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, Haining, China.
- 05/20 - 09/24 **Lecturer**, *Biomedical Informatics bachelor's programme*, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, Haining, China.
- 10/15 - 01/20 **PhD Student / Bridging Postdoctoral Fellow**, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany.
- Advisor: Dr. Toby J. Gibson.
 - Computational screening for Eukaryotic Short Linear Motifs mimicked by bacterial proteins. Five publications.
 - Computational prediction of Linear Motifs at the *Plasmodium*-Host interface.

- 01/14 - 02/15 **Master thesis**, Vivax Malaria Lab, National University of Singapore, Singapore.
- Advisors: Dr. Bruce M. Russell and Prof. Dr. Markus R. Wenk.
 - Data analysis of Mass Spectrometry and Tandem Mass Spectrometry experiments to identify characteristic lipids of *Plasmodium vivax*-infected human reticulocytes. Thesis.
 - Bioinformatics analyses to study receptor-ligand interactions during *Plasmodium vivax* reticulocyte infection. One publication.
- 10/12 - 07/13 **Research Assistant**, National Institute of Public Health, Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Advisor: Dr. Jesus Martinez-Barnette.
 - Bioinformatics analysis of high-throughput sequencing data from human and murine lymphocyte antigen receptors challenged with inactivated viruses or bacterial pathogens, respectively. Three publications.
- 01/12 - 09/12 **Bioinformatics Consultant**, Winter Genomics (<http://www.wintergenomics.com>), Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Advisor: Dr. Enrique Morett.
 - Genome assembly, annotation and structural variation analysis of two *Babesia* species under two growth conditions. Bioinformatics analysis service at the Winter Genomics start-up.
- 08/10 - 12/11 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Center for Genomic Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Advisor: Dr. Esperanza Martinez-Romero.
 - Phylogenetic analysis of cospeciation events between scale insects and their symbiotic bacteria. One publication.

Appointments

- 10/24 - current **Assistant Professor, tenure track**, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, Haining, China.
- 05/22 - current **PhD Supervisor**, *College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine*, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.
- 10/21 - 09/24 **Lecturer**, *Biomedical Sciences and Biomedical Informatics bachelor programmes*, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, Haining, China.
- 09/21 - current **Honorary Lecturer**, *College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine*, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Scientific Publications

* Contributed equally.

- Giménez, A., Del Giudice, M., López, P., Guaimas, F., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Gibson, T., Chemes, L., Arregui, C., Ugalde, J., Czibener, C. Brucella NpeA is a secreted Type IV effector containing an N-WASP binding short linear motif that promotes niche formation. *mBio*, June, 2024. doi: 10.1128/mbio.00726-24
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- Kumar, K., Michael, S., Alvarado-Valverde, J., Meszaros, B., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Zeke, A., Dobson, L., Lazar, T., Ord, M., Nagpal, A., Farahi, N., Kaser, M., Kraleti, R., Davey, N.E., Pancsa, R., Chemes, L.B., Gibson, T.J. The eukaryotic linear motif resource: 2022 release. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2022. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkab975
- Meszaros, B., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Alvarado-Valverde, J., Calyseva, J., Martinez-Perez, E., Alves, R., Shields, D.C., Kumar, M., Rippmann, F., Chemes, L.B., Gibson, T.J. Short linear motif candidates in the cell entry system used by SARS-CoV-2 and their potential therapeutic implications. *Science Signaling*, 2021. doi: 10.1126/scisignal.abd0334
- **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Gibson, T.J. Mimicry of Short Linear Motifs by Bacterial Pathogens: A Drugging Opportunity. *Trends in Biochemical Sciences*, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.tibs.2020.03.003
- Kumar, M., Gouw, M., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Pancsa, R., Glavina, J., Diakogianni, A., Alvarado-Valverde, J., Bukirova, D., Calyseva, J., Palopoli, N., Davey, N.E., Chemes, L.B., Gibson, T.J. ELM - the eukaryotic linear motif resource in 2020. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2019. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkz1030

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- Cortina-Ceballos, B., Godoy-Lozano, E.E., Tellez-Sosa, M., Ovilla-Munoz, M., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Aguilar-Salgado, A., Gomez-Barreto, R.E., Valdovinos-Torres, H., Lopez-Martinez, I., Aparicio-Antonio, R., Rodriguez, M.H., Martínez-Barnetche, J. Longitudinal analysis of the peripheral B cell repertoire reveals unique effects of immunization with a new Influenza virus strain. *Genome Medicine*, 2015. doi: 10.1186/s13073-015-0239-y
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Awards and Scholarships

- Second prize at the Teaching Competition for young faculty of Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute (2022).
- Travel Fellow Award from the *Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo* to participate in the Science of Eradication: Malaria course in Sao Paulo, Brazil (2015).
- Travel Fellow Award from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to attend the 5th International Conference of Research on *Plasmodium vivax* Malaria (2015).
- Scholarship from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute to study the Joint master program on Infectious Diseases, Vaccinology and Drug Discovery (2013-2015).

Talks and Posters

Invited talks

- Talk for the BioLinkX seminar series, Zhejiang University Student Bioinformatics Association, Hangzhou, China, 2023.
- Talk to the Parasitology Unit of the Center for Infectious Diseases, Heidelberg University Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany, 2019.
- Institutional seminar at the Biotechnology Research Institute (IIB), National University of San Martin (UNSAM), Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2017.

Selected talks

- Cold Spring Harbor Asia Conference: Bacterial Infection and Host Defense, Suzhou, China, 2019.
- VIII Argentinian Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Congress, Posadas, Argentina, 2017.
- 5th International Conference of Research on *Plasmodium vivax* Malaria, Bali, Indonesia, 2015.

Poster presentations

- BioMalPar XV: Biology and Pathology of the Malaria Parasite, Heidelberg, Germany, 2019.
- EMBO Workshop on Molecular advances and parasite strategies in host infection, Les Embiez Island, France, 2018.
- EMBO Conference on Hijacking host signalling and epigenetic mimicry during infections, Paris, France, 2017.
- 2nd Interdisciplinary signaling workshop, Visegrad, Hungary, 2017.
- The modularity of signaling proteins and networks, Seefeld, Austria, 2016.

Teaching

Mentor

- PhD assistant supervisor of Jiayuan Chen, University of Edinburgh Biomedical Sciences programme, 2022-current
- PhD co-supervisor of Xiaomeng Li, dual degree ZJU-UoE Integrative Biomedical Sciences programme, 2021-current
- PhD co-supervisor of Shengjie Jin, University of Edinburgh Biomedical Sciences programme, 2021-current
- PhD assistant supervisor of Chenyu Wang, University of Edinburgh Biomedical Sciences programme, 2021-current
- Master thesis supervisor of Davide Sampietro, Erasmus student from Università deli Studi di Milano - Bicocca, 2018.

Course Organizer

- Biomedical Informatics 3 (BMI3), Biomedical Informatics Programme, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, China, 2023. This is a core course on algorithm design.
- Integrative Biomedical Sciences 3 (IBMS3), Biomedical Informatics and Biomedical Sciences Programmes, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, China, 2022. This is a core course on career development and experimental design.
- Bioinformatics Tools for Protein Structure, Disorder and Interaction Analysis, National University of San Martin, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2017.

Lecturer

- Advanced Mathematics 1 (AM1), Introduction to Biomedical Informatics 1 (IBI1), Applied Data Sciences 2 (ADS2), Genomics and Proteomics 2 (GP2), Infection 3 (IN3), Computational Biology and Systems Biology 3 (CBSB3) and Integrative Biomedical Sciences 4 (IBMS4) courses of the Biomedical Informatics and Biomedical Sciences Programmes, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, China, 2020-2023.
- Biomedical Disorders 1 and 2 courses of the Integrative Biomedical Sciences PhD programme, Zhejiang University-University of Edinburgh Institute, China, 2021-2023.
- Biomedical Frontiers course of the Artificial Intelligence and Digital Health MSc. programme, Zhejiang University, China, 2023.
- Basic Discrete Mathematics. Zhejiang University-University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (ZJU-UIUC) Institute, China, 2024.

Skills and Interests

Programming languages	R/Bioconductor, Bash. Basics of: Python, Perl and C.
Software	GROMACS, AlphaFold, Git, SLURM, Singularity, PyMOL, UCSF Chimera, Modeller, MEGA, IGV, XCMS, Bowtie2, minimap2, samtools, Alfred, \LaTeX
Languages	Spanish (native), English (advanced), French (basic), Chinese (entry level)
Research interests	Host-Pathogen interactions. Genomics approaches in infectious diseases.
Other interests	Traveling, cooking, photography