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## Curriculum Vitae

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### 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
- **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Gibson, T.J., Chemes, L.B. Using Linear Motif Database Resources to Identify SH2 Domain Binders. *Methods Mol Biol*, 2023. doi: 10.1007/978-1-0716-3393-9\_9
- 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
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- **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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- Kosaisavee, V., Suwanarusk, R., Chua, A.C.Y., Kyle, D.E., Malleret, B., Zhang, R., Imwong, M., Imerbsin, R., Ubalee, R., **Sámano-Sánchez, H.**, Yeung, B.K.S., Ong, J.J.Y., Lombardini, E., Nosten, F., Tan, K.S.W., Bifani, P., Snounou, G., Rénia, L., Russell, B. Strict tropism for CD71+/CD234+ human reticulocytes limits the zoonotic potential of *Plasmodium cynomolgi*. *Blood*, 2017. doi: 10.1182/blood-2017-02-764787
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## Awards and Scholarships

- Second prize in 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.

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## Teaching

### Mentor

- PhD co-supervisor (two students), University of Edinburgh Biomedical Sciences programme, currently.
- PhD co-supervisor (five students), dual degree ZJU-UoE Integrative Biomedical Sciences programme, currently.
- Master thesis supervisor (one student), University of Edinburgh Biomedical Sciences programme, 2023.

### 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, 2021-2025.
- 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.

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## 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