

# Jackson Champer

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## SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor**, Peking University 2021.5-Present

- School of Life Sciences, Center for Bioinformatics.
- Joint Peking-Tsinghua Center for Life Sciences.
- Experimental gene drive research with flies and mosquitoes.
- Computational modeling of gene drives.
- Visiting Professor at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University.

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Cornell University 2016.5-2021.3

- Labs of Philipp Messer and Andrew Clark in the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics and the Department of Computational Biology.
- Improved gene drive systems, designs and experiments.
- Computational modeling and genetic analysis of gene drives in realistic environments.

**Graduate Researcher**, City of Hope Beckman Research Institute 2010.9-2015.6

- Lab of Markus Kalkum in the Department of Immunology.
- Mass spectrometry and proteomics for antifungal vaccine development.
- Rotation on the immunological and proteomic analysis of breast cancer extracellular matrix with S. Emily Wang.

**Researcher**, University of California, Los Angeles 2008.6-2009.7, 2013.8-2014.9

- Lab of Jenny Kim in the Department of Dermatology.
- Immunological and proteomic analysis of *Propionibacterium acnes* phylotypes.
- Analysis of antimicrobial treatments for acne and *Staphylococcus aureus* infection.

**Graduate Researcher**, University of California, Los Angeles 2004.6-2004.9

- Lab of David Cline in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.
- Simulations, design, and construction of a dark matter detector.

**Undergraduate Researcher**, University of Oregon 2003.8-2004.6

- Lab of Russell Donnelly in the Department of Physics.
- Propagation of vortex rings in fluid and diffusion of a marker dye.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Biology, City of Hope Beckman Research Institute 2015.6  
 M.S. in Physics, University of California, Los Angeles 2006.12  
 B.S. in Physics and Mathematics, University of Oregon 2004.6

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#Equal contribution

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*Italics* indicate mentored lab member

### **Preprints**

47. *Chen W, Guo J, Liu Y, **Champer J\****. Population suppression by release of insects carrying a dominant sterile homing gene drive targeting *doublesex* in *Drosophila*. *bioRxiv*, July 2023.

46. *Du J, Chen W, Jia X, Xu X, Yang E, Zhou R, Zhang Y, Metzloff M, Messer PW, **Champer J\****. New germline Cas9 promoters show improved performance for homing gene drive. *bioRxiv*, July 2023.

45. Clark AC\*, Alexander A, Edison R, Esvelt K, Kamau S, Dutoit L, **Champer J**, Champer S, Messer PW, Gemmell N. A framework for identifying fertility gene targets for mammalian pest control. *bioRxiv*, June 2023.

44. *Zhang S, **Champer J\****. Performance characteristics allow for confinement of a CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drive designed for population suppression in a reaction-diffusion model. *bioRxiv*, December 2022.

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### **Publications**

42. *Liu Y, Teo W, Yang H, **Champer J\****. Adversarial interspecies relationships facilitate population suppression by gene drive in spatially explicit models. *Ecology Letters*, 2023.

41. *Zhu Y, **Champer J\****. Simulations reveal high efficiency and confinement of a population suppression CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drive. *ACS Synth Biol*, 2023.

40. *Chen J, Xu X, **Champer J\****. Assessment of distant-site rescue elements for CRISPR toxin-antidote gene drives. *Front Bioeng Biotechnol*, 2023.

39. *Li J, **Champer J\****. Harnessing *Wolbachia* cytoplasmic incompatibility alleles for confined gene drive: a modeling study. *PLoS Genetics*, 2023.

38. *Champer SE<sup>#</sup>, Kim IK<sup>#</sup>, Clark AG, Messer PW, **Champer J\****. *Anopheles* homing suppression drive candidates exhibit unexpected performance differences in simulations with spatial structure. *eLife*, 2022.

37. Langmüller AM<sup>#</sup>, **Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>**, Lapinska S, Xie L, Metzloff M, Champer SE, Liu J, Xu Y, Du J, Clark AG, Messer PW\*. Fitness effects of CRISPR endonucleases in *Drosophila melanogaster* populations. *eLife*, 2022.
36. Metzloff M, Wang E, Dhole, S, Clark AG, Messer PW, **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**. Experimental demonstration of tethered gene drive systems for confined population modification or suppression. *BMC Biol*, 2022.
35. Liu Y, **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**. Modeling homing suppression gene drive in haplodiploid organisms. *Proc Biol Sci*, 2022.
34. Wang E, Metzloff M, Langmüller AM, Xu X, Clark AG, Messer PW, **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**. A homing suppression gene drive with multiplexed gRNAs maintains high drive conversion efficiency and avoids functional resistance alleles. *G3*, 2022.
33. Wang GH\*, Du J, Chu CY, Madhav M, Hughes GL, **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**. Symbionts and gene drive: two strategies to combat vector-borne disease. *Trends Genet*, 2022.
32. Champer SE, Oakes N, Sharma R, Garcia-Diaz P, **Champer J**, Messer PW\*. Modeling CRISPR gene drives for suppression of invasive rodents. *PLoS Comput Biol*, 17(12), e1009660 2021.
31. Ferreira-Martins D<sup>#\*</sup>, **Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>**, McCauley DW, Zhang Z, Docker MF. Genetic control of invasive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. *J Great Lakes Res*, 47(S1), S764-S775, 2021.
30. **Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>**, Kim IK<sup>#</sup>, Champer SE, Clark AG, Messer PW\*. Suppression gene drive in continuous space can result in unstable persistence of both drive and wild-type alleles. *Mol Ecol*, 30(4), 1086-1101, 2021.
29. Long KC, Alphey L, Annas GJ, Bloss CS, Campbell KJ, **Champer J**, *et al.* Core commitments for field trials of gene drive organisms. *Science*, 370(6523), 1417-1419, 2020.
28. **Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>**, Champer SE<sup>#</sup>, Kim IK, Clark AG, Messer PW. Design and analysis of CRISPR-based underdominance toxin-antidote gene drives. *Evol Appl*, 14(4), 1052-1069, 2020.
27. **Champer J<sup>#\*</sup>**, Yang E<sup>#</sup>, Lee E, Liu J, Clark AG, Messer PW\*. A CRISPR homing gene drive targeting a haplolethal gene removes resistance alleles and successfully spreads through a cage population. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 117(39), 24377-24383, 2020.
26. **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**, Kim IK, Champer SE, Clark AG, Messer PW. Performance analysis of novel toxin-antidote CRISPR gene drive systems. *BMC Biol*, 8(1), 27, 2020.
25. **Champer J<sup>\*</sup>**, Zhao J, Champer SE, Liu J, Messer PW\*. Population dynamics of underdominance gene drive systems in continuous space. *ACS Synth Biol*, 9(4), 779-792, 2020.

24. *Champer SE, Liu C, Oh SY, Wen Z, Clark AG, Messer PW, Champer J\**. Computational and experimental performance of CRISPR homing gene drive strategies with multiplexed gRNAs. *Sci Adv*, 6(10), eaaz0525, 2020.
23. *Champer J\**, *Lee E, Yang E, Liu C, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. A toxin-antidote CRISPR gene drive system for regional population modification. *Nat Commu*, 11(1), 1082, 2020.
22. *Champer J\*\**, *Wen Z#*, *Luthra A, Reeves R, Chung J, Liu C, Lee YL, Liu J, Yang E, Messer PW, Clark AG\**. CRISPR Gene drive efficiency and resistance rate is highly heritable with no common genetic loci of large effect. *Genetics*, 212(1), 334-341, 2019.
21. *Champer J\**, *Chung J, Lee YL, Liu C, Yang E, Wen Z, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. Molecular safeguarding of CRISPR gene drive experiments. *Elife*, 8, e41439, 2019.
20. *Liu J#*, *Champer J\*\**, *Langmüller AM, Liu C, Chung J, Reeves R, Lee YL, Luthra L, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. Maximum likelihood estimation of fitness components in experimental evolution. *Genetics*, 211(3), 1005-1017, 2019.
19. *Yu Y\**, *Dunway S, Champer J, Kim J, Alikhan A\**. Changing our microbiome: Probiotics in dermatology. *Br J Dermatol*, 182(1), 39-46, 2019.
18. *Champer J\*\**, *Liu J#*, *Oh SY, Reeves R, Luthra L, Oakes N, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. Reducing resistance allele formation in CRISPR/Cas9 gene drive. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 115(21), 5522-5527, 2018.
17. *Champer M\**, *Wong AM, Champer J, Brito IL, Messer PW, Hou JY, Wright JD*. The role of the vaginal microbiome in gynaecological cancer. *BJOG*, 125(3), 309-315, 2018.
16. *Champer J\**, *Reeves R, Oh SY, Liu C, Liu J, Clark AG, Messer PW\**. Novel CRISPR/Cas9 gene drive constructs reveal insights into mechanisms of resistance allele formation and drive efficiency in genetically diverse populations. *PLoS Genetics*, 13(7), e1006796, 2017.
15. *Champer J#*, *Buchman A#*, *Akbari OS\**. Cheating evolution: Engineering gene drives to manipulate the fate of wild populations. *Nat Rev Genet*, 17, 146-159, 2016.
14. *Champer J*, *Ito JI, Clemons KV, Stevens DA, Kalkum M\**. Proteomic analysis of pathogenic fungi reveals highly expressed conserved cell wall proteins. *J. Fungi*, 2(1), 6, 2016.
13. *Yu Y#*, *Champer J#*, *Agak GW, Kao S, Modlin RL, Kim J\**. Different *Propionibacterium acnes* phylotypes induce distinct immune responses and express unique surface and secreted proteomes. *J Invest Dermatol*, 136(11), 2221-2228, 2016.
12. *Yu Y, Champer J, Kim J\**. Analysis of the surface, secreted, and intracellular proteome of *Propionibacterium acnes*. *EuPA Open Proteom*, 9, 1-7, 2015.

11. Yu Y, **Champer J**, Beynet DP, Kim J, Friedman AJ\*. The role of the cutaneous microbiome in skin cancer: Lessons learned from the gut. *J Drugs Dermatol*, 14(5), 461-465, 2015.
10. Yu Y, **Champer J**, Garbán H, Kim J\*. Typing of *Propionibacterium acnes*: A review of methods and comparative analysis. *Br J Dermatol*, 172(5), 1204-1209, 2015.
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6. Lehrnbecher T\*, Kalkum M, **Champer J**, Tramsen L, Schmidt S, Klingebiel T. Immunotherapy in invasive fungal infection-focus on invasive aspergillosis. *Curr Pharm Des*, 19(20), 3689-3712, 2013.
5. **Champer J\***, Patel J, Fernando N, Salehi E, Wong V, Kim J. Chitosan against cutaneous pathogens. *AMB Express*, 3(1), 37, 2013.
4. Friedman AJ, Phan J, Schairer DO, **Champer J**, Qin M, Pirouz A, Blecher-Paz K, Oren A, Liu PT, Modlin RL, Kim J\*. Antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activity of chitosan-alginate nanoparticles: a targeted therapy for cutaneous pathogens. *J Invest Dermatol*, 133(5), 1231-1239, 2013.
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1. Bungau C, Camanzi B, **Champer J**, Chen Y, Cline DB, Luscher R, Lewin JD, Smith PF\*, Smith NJT, Wang H. Monte Carlo studies of combined shielding and veto techniques for neutron background reduction in underground dark matter experiments based on liquid noble gas targets. *Astroparticle Physics*, 23, 97-115, 2005.

## Book Chapters

**Champer J.** Gene Drives for *Anopheles* Mosquitoes. Published in: “Mosquito Gene Drives and the Malaria Eradication Agenda.” *Jenny Stanford Publishing*, 2023.

**Champer J.** *Drosophila melanogaster* as a Model for Gene Drive Systems. Published in: “Transgenic Insects: Techniques and Applications.” *CABI*, 2022.

## Patents

*Yu Y, Champer J, Kim J.* Compositions and Methods for Treating Skin and Mucus Membrane Diseases. US 20170065647. Published November 2015.

*Taylor E, Champer J, Kim J.* Treatment of inflammatory and infectious skin disorders. US 20140018437 A1. Published January 2014.

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

李革赵宁 Life Science Youth Research Fund	Champer	2023.3 - Present
NSFC General Project	Champer	2022.11 - Present
NSFC Overseas Youth Program	Champer	2022.9 - Present
SLS-Qidong Innovation Fund	Champer	2021.10 - Present
Peking University Startup Funds School of Life Sciences and Center for Life Sciences laboratory startup funding	Champer	2021.5 - Present
NIH/NIAID K22AI146276 Engineering and modeling improved CRISPR gene drive systems *award only available for new faculty at domestic institutions	Champer	award declined*
NIH/NIAID F32AI138476 Dynamics of gene drives in natural populations	Champer	2018.4 - 2021.3
NIH/NIAID R21AI130635 Improved CRISPR gene drive systems with reduced resistance allele formation	Messer, Clark, Champer	2017.9 - 2020.9

## **CLASSROOM TEACHING**

<b>Session Host/Coordinator</b> , Frontiers Journal Club, Peking University	2023.3 - Present
<b>Lecturer</b> , Population Genetic Engineering, Peking University	2022.9 - Present
<b>Co-Lecturer</b> , Mathematical Modeling in the Life Sciences, Peking University	2022.3 - Present
<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Various Bioinformatics Classes, Peking University	2021.10 - Present
<b>Visiting Lecturer</b> , General Academics, Peking Union Medical College	2022.10
<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , Population Genetics and CRISPR classes, Cornell University	2017.9 - 2020.3
<b>Teaching Fellow</b> , Current Topics in Biology, City of Hope	2014.3 - 2014.4
<b>Physics Teaching Assistant</b> , University of California, Los Angeles	2004.9 - 2006.12

## **RESEARCHERS MENTORED**

### **Current Lab Members at Peking University**

**Postdocs:** Jie Du, Xuejiao Xu, Yuan Hu Allegretti

**Staff Members:** Jialiang Guo, Jingheng Chen, Shibo Hou, Ning Xia, Xihua Jia

**Graduate Students:** Nicky Faber (Wageningen University), Ruobing Feng, Weizhe Chen, Xinyue Zhang, Yingke Wu, Yiran Liu

**Undergraduates and Volunteers:** Chengwei Shi, Jiahe (Carol) Li, Jialing Fang, Jinyu Zhu, Ruizhi (Rachel) Zhou, Weitang Sun, Yuna Cho, Yuqi Zhang, Ziyi Wang

### **Former Lab Members**

**Peking University Rotating Graduate Students:** Biao Zhang, Cao Yu, Moming Guo, Siyang Zhou, Weiwen Yang, Wenqing Tian, Xiaozhen Yang (visiting student), Xuqing Feng, Yukun Shen

**Peking University Undergraduates and Volunteers:** Haochen Yang, Mingzuyu Pan, Shijie Zhang, Theodore Jeliaskov, WeiJian Teo, Yutong Zhu, Ziqian Xu

**Peking University Other Lab Members:** Chenyi Chu, Li Yang, Haonan Yang, Weiwei Chen

**Cornell University Undergraduates:** Anisha Luthra, Chen Liu, Emily Yang, Isabel Kim, Jingxian (Clara) Liu, Joan Chung, Joanna Zhao, Lin Xie, Matt Metzloff, Phoebe Conley, Riona Reeves, Sandra Lapinska, Suh Yeon (Sunny) Oh, Esther (formerly Yoo Lim) Lee, Zhaoxin (Cindy) Wen

**Cornell University Other Students:** Anna Langmuller (visiting graduate student), Nathan Oakes (graduate student for one project), Sam Champer (volunteer), Yineng Xu (rotating graduate student)

**University of California, Riverside Students:** Jennifer Shyong, Kenneth Truong

**City of Hope Students:** Jason Yu, Mayyen Wong, Miriam Champer, Molly Shannahoff

**University of California, Los Angeles Students:** Elaheh Salehi, Julie Patel, Nathalie Fernando, Sam Ngo, Victoria Wong, Yang Yu



## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

### **Conference Sessions Organized**

International Congress of Genetics, 2023 (Genetic Control plus satellite session)

### **Conference Talks and Sessions**

Entomological Society of China, 2021 (two talks, one invited)

Interdisciplinary Workshop on Synthetic Gene Drives, 2021 (invited)

Canadian Conference For Fisheries Research, 2021 (invited)

Entomological Society of America, Conference, 2019

Sea Lamprey International Symposium, 2019 (invited)

EMBO Vector Conference, 2019

Society for the Study of Evolution Annual Meeting, 2019 (invited)

Entomological Society of America, Joint Annual Meeting, 2018 (invited)

Genetics Society of America, *Drosophila* Research Conference, 2018

Cold Spring Harbor, Genome Engineering: The CRISPR-Cas Revolution, 2017

### **Invited Seminars**

Nanjing Agricultural University (2023)

Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (2023)

France National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (2022)

Chinese Academy of Sciences Institute of Zoology (2021)

### **Workshops**

Gene Drive Research Forum - Bridging gaps in Stakeholder Engagement, 2021

Target Malaria - Plausible Pathways to Potential Harm Workshop, 2021

FNIH - Data Needs and Assay Design for Decision Making on Gene Drive Mosquitoes, 2019

ILSI - Gene Drive Modeling Conference, 2019

**Journal Editor:** PLOS Genetics, BMC Biology

**Journal Referee:** American Naturalist, Applied Biosciences, BioDesign Research, Bioscience, BMC Biology, Chromosome Research, Ecological Modelling, Ecological Psychology, eLife, European Journal of Dermatology, Ecological Psychology, Evolutionary Applications, Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology, Frontiers in Insect Science, Genes, Genetics, Infection Genetics and Evolution, Insect Science, iScience Journal of Evolutionary Biology, Journal of Functional Foods, Journal of Fungi, Journal of Great Lakes Research, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Molecular Ecology, NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics, Nature Communications, Nature Protocols, PeerJ, PLOS Genetics, PNAS, Proceedings of the Royal Society B, Review Commons, Science Bulletin, Scientific Reports, STAR Protocols, Transgenic Research

### **Other Referee**

National Carp Control Plan for Australia “Synergistic genetic biocontrol options for common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)”

United Nations Environment Programme: Frontiers, Emerging Issues of Environmental Concern, Synthetic Biology