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### POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT:

09/2016-present Post Doctoral Associate with Prof. Zhiping Weng, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, USA

### EDUCATION:

09/2011-06/2016 **Ph.D.**, Computational Biology (with honors)  
CAS-MPG Partner Institute for Computational Biology,  
Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences,  
Chinese Academy of Sciences, P.R. China

- Supervisor: Prof. Li Yang
- Non-polyadenylated long noncoding RNAs (e.g. circular RNAs) and their regulatory network

02/2009-06/2011 **B.S.**, Computer Science and Technology  
School of Computer Science and Technology,  
Huazhong University of Science and Technology, P.R. China

09/2007-06/2011 **B.S.**, Bioengineering (with honors)  
College of Life Science and Technology,  
Huazhong Agricultural University, P.R. China

### AWARDS & HONORS:

2017 Excellent Doctoral Thesis Prize of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences

2015 Ray Wu Prize, Ray Wu Memorial Fund

2015 CAS President Scholarship (Special Prize), Chinese Academy of Sciences

2015 UCAS-BHPB Scholarship, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences & BHP Billiton

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| 2014 | National Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Student, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China |
| 2014 | Pacemaker to Merit Student, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences  |
| 2014 | First-author Award, Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, CAS   |
| 2014 | First-author Award, CAS-MPG Partner Institute for Computational Biology, SIBS, CAS                             |
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## PUBLICATIONS:

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### Selected peer-reviewed publications:

1. **Zhang XO**, Gingeras TR, Weng Z†. Genome-wide analysis of polymerase III–transcribed *Alu* elements suggests cell-type–specific enhancer function. *Genome Res.* 2019, 29:1402-1414.
2. **Zhang XO**, Fu Y, Mou H, Xue W, Weng Z†. The temporal landscape of recursive splicing during Pol II transcription elongation in human cells. *PLoS Genet.* 2018, 14:e1007579.
3. **Zhang XO\***, Dong R\*, Zhang Y\*, Zhang JL, Luo Z, Zhang J, Chen LL†, Yang L†. Diverse alternative back-splicing and alternative splicing landscape of circular RNAs. *Genome Res.* 2016, 26:1277-1287. (**Highly Accessed**)
4. **Zhang XO\***, Wang HB\*, Zhang Y, Lu X, Chen LL†, Yang L†. Complementary sequence-mediated exon circularization. *Cell.* 2014, 159:134-147. (**Issue Highlight**)
  - Editorial by: Vicens Q and Westhof E. *Cell.* 2014, 159:13-14.
  - Research Highlight by: Burgess DJ. *Nat Rev Genet.* 2014, 15:707.
  - Recommended by **F1000**.
5. **Zhang XO**, Yin QF, Chen LL, Yang L†. Gene expression profiling of non-polyadenylated RNA-seq across species. *Genomics Data.* 2014, 2:237-241.
6. **Zhang XO\***, Yin QF\*, Wang HB, Zhang Y, Chen T, Zheng P, Lu X, Chen LL†, Yang L†. Species-specific alternative splicing leads to unique expression of sno-lncRNAs. *BMC Genomics.* 2014, 15:287. (**Highly Accessed**)
7. Zhang Y\*, **Zhang XO\***, Chen T, Xiang JF, Yin QF, Xing YH, Zhu S, Yang L†, Chen LL†. Circular intronic long noncoding RNAs. *Mol Cell.* 2013, 51:792-806. (**Issue Highlight**)
  - Editorial by: Bolisetty MT and Graveley BR. *Mol Cell.* 2013, 51:705-706.
  - Research Highlight by: *Nature.* 2013, 501:464.
  - Research Highlight by: Reid T. *Nature China.* 2013, Epub. on

October 2<sup>nd</sup> (doi:10.1038/nchina.2013.95).

Peer-reviewed publications:

8. Kwan SY\*, Sheel A\*, Song CQ, **Zhang XO**, Dang H, Cao Y, Mou H, Yin H, Weng Z, Wang XW, Xue W†. Depletion of TRRAP/KAT5 induces p53-independent senescence in liver cancer by regulating G2/M genes. *Hepatology*. doi: 10.1002/hep.30807
9. Zhang G\*, Tu S\*, Yu T, **Zhang XO**, Parhad SS, Weng Z†, Theurkauf WE†. Co-dependent assembly of Drosophila piRNA precursor complexes and piRNA cluster heterochromatin. *Cell Rep*. 2018, 24:3413-3422.e4.
10. Grüning B\*, Dale R\*, Sjödin A, Chapman BA, Rowe J, Tomkins-Tinch CH, Valieris R, Köster J†, **The Bioconda Team**. Bioconda: sustainable and comprehensive software distribution for the life sciences. *Nat Methods*. 2018, 15:475-476. (**Zhang XO** is one co-author of **The Bioconda Team**)
11. Huang L, Liu J, **Zhang XO**, Sibley K, Najjar SM, Lee MM†, Wu JQ†. Inhibition of protein arginine methyltransferase 5 enhances hepatic mitochondrial biogenesis. *J Biol Chem*. 2018, 17:jbc-RA118. (Recommended by **F1000**)
12. Mou H\*, Smith JL\*, Peng L, Yin H, Moore J, **Zhang XO**, Song CQ, Sheel A, Wu Q, Ozata DM, Li Y, Anderson DG, Emerson CP, Sontheimer EJ, Moore MJ†, Weng Z†, Xue W†. CRISPR/Cas9-mediated genome editing induces exon skipping by alternative splicing or exon deletion. *Genome Biol*. 2017, 18:108.
13. Dong R, **Zhang XO**, Zhang Y, Ma XK, Chen LL, Yang L†. CircRNA-derived pseudogenes. *Cell Res*. 2016, 26:747-750.
14. Chen T\*, Xiang JF\*, Zhu S\*, Chen S, Yin QF, **Zhang XO**, Zhang J, Feng H, Dong R, Li XJ, Yang L†, Chen LL†. ADAR1 is required for differentiation and neural induction by regulating microRNA processing in a catalytically independent manner. *Cell Res*. 2015, 25:459-476.
15. Wang D\*, Cai C\*, Dong X, Yu QC, **Zhang XO**, Yang L, Zeng YA†. Identification of multipotent mammary stem cells by protein C receptor expression. *Nature*. 2015, 517:81-84. (Recommended by **F1000**)
16. Xiang JF, Yin QF, Chen T, Zhang Y, **Zhang XO**, Wu Z, Zhang S, Wang HB, Ge J, Lu X, Yang L, Chen LL†. Human colorectal cancer-specific CCAT1-L lncRNA regulates long-range chromatin interactions at the MYC locus. *Cell Res*. 2014, 24:513-531. (**Cover Article** and **Issue Highlight**)
17. Zhu S, **Zhang XO**, Yang L†. Panning for long noncoding RNAs. *Biomolecules*. 2013, 3:226-241. (Review)

**PATENTS:**

2015. Li Yang, Ling-Ling Chen, **Xiao-Ou Zhang**, Yang Zhang. *The construction and application of vectors for circular RNA expression*. Patent Application Number: 201510100793.9

2013. Ling-Ling Chen, Li Yang, Yang Zhang, **Xiao-Ou Zhang**. *Identification and application of circular intronic long noncoding RNAs and their essential sequences*. Patent Number: 201310398809.X

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

- 09/2016-present     **University of Massachusetts Medical School**
- Research Assistant with Prof. Zhiping Weng
  - Involved in the high-throughput transcriptome sequencing data analysis of ENCODE phase III project
  - Genome-wide identification of human recursive splicing events and characterization of their coupling with Pol II transcription elongation
  - Building the atlas of Pol III transcribed *Alu* elements and characterization of their functional potentials as enhancer RNAs
  - Characterization of human promoter-proximal enhancers
- 09/2011-06/2016     **CAS-MPG Partner Institute for Computational Biology**
- Research Assistant with Prof. Li Yang
  - Genome-wide identification and characterization of human circular intronic RNAs
  - Evolutionary analysis of sno-lncRNAs
  - Biogenesis mechanism of exon circularization and alternative circularization in human
  - Alternative splicing characterization of circRNAs
  - Identification of circRNA-derived pseudogenes in human
- 09/2010-06/2011     **Center for Bioinformatics, Huazhong Agricultural University**
- Research Assistant with Prof. Hong-Yu Zhang
  - Chemoinformatic analysis of C-H  $\cdots$   $\pi$  interactions in protein-ligand complexes

## **INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

2019. The 84<sup>th</sup> Cold Spring Harbor Symposium: RNA Regulation and Control. May 29-June 3. Cold Spring Harbor, United States. (Poster)

2015. The 6<sup>th</sup> Ray Wu Symposium. October 24-25. Wuhan, China. (Invited Talk)

2015. The 12<sup>th</sup> International Bioinformatics Workshop. July 9-10. Harbin, China. (Selected Talk)

2015. The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the RNA Society. May 26-31. Madison, United States. (Poster)

2014. Cold Spring Harbor Asia RNA Biology. November 10-14. Suzhou, China. (Poster)

2014. The 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of Chinese RNA Society. April 12-13. Hefei, China. (Poster Award)

2013. Otto Warburg International Summer School and Research Symposium 2013. August 19-26. Berlin, Germany. (Poster)

### **PEER REVIEW**

Reviewer for Bioinformatics, Cancer Management and Research, Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy, International Journal of Genomics, Disease Markers, Pathology - Research and Practice, Oncotarget