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Professional Experience

National University of Singapore, Department of Anatomy

Research Assistant in Breast cancer Glyco-oncology

Oct 2016 - Present

- Reported to A/Prof. Yip Wai Cheong, George.
- Elucidated mechanism of an acetylglucosaminyltransferase responsible in promoting breast cancer cell migratory and invasive ability.
 - Main techniques: siRNA/shRNA targeted knockdown, immunohistochemistry, mice tail vain injection and immunofluorescence/confocal microscopy.
- Automated a statistical routine on immunohistochemistry data analysis using R.
- Guided and trained undergraduate students with Honours Year Project.
- Managed stock check and procurement of reagents and consumables from vendors.

National University of Singapore, Department of Biological Science

Honours Year Project student

Jul 2015 - Apr 2016

- Supervised by Prof.Greg Tucker-Kellogg.
- Attempted to modify CRISPR-dCas9 system to achieve transcriptional/epigenetic control.
 - Main techniques: Gibson Assembly.

Karolinska Institute, Department of Laboratory Medicine

Research attachment student

Mar 2015 - May 2015

- Supervised by Prof. Qiang Pan Hammarström.
- Characterised sequences of fusion transcripts from diffuse large B-cell lymphoma clinical samples.
 - Main techniques: Real-time polymerase chain reaction.

National University of Singapore, Department of Paediatric

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme student

Jan 2014 - Dec 2014

- Supervised by A/Prof. Allen Yeoh Eng Juh.
- Assessing the efficacy of vincristine drug combination on drug-resistant acute lymphoblastic leukemia cells.
 - Main techniques: aseptic cell culture, western blot and flow cytometry.

Education

Master in Science by Research

National University of Singapore, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine

Aug 2017 - Present

- Cumulative Average Point (CAP): 4.5/5 (Expected graduation on Jun 2019). Course taken:
 - Biological data analysis with R

Bachelor in Science (Honours), Major in Life Science

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Science

Aug 2012 - Jun 2016

- Cumulative Average Point (CAP): 3.72/5. Courses taken:
 - Introductory Bioinformatics
 - Immunology and Advanced Immunology
- Completed University Scholars Programme, a multidisciplinary academic programme that emphasizes intellectual depth and breadth. Courses taken:
 - Writing and Critical Thinking: Interpreting Consumerism
 - Computer Science and the I.T. Revolution
 - Participatory Social Development in Southeast Asia
- Participated **a exchange study in Karolinska Institute**. Courses taken:
 - Pharmacology and Toxicology (10ETCs)
 - Neuroscience (10ETCs)
- Participated Elsinore Summer School jointly hosted by Copenhagen University and National University of Singapore consisting a retreat with seminars and journal clubs.

Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary & Advanced Level

Xinmin Secondary School and Anderson Junior College

Jan 2008 - Dec 2011

- A recipient of Senior Middle School 1 (SM1) Scholarship.
- GCE O-Level L1R5: 4 points.
- GCE A-Level Ranking Points: 83.75/90.

Skills

Programming language and skills

- R: Proficient in R to handle routine data cleaning (tidyverse) and data visualisation (ggplot2).
 - modeling (stats and lme) and survival analysis (survival package).
 - microarray analysis workflow (affy and limma) and basic bioinformatics database query (biomaRt).
 - hosting blog using blogdown.
- Emacs Org mode: capable of producing LaTeX article and Beamer slides.

Natural language

English (full professional proficiency), Mandarin Chinese (native language).

Sports

Good at **distance running** and **freestyle swimming** and participated regional competitions as a member of NUS Aquathlon Varsity team. The latest competition result was 94 out of 821 competitors.