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- Sep, 2010 Mar, 2014: Lead Bioinformatician, Cardiovascular Genetics and Genomics, NIHR Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Unit, Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust and Imperial College, London, UK
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- 5. Sep, 2005 Sep, 2006: Research Scientist, KOBIC (Korean Bioinformation Centre), KRIBB (Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology), Daejeon, Korea

Education

- Oct, 2006 Aug, 2010: PhD, Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK (supervisor: Professor Sir Tom Blundell) Thesis title: Structural and Functional Analysis of Single Amino Acid Replacement in Proteins: Insights from Protein Evolution into the Disease Aetiology
- Sep, 2003 Aug, 2005: MSc, KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology), Department of BioSystems, Daejeon, Korea (supervisor: Dr. Jong Bhak) Thesis title: PSIbase and interpare: systems for studying protein structural interactomics
- 3. Mar, 2002 Aug, 2003: BSc, Department of Computer Science, Korea University, Seoul, Korea.
- 4. Mar, 1995 Feb, 2002: BSc, Department of Biology, Korea University, Seoul, Korea

Honours and Awards

- 2013 KSEAUK (The Korean Scientists and Engineers Association in the UK) Early Career Scientist and Engineering Award
- 2. 2009 Travel Bursary (the Sanger fund) from the Dept. Biochemistry, University of Cambridge
- 3. 2009 Travel Bursary from Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
- 4. 2009 KSEAUK (The Korean Scientists and Engineers Association in the UK) Travel Award
- 5. 2007 Mogam Science Scholarship of Korea

Publications

- Genome-wide oxidative bisulfite sequencing identifies sex-specific methylation differences in the human placenta. Gong S, Johnson MD, Dopierala J, Gaccioli F, Sovio U, Constância M, Smith GCS, Charnock-Jones DS, *Epigenetics 2017. IN REVISION*.
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- 3. RNA-Seq reveals conservation of function among the yolk sacs of human, mouse and chicken. Cindrova-Davies T, Jauniaux E, Elliot MG, Gong S, Burton GJ, Charnock-Jones DS. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2017* Jun 13;114(24):E4753-E4761. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1702560114.
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- NECTAR: a database of codon-centric missense variant annotations. Gong S, Ware J, Walsh R. Cook S. *Nucleic Acids Res. 2014* Jan 1;42(1):D1013-9. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkt1245.
- 7. Next generation diagnostics in inherited arrhythmia syndromes: a comparison of two approaches. Ware JS, John S, Roberts AM, Buchan R, Gong S, Peters NS, Robinson DO, Lucassen A, Behr ER, Cook SA. *J Cardiovasc Transl Res.* 2013 Feb;6(1):94-103. doi: 10.1007/s12265-012-9401-8.
- MetaBase--the wiki-database of biological databases. Bolser DM, Chibon PY, Palopoli N, Gong S, Jacob D, Del Angel VD, Swan D, Bassi S, González V, Suravajhala P, Hwang S, Romano P, Edwards R, Bishop B, Eargle J, Shtatland T, Provart NJ, Clements D, Renfro DP, Bhak D, Bhak J. *Nucleic Acids Res. 2012* Jan;40(Database issue):D1250-4. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkr1099.
- Meet me halfway: when genomics meets structural bioinformatics. Gong S, Worth CL, Cheng TM, Blundell TL. *J Cardiovasc Transl Res.* 2011 Jun;4(3):281-303. doi: 10.1007/s12265-011-9259-1.
- Structural and Functional Restraints on the Occurrence of Single Amino Acid Variations in Human Proteins. Gong S, Blundell TL. *PLoS One.* 2010 Feb 12;5(2):e9186. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0009186.
- MitoInteractome: mitochondrial protein interactome database, and its application in 'aging network' analysis. Reja R, Venkatakrishnan AJ, Lee J, Kim BC, Ryu JW, Gong S, Bhak J, Park D. *BMC Genomics.* 2009 Dec 3;10 Suppl 3:S20. doi: 10.1186/1471-2164-10-S3-S20.

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- 14. Structural and functional restraints in the evolution of protein families and superfamilies. Gong S, Worth CL, Bickerton GR, Lee S, Tanramluk D, Blundell TL. *Biochem Soc Trans.* 2009 Aug;37(Pt 4):727-33. doi: 10.1042/BST0370727. Review.
- 15. Discarding functional residues from the substitution table improves predictions of active sites within three-dimensional structures. Gong S, Blundell TL. *PLoS Comput Biol.* 2008 Oct 3;4(10):e1000179. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1000179.
- 16. A structural bioinformatics approach to the analysis of nonsynonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (nsSNPs) and their relation to disease. Worth CL, Bickerton GR, Schreyer A, Forman JR, Cheng TM, Lee S, Gong S, Burke DF, Blundell TL. J *Bioinform Comput Biol.* 2007 Dec;5(6):1297-318.
- 17. SNP@Domain: a web resource of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) within protein domain structures and sequences. Han A, Kang HJ, Cho Y, Lee S, Kim YJ, Gong S. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2006 Jul 1;34(Web Server issue):W642-4.
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Patent

- 1. System and Method for Analysis of Interfaces Based on Protein Domain and their ligands and Recording Medium Therefore (KOR:2005-0121684)
- 2. System and Method for Searching Materials Interfacing with Proteins Based on Interfaceome and Recording Medium Therefore, (KOR:2006-0062631)

Peer Review Records

- 1. A regular invited reviewer of Nucleic Acids Research, Oxford University Press
- 2. Invited reviewer for *PLoS ONE* (Public Library of Science) and *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* (Wiley)
- 3. See the list of review record verified from Publons: https://publons.com/author/1225687/sungsam-gong#profile

Research Interests

- 1. Computational epigenomics and epitranscriptomics
- 2. Non-invasive prenatal diagnostics via cell-free fetus DNA/RNA
- 3. Developmental origin of health and disease
- 4. Computational assessment of structural and functional effect of genetic variations

- 5. Different promoter usage and its effect on transcriptome and proteome diversity at the single-cell resolution
- 6. Splice variants and protein isoforms diversity by transcriptome reconstruction

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