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#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA, United States

Postdoctoral researcher

2020-now

Advisor: Dr. Hongzhe Li

Research focus: longitudinal microbiome statistics, spatial proteomics modelling

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Boston, MA, United States

Postdoctoral researcher

2019-2020

Advisors: Dr. Curtis Huttenhower, Dr. Lucas Janson

Research focus: high-dimensional conditional associations in microbiome data

Ph.D. in Biostatistics 2015-2019

Advisor: Dr. Curtis Huttenhower

Dissertation: Statistical methods for population structure discovery in 'omics Studies

M.S. in Biostatistics 2013-2015

Peking UniversityBeijing, ChinaSAS programmer internship2013

B.S. in Mathematics and Statistics 2009-2013

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

[10] Ma, S., Ren, B., Mallick, H., et al. (2021), A statistical model for describing and simulating microbial community profiles. *PLOS Computational Biology* 

- [9] Kondo, A., <u>Ma, S.</u>, Lee, M.M.Y., et al. (2021), Highly multiplexed image analysis of intestinal tissue sections in patients with inflammatory bowel disease. *Gastroenterology*
- [8] Mallick, H., Rahnavard, A., McIver, L.J., <u>Ma, S.</u>, et al. (2021), Multivariable Association Discovery in Population-scale Meta-omics Studies. *PLOS Computational Biology*
- [7] Dantzler, K., Ma, S., Ngotho, P., et al. (2019), Naturally acquired immunity against immature Plasmodium falciparum gametocytes. *Science Translational Medicine*
- [6] Ma, S.\*, Ogino, S.\*, Parsana, P., et al. (2018), Continuity of transcriptomes among colorectal cancer subtypes, based on meta-analys. *Genome Biology*
- [5] Obaldia, N., Meibalan, E., Sa, J. M., <u>Ma, S.</u>, et al. (2018), Bone marrow is a major parasite reservoir in Plasmodium vivax infection. *MBio*
- [4] De Niz, M., Meibalan, E., Mejia, P., Ma, S., et al. (2018), Plasmodium gametocytes display homing and vascular transmigration in the host bone marrow. *Science advances*
- [3] Mallick, H.\*, Ma, S.\*, Franzosa, E.A., et al. (2017). Experimental design and quantitative analysis of microbial community multi'omics. *Genome Biology*
- [2] Sinha, R., Abu-Ali, G., Vogtmann, E., Fodor, A.A., Ren, B., Amir, A., Schwager, E., Crabtree, J., <u>Ma, S.</u>, et al (2017), Assessment of variation in microbial community amplicon sequencing by the Microbiome Quality Control (MBQC) project consortium, *Nature Biotechnology*
- [1] Pelle, K.G., Oh, K., Buchholz, K., Narasimhan, V., Joice, R., Milner, D.A., Brancucci, N.M.B., <u>Ma, S.</u>, et al (2015), Transcriptional profiling defines dynamics of parasite tissue sequestration during malaria infection, *Genome Medicine*

#### WORKING PAPERS

[4] Ma, S., Li, H., A tensor decomposition model for longitudinal microbiome studies, *under review at Annals of Applied Statistics* 

- [3] Ma, S., Shungin, D., Mallick, H., et al., Population structure discovery in meta-analyzed microbial mommunities and inflammatory bowel disease, *under review at Genome Biology*
- [2] Ma, S., Li, H., Flexible Ising modeling for co-colonization in longitudinal microbiomes, in preparation
- [1] Ma, S., Huttenhower, C., Janson, L., A flexible framework for novel health-microbiome associations and controlling false discoveries, *in preparation*

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- [5] "A Statistical Model for Simulating and Testing for Microbiomes", Biostatistics Seminar Series, Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Informatics, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA, 2021
- [4] "Testing Cell-Cell Interactions in Imaging Mass Cytometry Data", IMC Working Group Meeting, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA, 2021
- [3] "Meta-Analysis of Population Structure in the IBD Gut Microbiome", Microbiome Working Group Meeting, Harvard Chan Microbiome in Public Health Center. Boston, MA, 2019
- [2] "Meta-Analysis of Population Heterogeneity in IBD Patients' Gut Microbiome", CMIT Work-in-Progress Meeting, Center for Microbiome Informatics and Therapeutics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA, 2017
- [1] "Subtype Continuity Revealed by Meta-analysis of the Colorectal Cancer Transcriptome", Department of Biostatistics Genomics Meeting, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Boston, MA, 2015

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- [5] "Tensor Decomposition of Longitudinal Microbiomes", Joint Statistical Meetings. Virtual Conference, 2021
- [4] "Tensor Decomposition of Longitudinal Microbiomes", ENAR Spring Meeting. Virtual Conference, 2021
- [3] "SparseDOSSA: A Statistical Model for Simulating Realistic Microbial Community Profiles", Joint Statistical Meetings. Virtual Conference, 2020
- [2] "Population Structure Discovery in Meta-Analyzed Microbial Communities", Confernece on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology. Chicago, Il, 2018
- [1] "Population Structure Discovery in Meta-Analyzed Microbial Communities", Joint Statistical Meetings. Baltimore, MD, 2017

### MENTORING AND TEACHING

## Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Student Mentor

Boston, MA, United States

2020

• Supervised summer research student on developing, implementing, and validating hierarchical hypothesis testing methods for high-dimensional microbiome data

Guest Lecturer 2019

• *Introduction to programming* 

Teaching Assistant 2014-2019

 Advanced Regression, Causal Inference, Biomedical Informatics, Failure Time Analysis, Longitudinal Regression, Genomic Data Manipulation

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Correlation One with Citadel LLC	New York, NY
Global Datathon Championship Third Place	2017
Boston Datathon Championship Winner	2017
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	Boston, MA

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Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

2017

Robert B. Reed Prize for Best Qualifying Examination

2016