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EDUCATION

| Ph.D. | Zhejiang University (ZJU) | Sep 2017 - Present |
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| | Chemical and Biological Engineering | Hangzhou, China |
| M.S. | Zhejiang University (ZJU) | Sep 2013 - Mar 2016 |
| | Chemical and Biological Engineering | Hangzhou, China |
| B.S. | Jiangnan University (JNU) | Sep 2009 - Jun 2013 |
| | Bioengineering | Wuxi, China |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1. Transcription factor manipulation for cellulase overexpression

May 2017 - Present

- Overexpressed A. niger bgl gene and disrupted ace1 simultaneously in T. reesei
- Implemented submerged fermentation of recombinant *T. reesei* in a 50 m³ fermenter
- Improved *T. reesei* cellulase towards increased hydrolysis yield (90.6%) during the saccharification of corn stover
- Published on Journal of Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology as first author
- 2. Novel soluble inducer enabling higher cellulase production

Jun 2017 - Present

- Constructed a sustained β -glucosidase-release microcapsules embedding A. niger spores
- Prepared a potent and economical glucose-sophorose inducer mixture from glucose via β-glucosidase-catalyzed transglycosylation.
- Applied the novel inducer to cellulase production which presented higher yield induced by lactose.
- Published on *Journal of Biotechnology* as first author
- 3. β-glucosidase overproduction in recombinant *P. pastoris*

Jun 2017 - May 2018

- Modified and cloned A.niger β -glucosidase gene for secreted expression in P. pastoris.
- Employed an optimized mixed-feed strategy and boosted the β-glucosidase activity to 129 IU/mL in a 1 m³ fermenter
- Published the results on *Process Biochemistry* as first author

4. Organic pollutants degradation by laccase - mediator system

May 2017 - Present

- Introduced a thermotolerant laccase gene from *Pycnoporus sanguineus* into *T. reesei* via optimized *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation
- Explored the effects of 6 mediators on laccase-catalyzed degradation of bisphenol A, nonylphenol and Brilliant Blue KN-R
- Investigated the reaction mechanism of laccase-catalyzed nonylphenol degradation using mass spectrometry analysis

5. Engineering S. cerevisiae for improved toxicity tolerance

Nov 2014 – Oct 2015

- Over-expression lsm6 gene in recombinant S. cerevisiae improved its resistance against acetic acid, furfural, and SO_4^{2-} and enabled better xylose utilization
- Responsible for yeast transformation and fermentation performance study

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Ying Xia**, Lirong Yang, Liming Xia. Preparation of a novel soluble inducer by cellobiase-release microcapsules and its application in cellulase production. *Journal of Biotechnology*, 2018, 279: 22-26.
- 2. **Ying Xia**, Lirong Yang, Liming Xia. High-level production of a fungal beta-glucosidase with application potentials in the cost-effective production of *Trichoderma reesei* cellulase. *Process Biochemistry*, 2018, 70: 55-60.
- 3. **Ying Xia**, Lirong Yang, Liming Xia. Combined strategy of transcription factor manipulation and beta-glucosidase gene overexpression in *Trichoderma reesei* and its application in lignocellulose bioconversion. *Journal of Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology*, 2018, 45:803–811.
- 4. Jie Zhao, Shengquan Zeng, **Ying Xia**, Liming Xia. Expression of a thermotolerant laccase from *Pycnoporus sanguineus* in *Trichoderma reesei* and its application in the degradation of bisphenol A. *Journal of Bioscience and Bioengineering*, 2018, 125: 371-376.
- 5. Jie Zhao, **Ying Xia**, Liming Xia. Laccase Production by recombinant *Trichoderma reesei* and its application in the decolorization of dye wastewater containing reactive Brilliant Blue KN-R (in Chinese). *Journal of Chemical Engineering of Chinese Universities*, 2018, 30: 586-592.
- 6. **Ying Xia**, Jie Zhao, Liming Xia. Recombination and expression of a novel endo-beta-glucanase gene from *Penicillium echinulatum* in *Trichoderma reesei* (in Chinese). *Journal of Chemical Engineering of Chinese Universities*, 2016, 30: 626-632.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

| • Academic Scholarship of ZJU (Top 3%) | 2014/2015/2018 |
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| Outstanding Graduate of ZJU (Top 4%) | 2016 |
| Outstanding Student Leader of ZJU (Top 3%) | 2014/2015 |
| Honor of Merit Student in JNU (Top 1%) | 2012 |

WORK EXPERIENCE

Amore Pacific (Shanghai) R&D center

Apr 2016 - Apr 2017

Researcher

Shanghai, China

- Established detection protocols of 12 prohibited and limited ingredients in cosmetics, including antiseptics, functional additives, heavy metals, etc.
- Responsible for training workers in terms of SOP, safety and maintenance for HPLC
- Collaborated with Korea colleagues on 6 crisis management projects regarding product safety;
 responsible for evaluation and modification of internal analysis methods, investigation of
 FDA guidelines and generation of reports

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Languages: English (TOEFL iBT: 96/120), Chinese (Native)
- Professional skills: Skilled in molecular biology experiments and related analytical methods, such as gene cloning and characterization, gene transformation and expression, HPLC, GC-MC, etc.; Mastering professional softwares, such as DNAMAN, DS, Snapgene, etc.
- **Microsoft Office:** Daily use of Microsoft Word (thesis and publications), PowerPoint (conference presentations), Excel (data analysis)