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### RESEARCH INTEREST

With a strong foundation in both basic medicine and bioinformatics, I specialize in applying bioinformatics techniques to investigate cancer biology, particularly focusing on the roles of genomics and epigenetic modifications in tumor development and progression. I am also interested in tumor immune infiltration and its interaction with the genomic and epigenetic landscape. I am passionate about identifying potential therapeutic targets through integrative bioinformatics analyses, and exploring how genetic and methylation alterations contribute to cancer development and treatment response.

### **EDUCATION**



Basic Medical Science College, TianJin Medical University

Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2026 (Expected)

Bachelor of Science in Basic Medicine (Chu Hsien-I class)

TianJin, China

• **GPA:** 3.77/4.00 (Overall); **RANKING:** 1st out of 22 students (Overall);

• **IELTs:** 7.0, C1 (Validated Score, R:8.0, L:7.0, S:6.0, W:6.0);

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

• Pan-Cancer Atlas of TCGA ipaQTM (Independent project)

Mar. 2025 - Present

Supervisor: **Prof. Yang Yang** Supported by YY Lab, TMU;



- Investigated the relationship between DNA methylation and intronic pre-mRNA polyadenylation (IPA) across 23 cancer types using TCGA data.
- Constructed a pan-cancer ipaQTM (intron polyadenylation quantitative trait methylation) map using Inpact and MatrixEQTL, identifying over 500,000 cis-/trans- associations, Discovered thousands of putative IPA regulators.
- Investigating the mechanism behind DNA methylation and IPA, including trans effects from genes such as CDK12, BCL2, and CPSF1, and cis effects involving DNA structure and transcription factor (such as CTCF) binding. Uncovered mechanistic links between DNA methylation and RNA polyadenylation, providing a novel regulatory layer in cancer transcriptomics.
- Glycolysis-Related Subtypes in Hepatocellular Carcinoma (Independent project)

Mar. 2025 - Present

Supervisor: Prof. Yongmei Li Supported by TMU Yongmei Li Lab;

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- Identified key glycolysis-related genes (e.g., *SMG1*, *SRRM2*, *STAG1*) strongly associated with HCC progression through multi-omics integration (RNA-seq, mutation, methylation).
- Constructed a robust glycolytic gene map via PCA and CatBoost-based feature selection from 30 candidate genes. Developed an NMF-based molecular subtyping model validated against clinical and cellular data, providing diagnostic value for HCC.
- Explored associations between glycolysis levels and immune infiltration patterns in different HCC subtypes.
- Comprehensive Benchmark of DNN-Based pMHC Predictors (Independent project)

Sep. 2024 - Jan. 2025

Supervisor: **Prof. Yang Yang** Supported by TMU YY Lab;



- Benchmarked 17 state-of-the-art DNN-based tools for HLA-I peptide binding prediction using a self-curated dataset of 290,000+ peptides across 44 alleles. Assessed model accuracy, robustness, and interpretability; incorporated SHAP and LIME to reveal internal mechanisms and feature contributions.
- Found self-attention models (STMHCpan, BigMHC) achieved best overall performance, while capsule-based CapsNet-MHC\_AN showed strong generalizability. Demonstrated that models trained on eluted ligand data outperform those using binding affinity data; ensemble strategies further improved reliability.
- Provided actionable guidelines for model selection, data integration, and the design of interpretable, clinically useful immunoinformatics tools.
- The role of HADH Isoform 3 in Endometrial Cancer (Independent project)

Mar. 2023 - Aug. 2024

- First identified the link between the fatty acid metabolism gene HADH and endometrial cancer (EC) using RNA-seq, genomics, and metabolomics data analysis. Discovered that HADH isoform 3 is downregulated in EC through DDX3X suppression, leading to activation of the MEK-ERK signaling pathway and promotion of malignant EC phenotypes.
- Demonstrated the therapeutic potential of *HADH* as a biomarker for EC, and its role in tumor infiltration and microenvironment construction.
- Provided insights for improved EC diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis monitoring by mapping the complete pathway of *HADH-DDX3X-MEK/ERK* interaction.
- The role of Raptor in Post-Ischemic Angiogenesis (Collaborative project)

Apr. 2022 - Aug. 2023

Supervisor: **Prof. Ding Ai** Supported by TMUUROP Fund (20,000 RMB, 20 people in Tian]in Medical University);

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- We investigated the role of Raptor, a core component of the mTORC1 complex, in post-ischemic angiogenesis using both in vivo and in vitro models.
- Explored the contribution of mTORC1 signaling in vascular regeneration, providing novel insights into the molecular regulation of ischemia-induced angiogenesis. Our findings could offer new therapeutic strategies for peripheral artery disease by targeting the Raptor/mTORC1 pathway to enhance revascularization and tissue recovery.
- The role of Annexin A2 in Hepatocarcinogenesis (Collaborative project)

Apr. 2022 - Aug. 2023

Supervisor: **Prof. Chunjiong Wang** Supported by TMUUROP Fund (10,000 RMB, 40 students);

- Investigated the differential roles of ANXA2 in normal liver regeneration and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) development. We identified that ANXA2 upregulates cholesterol biosynthesis, enhancing hepatocyte proliferation via increased intracellular cholesterol.
- Combined transcriptomic and metabolomic approaches to explore how ANXA2-mediated cholesterol regulation contributes to HCC progression. The findings suggest ANXA2 as a potential dual-function target to simultaneously suppress HCC and promote normal liver regeneration after partial hepatectomy.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

A=RESEARCH ARTICLE, R=REVIEW, P=PUBLICATION, S=IN SUBMISSION [ ]

- [AP.1] Guojia Wu, et al. (2024). Diagnostic sensitivity of immune-inflammatory cell proportion in early diagnosis of endometrial cancer. publication in Clinical Surgical Oncology.
- [AS.1] Guojia Wu, et al. (2025). Comprehensive evaluation and interpretative insights of peptide-HLA binding **prediction tools using explainable artificial intelligence**. Manuscript submitted for publication in *BioArxiv*.
- [AS.2] Wei Li, Guojia Wu, et al. (2025). A bibliometric analysis of immunotherapy in glioblastoma. Manuscript under review.
- [RP.1] Guojia Wu, et al. (2024). progress of the effect of hydroxyacyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase in cancer devel**opment and its mechanism**. publication in *Basic & Clinical Medicine*.

### ACADEMIC SKILLS

- Programming Languages: R, Python, html and Shell; adaptively learning tools based on project requirements.
- Wet Lab Techniques: Western blotting, DNA electrophoresis, plasmid construction and extraction, PCR, cell culture, migration and invasion assays, CCK-8 assay, tumor formation in mice, immunohistochemistry, etc.
- Bioinformatics Skills: RNA-seq analysis, database construction, sequence alignment, methylation and mutation analysis, CNV detection, gene enrichment and survival analysis, tumor subtyping, PPI network analysis, immune cell infiltration, Seurat-based single-cell analysis, QTL mapping, XAI teniques(SHAP,LIME) etc.
- Research Skills: Familiar with operating sysmtem (Windows 7, 8, 10; Linux centOS, mint, ubuntu); Proficient in visualization tools including PowerPoint, Photoshop, and Adobe Illustrator; skilled in LaTeX, Word, and Excel for academic writing and data processing; experienced in using EndNote for reference management with strong literature search and data organization abilities.

# HONOUR AND SCHOLARSHIP

TianJin Medical University Scholarship – Merit Student

2021 - 2022

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TianJin Medical University

• Ranked in the top 1% of students in TianJin Medical University.

• TianJin Medical University Scholarship – First Prize

2022 - 2023

TianJin Medical University

• Ranked in the top 5% of students in TianJin Medical University.

TianJin Medical University Scholarship – First Prize

2023 - 2024

TianJin Medical University

• Ranked in the top 5% of students in TianJin Medical University.

### LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING AND OTHER AWARDS

### • Teaching Assistant in Pathogenic Organisms

TianJin Medical University, College of Basic Medicine in association with Prof. Yongmei Li

#### • Executive Member, Basic Medicine Student Association

College of Basic Medicine, TianJin Medical University

Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2025

Apr. 2023- Jun. 2023

- Executed a wide range of volunteer programs within the College of Life Sciences, including social practice, community outreach, and campus-wide events such as the university sports meeting and services for the visually impaired.
- · Led the recruitment and training of new volunteers, and designed engaging volunteer initiatives to enhance student union participation in public service.

### • Third Prize, International Forum on Basic Medical Sciences

Aug. 2024

National Demonstration Center for Experimental Education

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 Led Tianjin Medical University's first participation in the Belt and Road International Track; responsible for experimental design, and delivered the entire presentation and defense in English as team leader.

### Third Prize in the Chinese Mathematics Competitions

Dec. 2023

Chinese Mathematical Society

• Third prize, TianJin Chemistry competition Tianjin Municipal Education Commission

Oct. 2023

• Third prize, TianJin biology experimental competition

Oct. 2024 

Tianjin Municipal Education Commission

2022 - 2024

• Over 10 awards, Internet Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition Ministy of Education of the People's Repubulic of China

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Over 3 awards, Challenge Cup National undergraduate entrepreneurship plan competition

2023 - 2024

Ministy of Education of the People's Repubulic of China Over 3 awards, Tianjin medical university TMUSPIP

**[** 2023 - 2024

TianJin Medical University

 Participated in TMUSPIP, Tianjin Medical Universitys social practice initiative, for three consecutive years as a project leader or core team member; each year successfully secured university-level funding and completed the project with approved final reports.