# Zongchao Liu

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# **EDUCATION**

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

New York, USA

Master of Science in Biostatistics

Expected May. 2021

School of Public Health, Shandong University

Jinan, China

Bachelor of Medical Science in Preventive Medicine

Jun. 2019

School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia

Vancouver, Canada

Exchange student

Jul. 2017 -Aug. 2017

#### **SKILLS**

**Knowledge:** Biostatistical Methods, Statistical Inference, Epidemiology, Computational Statistics, Statistical Learning & Deep Learning, Basic & Clinical Medicine, Brain Imaging

Technical: R, Python, SPSS, Neo4j, MATLAB, EpiData, LaTeX, Git version control

Language: Fluently both orally and written in English, Cantonese and Mandarin

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Department of Mental Health Data Science, NYSPI

Mar. 2020 – present

Research Assistant

New York, USA

- Designed an automatic strategy for cleaning and matching controls in customized ratio for the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study dataset
- Constructed several 3d-based convolutional neural networks embedded with knockoff and integrated gradient techniques to interpretably select features from diffusion tensor brain imaging data with control of false discovery rate

#### Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University

Aug. 2020 - present

Research Assistant

New York, USA

- Developed a procedure to filter patients with diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder(ASD) and calculated their comorbidity conditions association with ASD by adjusting age, ethnic groups and other factors
- Conducted a hierarchical clustering analysis to differentiate selected patients into different subgroups and investigated on the distributive patterns of the comorbidities within the subgroups

#### Research Center for Public Health, Tsinghua University

Aug. 2020 - present

Research Assistant

Beijing, China

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#### **Guangdong Institute of Gastroenterology**

Jun.2019 - Aug.2020

Research Assistant

Guangzhou, China

• Developed scripts for automatically matching and correcting patients' information, as well as extracting radiomics features from CT, MRI images by customized filters

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• Conducted feature selection process and constructed predictive models by implementing random forest, gradient boosting machine, support vector machine to predict the pathological complete response (pCR) in patients with rectal cancer after neoadjuvant treatment

# Department of Biostatistics, Shandong University

Jan. 2018 - Jun. 2019

Research Assistant

Jinan, China

- Constructed an improved gray model(1,1) to predict the incidence rates of cervical cancer and endometrial carcinoma from 2018 to 2020 in Shandong, verifying other previous prediction of the incidence rates
- Conducted an epidemiology study by presenting the crude, age-standardized and urban(rural) incidence rates of cervical cancer and endometrial carcinoma in Shandong Province, 2013~2017
- Designed and constructed Diabetes Knowledge Graph using Neo4j by coding specific nodes and relationships including the complete process for screening, diagnosis, treatment, and education

#### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Zhuang Z., Liu Z.\*, Wang X., et al. Radiomics analysis of computed tomography for predicting pathological response to neoadjuvant treatment in rectal cancer: Post-hoc Analysis of a Randomized Controlled Trial [J]. JAMA Netw Open. 2020, submitted
- Liu Z., Wang S., Ge Y. (Aug 10, 2017). "Global Health Issues on Childhood Obesity" Poster session presented at Undergraduate Research Conference at University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

#### **RELEVANT PROJECTS**

- Fragility Index for Clinical Trials
- A Simulation Study to Compare Two Bootstrapping Methods for propensity-score matching
- Implementation and optimization of algorithms on cancer diagnosis dataset
- Analyses of daily COVID-19 cases across nations
- A Bayesian model of hurricane trajectories

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCES

Qingdao Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Qingdao, China
Staff Intern	Feb. 2019 – Jun. 2019
Shandong Qianfoshan Hospital	Jinan, China
Intern Physician	May. 2017 - Jul. 2017

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Outstanding Graduates	2019
Excellent Student Scholarship	2015~2019
Member of the Elite Class, Chinese Academy of Sciences	2018
First Prize, Shenzhen Cup Mathematical Modeling Competition	2016
Bronze Award, Information Technology and Entrepreneurship Competition	2017