

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic qualifications

2001-2007 Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biology (City University of Hong Kong)

1998-2001 Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Applied Biology with **First Class Honors** (City University of Hong Kong)

Training and Experiences

July 2020 – present Research Scientist, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine

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Dec 2019 – Jun 2020 Scientific Manager, Institute of Personalized Cancer Therapy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, The University of Texas

Nov 2018 – Nov 2019 Senior Research Scientist, Institute of Personalized Cancer Therapy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, The University of Texas

Apr 2014 – Oct 2018 Research Scientist, Institute of Personalized Cancer Therapy, MD Anderson Cancer Center, The University of Texas

Sep 2011 – Apr 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Systems Biology, MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC), The University of Texas

Dec 2008 – Jun 2011 Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Biomedical Sciences, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jun 2007 – Nov 2008 Research Associate, Department of Biochemistry (Medicine), The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jul 2006 – May 2007 Research Assistant, Department of Biology and Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong

Research summary

My current research focuses are (1) to better understand the tumor microenvironment and heterogeneity of osteosarcoma using single cell RNA sequencing and spatial transcriptomic analyses, and (2) to investigate alternative splicing events in osteosarcoma using hybrid RNA sequencing. The goal is to

identify new biomarkers predicting treatment response, metastasis and survival and new therapeutic target for new treatment development.

In my previous positions, I led the development and operation of a platform testing the functional effect (i.e. transforming potential) of mutations which were identified by large-scale tumor sequencing projects (e.g. TCGA) and routine molecular profiling of cancer patients using 2 cell models, Ba/F3 and MCF10A. With the collaborative effort, we constructed >1,600 mutation clones with HiTTMoB technique and tested the function of those mutations platform. We also constructed a data portal and published the result to Cancer Cell journal providing a great resource for research community to facilitate the development of biomarker and drug for novel cancer treatments. Apart from carrying out basic research, my team and I also are part of Precision Oncology Decision Support (PODS) team of Institute for Personalized Cancer Therapy (IPCT) in MDACC coordinating and test the mutations with unknown significant identified in MDACC patients. Our result is used by the PODS team for annotation of mutations in patient reports requested by physicians.

In addition, I worked with bioinformatics team on analyses of the proteomic data and classified the tumors into different subtypes at protein level in lung adenocarcinoma and Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma under The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA). We also carried out a Pan-Cancer proteomic analysis across 11 cancer types aiming to better understand biology of various tumor types with multiple levels analyses on DNA, mRNA and signaling pathway. Our finding improved the understanding of individual cancer types, hence provided foundation for development of new biomarkers and targets for personalized medicine for cancer patients.

Skills/Experience

- Extensive Hands-on experience in molecular and *in vitro* cellular techniques: PCR, cloning (restriction enzyme-based and Gateway), DNA/RNA extraction, qPCR, cell culture, lentivirus production and transduction, proliferation assay and drug testing assay
- Hands-on experience in molecular and *in vitro* cellular techniques: qPCR, western blot, immunoprecipitation, GST-pull down assay, shRNA/RNAi knock-down, CRISPR-mediated knock-out, flow cytometry and reporter assay
- Extensive Data mining computational experience: use of web-based interface on public cancer genome database, e.g., cBio, TCGA, COSMIC, TCPA and oncoKB
- Simple statistical software: GraphPad and R-studio
- Basic computation skill: MS-office and Google doc, sheet and slide
- Collaboration experience with statisticians and informaticians on Reverse Phase Protein Array analysis on TCGA and cell line databases

Research-related Experiences

- Established and oversaw the functional genomic platform
 - a. Direct supervised a team of 1 research scientist, 1 senior research assistant and 2 research assistants
 - b. Established the workflow and data tracking system to keep track of the platform
 - c. Coordinated the materials and information sharing among collaborators within and across institutes
 - d. Prepared reports, presentations and manuscripts regarding the functional genomics platform
- Coordinated the collaboration between of multiple research groups within or across institutes on multiple projects.
- Reviewed 3 manuscripts in Peer-reviewed journals

- Prepared funding proposal of a developmental research project, entitled “Identification of “driver” mutations and effective targeted therapy in druggable cancer genes in Head and Neck Cancers.” UT MD Anderson SPORE in Head and Neck Cancer, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. April 20, 2012.
- Provided technical training and mentoring
 - a. Trained and supervised 6 research assistants and senior research assistant
 - b. Mentored 3 postgraduate students on experimental planning and trouble shooting
 - c. Trained and supervised >10 undergraduate students and high school-er on their final year research projects and summer projects, respectively.
- Provided laboratory management, such as arranging meetings, ordering and keeping inventory, maintenance of specific equipment, laboratory relocation, coordinating lab member schedules on shared space and equipment.

Publications (* indicates Co-first authorship)

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