Department of Biomedical Engineering



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Research Statement

Our research goal is to identify therapeutic drug candidates for target proteins involved in Alzheimer's disease and other diseases using integrated computational and experimental approaches. For therapeutic drug identifications, with unbiased virtual screening/translational bioinformatics approach, biophysical and biological experimental validation, we aim to screen and identify the novel compounds - including endo- & exogenous small molecules and repositioned FDA-approved drugs – with desired binding activity for protein targets, ability to activate relevant cellular responses, and synergy with other binding ligands for important cellular activities in Alzheimer's disease and other diseases, with current focus in Alzheimer's disease. We are also interested in mechanism and treatment studies of diseases comorbidity, including the mutual interactions between vascular disease/atherosclerosis and Alzheimer's disease, between Cancer and Alzheimer's disease. We plan to further investigate the identified top drug candidates with in vivo studies, dish-based clinical trials using iPSC technology and electronic health record analyses for therapeutic outcome studies. We also investigate proteinprotein interactions, small molecule-target protein interactions and its mediated cellular signaling events, and how these are changed by disease-associated genetic variants to gain insights for the mechanisms of action in Alzheimer's disease and other diseases. Methodology development for multiscale modelling of complex biological systems continues to be a focus of my research group. Our research program is currently funded by NIH, NSF, Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation and UAB internal grants. In addition to \$2.1 million NIH R01 awarded to study TREM2-endogneous ligand interactions in Alzheimer's disease through 2021 - 2026; we are recently (06/15/2023) awarded \$2.89 million NIH R01 grant to study drugs repositioning for Alzheimer's disease through 2023 - 2028.

Education Statement

My goals for education are to inspire the students' interest, motivate students to actively think and be committed in the course and research, teach students to critically read literatures, and help the students to develop critical and independent thinking, problem solving and team working skills, and good working ethic that are important for the students' future academic and professional development.

In addition to engagement in class teaching of both undergraduate and graduate courses, I have mentored more than 50 trainees with 15 minority and more than 20 female trainees since I joined UAB in 2006, including postdoctoral associates, graduate, undergraduate and high school students, research scholars, and research assistants. The trainees in my research group have been productive and are recognized by students' awards. I have also served on more than 20 thesis committees. Due to my dedication to mentees' training, I was awarded Graduate Dean's Excellence in Mentorship Award.

Education and Training

2002 - 2005	Post-Doc in Computational Biology, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
2001 - 2002	Post-Doc in Computational Biomechanics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
1998 - 2001	Post-Doc in Computational Mechanics, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
1996 - 1998	Ph.D. in Materials Science and Eng., Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China
1993 - 1996	M.S. in Materials Science and Eng., Harbin University of Sci and Tech, Harbin, China
1985 - 1989	B.S. in Materials Science and Eng., Jilin University of Technology, Jilin, China
2013 - 2016	Master of Business Administration, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

Academic Appointments

2022 –	Professor with Tenure, Department of Biomedical Engineering, UAB
2012 - 2022	Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Biomedical Engineering, UAB
2006 - 2012	Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, UAB
2005 - 2006	Research Instructor with Dr. Nathan A. Baker. Center for Computational Biology

	Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Washington University in St. Louis
2002 - 2005	Research Associate with Dr. Nathan A. Baker, Center for Computational Biology
	Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Washington University in St. Louis
2001 - 2002	Postdoctoral Fellow with Dr. Savio L-Y. Woo, Musculoskeletal Research Center
	Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Pittsburgh
1998 - 2001	Postdoctoral Fellow with Dr. Yongnian Yan, Center for Bio-Manufacturing Engineering
	Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Tsinghua University, China

Other University Affiliations/Positions at UAB 2022 - present Scientist, Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), UAB

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2021 - present	Scientist, Center for Neurodegeneration and Experimental Therapeutics, UAB
2011 - present	Faculty of Structural Biology Program, UAB
2011 - present	Member, Center for Nanoscale Materials and Biointegration, UAB
2010 - present	Faculty of Graduate Biomedical Science, UAB
2009 - present	Associate Scientist, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, UAB
2007 - present	Secondary Faculty, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, UAB
2007 - present	Faculty of Medical Scientist Training Program, UAB
2006 - present	Associate Scientist, Center for Computational and Structural Dynamics, Center for
	Structural Biology, UAB
2006 - present	Associate Scientist, Center for Metabolic Bone Disease, UAB
2006 - present	Associate Scientist, BioMatrix Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Center, UAB
2011 - 2012	Associate Director, Center for Computational and Structural Dynamics, UAB

NIH R01 Award from National Institute on Aging

Awards and Honors

2023 - 2028

2020 - 2020	Will No I Award Iron National Institute on Aging
2021 – 2026	NIH R01 Award from National Institute on Aging
2021	NSF-supported XSEDE XRAC award, BIO200050 (computational resources)
2020 - 2021	COVID-19 HPC Consortium Award spearheaded by White House of Sci and Tech
	Policy, U.S. Dept of Energy, NSF and IBM (TG-BIO200084, computational resources)
2020 - 2021	NSF-supported XSEDE award, MCB200181 (computational resources)
2017	Graduate Dean's Excellence in Mentorship Award for 2017
2013	NSF-supported XSEDE award, MCB130041 (computational resources)
2012 - 2018	NSF award from Biomedical Engineering Program in Division of Chemical,
	Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems at NSF
2012 – 2013	NSF-supported Extreme Science and Eng Discovery Environment (XSEDE) award
	MCB130026 (computational resources)
2009 - 2015	NIH K25 Mentored Quantitative Research Career Development Award, NIH/NCI
2008 - 2009	Startup/Educational Allocation award for computational resources
	NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
2008 - 2009	The Development Allocation Committee Award for computational resources
	NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
2007 - 2008	UAB ADVANCE Faculty Research Awards through the sponsorship of NSF
2006 - 2007	Medium Resource Allocations Committee Award for computational resources
	NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
2005 - 2006	Development Allocations Committee Award for computational resources NSF's Partnerships
	for Advanced Computational Infrastructure
2002	Scholarship for the Grace Hopper celebration of women in computing
2000	Postdoctoral Fellowship, China National Science Foundation

Professional Affiliations

Biophysical Society American Association for Cancer Research American Chemical Society

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology American Heart Association

Protein Society National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity

Further Career Development

2022 – present Leadership Development for Engineering Program Directors

2021 Faculty Search Committee Training

2019 - present National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity, online career development and

Mentoring resources: monthly webinars, multi-week courses etc.

2016 – present UAB Center for Teaching and Learning

2012 GRD 717 Course: Principles of Scientific Integrity

2010 Excellence in Teaching Seminar Series by the UAB Office for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs

2009 - present Biohazard management, biosafety training from UAB Occupational Health and

Safety department, Certificates for Working with Mice in Research and Using Animals

for Teaching Testing and Research at UAB

2009 Teaching Portfolio Workshop

2008 - present Professional Develop Seminar Series by UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Sci

2006 Master Teacher Program

Teaching Contribution (* New courses development)

- * BME 333 Biomechanics of Solids (Instructor), Spring 2008 current, UAB
- * BME 680/780 Biomolecular Modeling (Instructor), Fall 2015 current, UAB
- BME 150 Computer Meth in EGR, Fall, 2013, UAB
- * BME 480/580 Biomolecular Modeling (Instructor), Fall 2007, 2009, UAB
- BME 330 Biomechanics (Instructor), Spring 2007, UAB
- Lecture in "Math Methods for Biophysics and Biochemistry (Bio-5329)" at Washington Univ. in St. Louis
- Lab course develop for "Modeling Biomolecular Systems II (BME-540)" at Washington University in St. Louis
- Advised graduate students, undergraduate and high school students at UAB, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Pittsburgh, and Tsinghua University

Educational Contribution

Current and past postdoc, graduate, and undergraduate students/trainees: 54 with 15 minority and 22 female trainees. More than 10 students were awarded fellowships. Served on more than 20 students' thesis or dissertation committees.

* Minority student; ** female student

Current Students/Trainees

Graduate students and research assistants

Rory A Greer (PhD) (Awardee of NIHT32 Training Grant; UAB Blazer Fellowship);

Hunter B Dean (PhD, MD) (jointly training with Dr. Erik Roberson.

Awardee of NIHT32 Training Grant in Neurodegeneration at UAB, 2019, 2020

Awardee of Alzheimer's of Central Alabama fellowship, 2021, 2022

Awardee of GSG Trainee Professional Development and Travel Award for Society for

Neuroscience meeting 2022

Ryan A. Tuckey (PhD, MD) (jointly training with Dr. Erik Roberson)

Amanda M Plain*, ** (PhD, part time);

Caedmon Isaacson (ABM student): Awardee of 2023 Cancer Research Immersion Summer Program (CRISP) at UAB funded by NCI

Undergraduate students

Shalarria Cooper*, **; Van Winkle, Sarah Gabrielle, Julia Fromm**, Andy Lee Mayfield Annabel Lynne Johnson**: Awardee of 2023 Presidential Summer Innovation Fellowship

Baraa Aljawawdeh**; Alyssa Mckenna Pentas**; Prithak Shrestha

Past Students/Trainees

Graduate students

Helen E Brinyark ** (PhD rotation, 2021 - 2022); Urvi Rawal ** (M.S., rotation student, Fall 2022)

Adam E Bashir (MD) (2018-2019); Caleb M Graham (Master rotation, Fall 2019);

Romone Fancy * (PhD, graduated in Dec 2017); Hongyi Yang ** (PhD, graduated in Dec 2015);

Tiara Napier *, ** (MS, graduated in 2013); Qi Yan (MS, graduated in 2009);

Di Pan (MS, graduated in 2009); Mohit A Limdi (PhD rotation, 2016 - 2017);

Aufan, Muhammad Rifqi (PhD rotation, 2017); Khanh T Nguyen** (PhD rotation, Fall 2018);

Molly Sears Buckley** (MS rotation, Fall 2018)

Postdoctoral researcher, Research scholar and Research assistant

Thi Kieu Duyen Tran ** (2021 - 2022); Yuwei Song ** (2019 – 2021); Justin L. Howell (2013 – 2016); Lingyun Wang (2011 – 2014); Qinghua Zeng (2014); Thomas Schmid (2012); Daixi Li (2009 – 2010); Huikuan Chao (2009 – 2010); Bibo Shi (2008 – 2009); Yuemin Liu (2006 – 2007)

Undergraduate students

Han Jing (2022); Hrithik Praveen (2019 – 2022); Kyla Alexsa Gabriel*, ** (2019 – 2022); Jason Zhang (2020 – 2021), Zainab Ameir Ahmad ** (2018 – 2020); Patel, Kishan M (2018); Hong, Seoeui ** (2018); Vaishali Nijampatnam ** (2016-2017); Ruta Sanjay Bhat ** (2016-2017); Samuel Holder (2016); Nichelle Alyson Preston ** (2016); Dynisty Everette * (2015); Julian Dill * (2015); Brady Dulak (2014); Musa Williams * (2012); Kevin J Anderson * (2009 – 2011); Valentine Nwachukwu* (2011); Jonathan Suever (2007 – 2008); Russell Green (2007 – 2008); Joseph C Pak (2008)

High school students

Amy Zhang ** (2016 – 2017, now at Harvard U); Courtney Mobbs ** (2016);

James Browning (2014 – 2015, now at UAB); Brea Reese*, ** (2013); Jarvis Williams * (2011);

Christopher Evans * (now at UAB, 2010, 2011); Nichele Cantrell *, ** (2009); Theodore Tolvin * (2008)

Student Thesis or Dissertation Committee

Zeng, Huaxiu, PhD student (2023 – current); Jana Badrani, MD/PhD student (2022 – current) LaBreesha Batey, Ph.D student (2022 - current); Ari Benjamin Ginsparg, Ph.D. student (2020 - current); Khanh T Nguyen, Ph.D. student (2021 - 2022); Ji Hee Kim, Ph.D. student (2017 - 2021); Cordero D. Core, Ph.D. student (2011 - 2013); Ian T Cook, Ph.D. (2009 - 2012); Hongyi, Yan, Ph.D. (2008 - 2014); David H. Johnson, Ph.D. (2008 - 2014); Amanda M Plain, Ph.D. candidate (2008 - 2016); Lurong Pan, Ph.D. (2009 - 2013); Xin Chen, Ph.D. (2006 - 2008); Muhammad Y. Qadri, M.D, Ph.D. (2007 - 2009) Susan Floyd, B.S. (2021 - 2022); Cockrell, Benjamin Evan, B.S. (2021 - 2022); Chidinma Anakwenze, B.S. (2010 - 2011);; Vinuta P Mayakonda, B.S. (2011 - 2012); Kyle E Murdock, B.S. (2013); Vinuta P Mayakonda, B.S. (2011 - 2012); Chidinma Anakwenze, B.S. (2010 - 2011);

Awards for Students

Hunter B. Dean, MD/PhD student

- Awardee of NIH T32 Training Grant in Neurodegeneration at UAB, 2019, 2020
- Awardee of Alzheimer's of Central Alabama fellowship, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Awardee of GSG Trainee Professional Development and Travel Award for Society for Neuroscience meeting 2022

Rory A Greer, PhD student

- Awardee of UAB Blazer fellowship, 2020 2021
- Awardee of NIH T32 Training Grant at UAB, 2021-2023
- Awardee of GSG Trainee Professional Development and Travel Award for Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) Advancements: APOE conference, 2023

Helen E Brinyark, PhD student

Awardee of UAB Blazer Fellowship, 2021 – 2022

Caedmon Isaacson (ABM student):

Awardee of 2023 Cancer Research Immersion Summer Program (CRISP) at UAB funded by NCI

Annabel Lynne Johnson, BME Undergraduate Student

Presidential Summer Innovation Fellowship, 2023

Jason Zhang, BME Undergraduate Student

- Honors College Presidential Summer Fellowship, 2020
- First Place, UAB Summer Research Expo, 2020
- UAB Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA) travel grant, 2020
- Full scholarship from MIT biological engineering graduate program, 2021
- Tau Beta Pi Fellowship for graduate school study, 2021

Romone Fancy, M.S., PhD

 Graduate fellowship from The Comprehensive Minority Faculty and Student Development Program at UAB (2014–2017)

- NSF Bridge to the Doctorate fellowship from The Office for Equity and Diversity at UAB (2011–2013)
- AACR Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award 2012
- First-Place for poster presentation in Biomedical Engineering Research Symposium at UAB, 2012

Tiara Napier, M.S.

- NSF Bridge to the Doctorate fellowship from The Office for Equity and Diversity at UAB (2011-2013)
- First-Place in the Engineering Category for poster presentation at conference for NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellows in Auburn, 2012

Kevin J Anderson, B.S.

Recognized in Sci and Tech Honors Program in its Spring Celebration of Excellence at UAB, 2011 Di Pan, B,S.

Ireland Tuition Scholarship, 2008-2009

Jonathan Suever, B.S.

The Mr. & Mrs. Kwok-Chong Woo Grant" from Orthopaedic Research Laboratory Alumni Council (2007–2008)

Department, School and University Service at UAB:

Department level service

- Director for Graduate Program Committee, Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) (2021 2022) (recruitment of the largest group of incoming students in at least past six years)
- Associate Director for Graduate Program Committee, BME Department (2020 Fall 2021 Spring)
- Graduate Program Committee, BME Department (2006 2013, 2016- present)
- Academic Research Excellence Committee, BME Department (2016 2020)
- Visibility & Recognition Committee, BME Department (2016 2020)
- BME Chair Search Committee (2015)
- Department Strategic Planning Committee, BME Department (2007 2009)

School level service

- Neuro-engineering Graduate Program Committee, School of Engineering (2020 current)
- Neuro-engineering Faculty Search Committee (2020 present)
- School's representative on the UAB commission on the Status of Women (2020 current)
- Academic Affairs Committee, School of Engineering (2018 present)
- Quality Assessment Committee, School of Engineering, UAB (2014 2016)
- Faculty Advisor for Society of Women Engineers, School of Engineering (2011 2016)
- Faculty member for Society of Women Engineers, School of Engineering (2016 present)
- Equity and Diversity Committee, School of Engineering (2007 2009)

University level service

- UAB President's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) (2020 present)
- American Association of University Women (AAUW) at UAB (2019 2020)
- Faculty representative on UAB HPC Users Advisory Group (2016 present)
- Graduate Students Thesis Committees at UAB (2006 present)
- Faculty Advisor for Master and PhD students (2006 present)
- Faculty Mentor, UAB Science and Technology Honor Program (2006 present)
- Faculty Mentor, UAB Honors College (2006 present)
- Faculty Mentor, UAB CORD summer research internship for high school students (2008 present)
- Faculty Interviewer of the candidates for other graduate programs (2007 present)
 - Medical Scientist Training Program
 - o Graduate Biomedical Sciences
- Faculty Mentor, NSF REU program, Department of Physics (Summer 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)
- Faculty Mentor, UAB's Beckman Scholars Program application for undergraduate research (2014)
- Faculty Judge for UAB BME Research Symposium (Spring 2012)
- Faculty Judge for graduate research day (Spring 2011)
- Associate Director of the Center for Computational and Structural Dynamics, UAB (2011 2012)
- Organizer of Molecular and Modeling Simulations study group monthly meetings (2011 2014)
- Advisory Board for mentoring women in computing and technology (2010 2012)
- Computer and Networking Advisory Committee, School of Engineering (2007 2009)
- Participation in UAB ADVANCE program (2006 2010)

Outreach Activities and Mentoring Female and Minority Students

- Actively involved with the activities in Community OutReach Development program at UAB, mentoring minority high school students (2008 - present)
- School's representative on the UAB commission on the Status of Women (2020 current)
- Faculty advisor for minority Undergraduate, Master and PhD students (2007 present)
- Faculty advisor for female High School, Undergraduate, Master and PhD students (2007 present)
- Faculty member for Society of Women Engineers, School of Engineering (2016 present)
- Faculty Advisor for Society of Women Engineers, School of Engineering (2011 2016)
- American Association of University Women at UAB (2019)
- Faculty mentor for High school student in Hoover High School (2016-2017)
- Faculty mentor for High school student in Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School (2014-2015)
- Faculty mentor for High school students in Mountain Brook High School and Birmingham's Ramsay High School (2009)
- Advisory Board of mentoring for women in computing and technology, UAB (2010 2012)
- Committee for Professional Opportunities for Women, Biophysical Society (2012 2015)
- Early Careers Committee, Biophysical Society (2015 2017)
- Outreach with Girls, Inc. and Southern Company to highlight the fun in engineering through the Eureka!Nights program at Crestwood Center (2011)
- Outreach with Birmingham SWE Section and Southern Company to organize a Professional development series at UAB (2011, 2012)

Professional Service

Grant reviews

NSF CBET EBMS program, October 2021

UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), November 2018

NSF CBET EBMS program, September 2018

NIH Membrane Biology and Protein Processing Study Section, October 2017

NSF CBET/CDS&E program, June 2017

Kentucky Science & Engineering Foundation, April 2016

Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, Panel Member for the Bioengineering, Biotechnology and Biochemistry Panel, Lisbon, Portugal, October 2012

Associate Editor and Editorial Boards

Associate Editor: Frontiers in Drug Discovery - Dermatologic Drugs

Editorial Boards: MCB: Molecular & Cellular Biomechanics (2007 - present)

Journal of Bioprocessing & Biotechniques (2011 - present)

Journal of Thermodynamics & Catalysis (2011 - present)

Health and Medical Informatics Open Access (2018 – present)

International Journal of Biochemistry & Physiology (2018 – present)

Membranes, Topic Editor in Section "Membranes in Life Science" (2021 - present)

Manuscript Reviews

Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal Computational Biology and Chemistry

Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling Biomechanics and Modeling in Mechanobiology

Biophysical Journal Medicinal Research Reviews PLoS ONE

Journal of Biological Chemistry Computational Science & Discovery

ACS Nano Journal of Biomechanics Materials & Design

IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering Journal of Zhejiang University-SCIENCE B

Journal of Mechanics in Medicine and Biology Polymer Engineering and Science

International Journal of Computational Bioscience

Journal of Neurophysiology (panel review) Journal of Orthopedic Research (panel review) The Journal of Arthroscopic and Related Surgery (panel review) Clinical Biomechanics (panel review)

Conference Organization

Organizing committee for the 2013 Frontiers in Structure Biology of Membrane Proteins symposium

Research Support

Active Research Support

NIH R01 AG081228 (Role: PI)

06/15/2023-02/29/2028

Drugs repositioning to target TREM2 in Alzheimer's disease \$2,891,110 (TC)

NIH R01 AG068395 (Role: PI) 09/15/2021 - 05/31/2026

TREM2-endogenous ligand interactions in Alzheimer disease \$2,136,242 (TC)

NSF/MCB MCB2024964 (Jun Zhang, PI; role: collaborator) 08/01/2020 - 07/31/2024

\$900,000 (TC)

Regulatory functions of intrinsically disordered electronegative clusters (ENC) in RNA-binding proteins

Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (Erik Roberson, PI; role: co-Investigator)

04/01/2019 - 04/01/2024

Toward Therapeutic Approaches to TREM2 in Alzheimer's Disease 660.000 (TC)

UAB Hugh Kaul Precision Medicine Institute pilot grant (Role: PI) 05/01/2020 - 09/30/2024

\$20,000 (TC)

Repurposing already-available drugs to target human host proteins and SARS-CoV-2 proteins for COVID-19 prevention and treatment

Pending Research Support

NIH R01 AG084029-01 (Thomas Brett, PI; role: co-Investigator/site PI)

Structural Targeting of TREM2 in Alzheimer's Disease 7/1/2023 -06/30/2028

> \$2,850,080 (TC) \$315,926 (TC for subaward)

Completed Research Support

COVID-19 HPC Consortium spearheaded by White House of Science and Technology Policy, U.S.

Department of Energy, NSF and IBM (TG-BIO200084) (Role: PI) 12/03/2020 - 12/03/2021

1,500,000 HPC service units (SUs)

Computational Investigation of Vitamin D3 and its Hydroxyderivatives as Promising Drugs against COVID-19

NIH R01 HL138990 (Qin, PI; role: co-Investigator) 07/1/2017 - 03/31/2021 \$375.000 (ADC)

E2F2 and Vascular Function

TG-BIO200050 (Role: PI) 01/01/2021 - 06/30/2021 100,000.0 SUs

NSF-supported XSEDE Resource Allocations Committee (XRAC)

Integrative computational investigation of already-available drugs to target key human host and SARS-CoV-2 proteins for COVID19 treatment

TG-MCB200181 (Role: PI) 06/17/2020 - 06/16/202150,000.0 SUs

NSF-supported Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)

Effects of Self-Oligomerization on Conformation and Ligand Binding in the Alzheimer's Disease Associated Protein TREM2

NSF CBET-1159859 (Role: PI)

10/1/2012 - 09/30/2018 \$299,997 (TC)

Thrombospondin-1/calreticulin binding in regulating cell intermediate adhesion and collagen expression

Bioengineering-Surgery Collaborative pilot grant (Role: MPI; Song and Parker) \$2500

4/01/2017 - 03/31/2018

Synergistic Effect of Tamoxifen and TRA-8 on ER-Positive Breast Cancer Treatment

AHA 14GRNT2048002 (Bevensee, PI; role: co-Investigator) 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2017 \$247,500 (TC)

AHA (Southeast Affiliate) Molecular Physiology of Na/Bicarbonate Cotransporters

NIH 5K25 CA140791 (Role: PI) 08/14/2009 - 06/30/2015 \$768,940 (TC)

NIH/NCI Protein Interactions Underlying Fas-Mediated DISC in Cholangiocarcinoma

NIH R01GM038953 (Falany, PI; role: co-Investigator) 9/30/2010 - 8/31/2014 250,000 (ADC)

NIH/NIGMS Human Cytosolic Sulfotransferases

TG-MCB130026 and **MCB130041** (Role: PI) 11/09/2012 - 11/08/2013 775,000 SUs

NSF supported Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)

The Interaction of PEG-grafted PLL Copolymers with Biomembrane

Pilot award from UAB Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering (Song, PI) \$2,500

10/01/2011 - 09/30/2012

Characterize and quantify the studied protein-protein and protein-ligand interactions

NSF TG-MCB090009 (Song, PI) 10/01/2008 - 09/30/2009

NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure

The role of thrombospondin 1-calreticulin interactions in calreticulin-induced intermediate adhesion

Yuhua Song

NSF TG-MCB080078 (Song, PI)

04/21/2008 - 03/31/2009

NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure

In silico study of glycosylation effects on integrin structure and function

UAB ADVANCE Faculty Research Awards through the sponsorship of NSF (Song, PI) \$22,500

07/01/2007 - 12/30/2008

07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007

Protein interactions underlying Fas-mediated apoptosis in osteoclasts

NSF TG-MCB060053 (Baker, PI; Song, Co-PI)

Awarded as computational resources

NSF's Partnerships for Advanced Computational Infrastructure

Small molecule perturbation of biological membrane electrostatics, mechanics, and dynamics

PUBLICATIONS

With my students and co-advised students' names underlined; * Corresponding author

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/yuhua.song.1/bibliography/40758995/public/?sort=date&direction=descending

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles (in reverse chronological order)

- 1. <u>Hunter B Dean, Rory A Greer, Gunnar N Eastep, Daniel S Elston, Thomas J Brett, Erik D Roberson*, Yuhua Song*</u>. Multimerization of TREM2 is impaired by Alzheimer's disease–associated variants. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, under revision, 2023.
- Andrzej T. Slominski, Tae-Kang Kim, Radomir M. Slominski, <u>Yuwei Song</u>, Shariq Qayyum, Wojciech Placha, Zorica Janjetovic, Konrad Kleszczynski, Venkatram Atigadda, **Yuhua Song**, Chander Raman, Cornelis J. Elferink, Judith Varady Hobrath, Anton M. Jetten, Russel J Reiter. Melatonin and its metabolites can serve as agonists on the AhR and PPARγ. *Journal of Pineal Research*, under review, 2023.
- Steve Zaharias, Talia Fargason, Rory Greer, Yuhua Song, Jun Zhang. Electronegative clusters modulate folding status and RNA binding of unstructured RNA-binding proteins. *Protein Science*. 2023 Apr 15;e4643. https://doi.org/10.1002/pro.4643. Online ahead of print. (Impact Factor: 6.993)
- 4. Andrzej T. Slominski, Tae-Kang Kim, Radomir M. Slominski, <u>Yuwei Song</u>, Zorica Janjetovic, Ewa Podgorska, Sivani B. Reddy, **Yuhua Song**, Chander Raman, Edith Kang, Adrian Fabisiak, Pawel Brzeminski, Rafal R. Sicinski, Venkatram Atigadda, Anton M. Jetten, Michael F. Holick, Robert C. Tuckey. Metabolic activation of tachysterol₃ to biologically active hydroxyderivatives in the human system that act on VDR, AhR, LXRs and PPARγ receptors. *The FASEB Journal*. 2022; 36(8): e22451. doi: https://doi.org/10.1096/fj.202200578R. (Impact Factor: 5.834)
- 5. Yuwei Song, Radomir M. Slominski, Shariq Qayyum, Tae-Kang Kim, Zorica Janjetovic, Chander Raman, Robert C. Tuckey, **Yuhua Song***, Andrzej T. Slominski*. Molecular and structural basis of interactions of vitamin D3 hydroxyderivatives with aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR): an integrated experimental and computational study. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules*, 2022; 209:1111-23. doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2022.04.048 PMID: 35421413 (Impact Factor: 6.953)
- Brzeminski, Pawel; Fabisiak, Adrian; Slominski, Radomir; Kim, Tae-Kang; Janjetovic, Zorica; Podgorska, Ewa; Song, Yuwei; Saleem, Mohammad; Reddy, Sivani; Qayyum, Shariq; Song, Yuhua; Tuckey, Robert C.; Atigadda, Venkatram; Jetten, Anton; Sicinski, Rafal; Raman, Chander; Slominski, Andrzej. Chemical synthesis, biological activities and action on nuclear receptors of 20S(OH)D3, 20S,25(OH)2D3, 20S,23S(OH)2D3 and 20S,23R(OH)2D3. Bioorganic Chemistry. 2022;121:105660. doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bioorg.2022.105660. PMID: 35168121 PMCID: PMC8923993 (Impact Factor: 5.04)
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