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Studies and Drug Innovation(硒核酸在结构功能研究以及
药物创新中的应用)

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1998-2004 Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College,
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Research Interests:

Nucleic Acid-Protein Structural Biology; Nucleic Acid Novel Drug & Target
Discovery; Selenium Nucleic Acids (SeNA), Enzyme Structure and Function Studies;
Direct RNA Detection & RNA Microchip;

黄震教授 (Zhen Huang), 1984 年于四川大学获得学士学位, 1987 年获得北京大学硕士学位, 1994 年在瑞士苏黎世联邦理工大学 (ETH, Zurich) 获得博士学位。同年, 他加入了哈佛大学医学院遗传系为博士后, 师从于 2009 年诺贝尔医学奖得主 邵斯达克教授 (Professor Jack Szostak)。于 1998, 他应聘入纽约城市大学布鲁克伦学院为助理教授, 2004 升为副教授, 并获得终身教授职称。于 2004 年, 他被聘入乔治亚州立大学化学系, 于 2009 年升为乔治亚州立大学正教授, 获大学杰出教授奖, 为乔治亚州杰出癌症研究专家。他的研究曾多次获奖, 他也热心为学术界做很多工作。他为中美化学及化学生物学教授协会 (CAPA) 第一任主席及三位 创办人之一。美国联邦政府研究基金评审员。也曾为几本书藉刊物 担任编辑或客座编辑。他开创了硒核酸, 碲核酸及蛋白晶体复合结构研究新领域。目前他的主要研究兴趣包括: 硒以及碲核苷和核苷酸类似物的化学生物学合成, 硒核酸的转化医学基础研究及应用, 核酸药物研究, 核糖核酸衍生化和核酸及蛋白晶体结构研究, 核酸基因芯片检测和测序研究。他的若干研究项目已经得到了美国联邦政府多项研究基金, 美国佐治亚州政府多项研究基金, 杰出癌症研究专家基金, 和企业多项研究基金。他的研究也已经获得美国及欧洲国家多项专利。

Biography:

Zhen Huang was born and raised in Sichuan, China. He received his B.S. degree from Sichuan University in 1984 (under the supervision of Professor Shulin Chen), M.S. from Peking University in 1987 (under the supervision of Professor Wen Zhong), and Ph.D. degree from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH, Zurich) in 1994 (under the supervision of Professor Steven Benner). In 1994, he joined the Department of Genetics at Harvard Medical School as a research fellow, in Laboratory of Professor Jack Szostak (Nobel Laureate in Medicine in 2009). He was hired in 1998 by Brooklyn College, City University of New York, as assistant professor and was later promoted to associate professor with tenure. Dr. Huang was recruited in 2004 to Chemistry Department, Georgia State University, currently is Professor of Chemistry and Chemical and Structural Biology, and is also University Distinguished Professor Awardee of Georgia State University. He has received several

awards, including Georgia Distinguished Cancer Scientists Award, from The State of Georgia (GCC), and University Distinguished Professor Award. He is also very active in community services: he has served as editors and guest editors for several journals and books, and is the first President of Chinese-American Chemistry & Chemical Biology Professors Association (CAPA; also one of the three Co-Founders). He has pioneered and developed selenium and tellurium derivatizations of nucleic acids for structure and function studies of nucleic acids, protein-nucleic acid complexes, and nucleic acid-small molecular ligands (such as anticancer drugs). His current research interests are in selenium and tellurium derivatizations of DNAs and RNAs for X-ray crystallographic studies of nucleic acids and protein complexes (especially for Cancer Research), synthesis of analogs of nucleosides and nucleotides for structure, function and anticancer studies, development of RNA microchip technology for direct detection and quantitation of gene expression profile for Cancer Early Detection, nanomaterial-assisted novel RNA microchip, modified nucleic acid-based nano-medicine (potential therapeutics), nucleic acid-based cancer diagnosis, in vitro selection, evolution and characterization of ligand-binding and catalytic RNAs and DNAs. His research has been funded by federal agencies, including NIH, NSF, DOD, and/or CDC, state funding agencies, the distinguished cancer scholar award, and private funds (such as industries). He has received several US and European patents, and many US and international patent applications are pending.

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报告简介

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Abstract

Nucleic acid is composed of five essential elements (H, C, N, O and P). Atom-specifically functionalized nucleic acids by introducing an additional element (such as Se) can offer nucleic acids with many unique and novel properties (such as facilitated crystallization and phase determination) without significant perturbation of 3D structures of nucleic acids and their protein complexes. Atom-specific replacement of nucleic acid oxygen with selenium means the substitution of O with Se atom. Nucleic acids possess not only the ability to store genetic information and participate in replication, transcription and translation, but also the capacity to adopt well-defined 3D structures, which can be readily adjusted to meet various functional needs (such as catalysis and therapeutics). Although the importance of numerous nucleic acids in catalysis, gene expression, protein binding and therapeutics has been acknowledged by the entire scientific society, current understanding of nucleic acid-protein interactions, functions and structures is still limited, especially due to lack of high-resolution structures. Thus, this novel selenium atom-specific mutagenesis provides important tools to explore potential nucleic acid therapeutics and diagnostics via novel target identification, to investigate nucleic acid structure/folding, recognition and catalysis, to study nucleic acids and their protein interactions, to improve biochemical and biophysical properties of nucleic acids, and to facilitate gene silencing and RNA & DNA nanotechnology. Our presentation will focus on the most recent selenium-atom functionalization of nucleic acids and their potential applications in 3D structure-and-function studies and anticancer therapeutics in molecular medicine. The research work is supported by NIH (R01GM095881, GM095086, ES026935), NSF (MCB-0824837 & CHE-0750235), and CNSF-21572146.